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21st March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Another wonderful week at Torridon. The children worked so hard and did their absolute best during their assessments this week. We can't wait to see how well they have done and how much progress they have made.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you next week at our open evenings. Please make an appointment if you have not already done so. We will be able to share how well the children are doing and give you some suggestions about ways in which you can help their learning at home. Some of our Governors will also be here to introduce themselves to you and to hear your thoughts about Torridon.

Thank you for your generosity in donating for Comic Relief today. We are counting your donations and we will let you know how much we raised next week. It was lovely to see everyone in bright colours today and the children had great fun making each other laugh with their jokes.

We are looking forward to The Corbett Chase on Sunday. We hope you will be able to join us to cheer on the runners and to enjoy the community play street and cake sale afterwards.

Have a fantastic weekend

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



## Rights Respecting School

This week, we have been discussing how everyone has the right to good health and a safe place to live which links to articles 24 and 27. Did you know that March 22<sup>nd</sup>

is World Water Day? Water is something we all need to stay healthy, and, in 2015, countries around the world promised to make sure everyone has access to clean water and proper sanitation by 2030. Sadly, over 2 billion people still don't have clean water to drink. That's why World Water Day is so important – it reminds us that there's still a lot to do, and it encourages everyone to help out and make a difference!



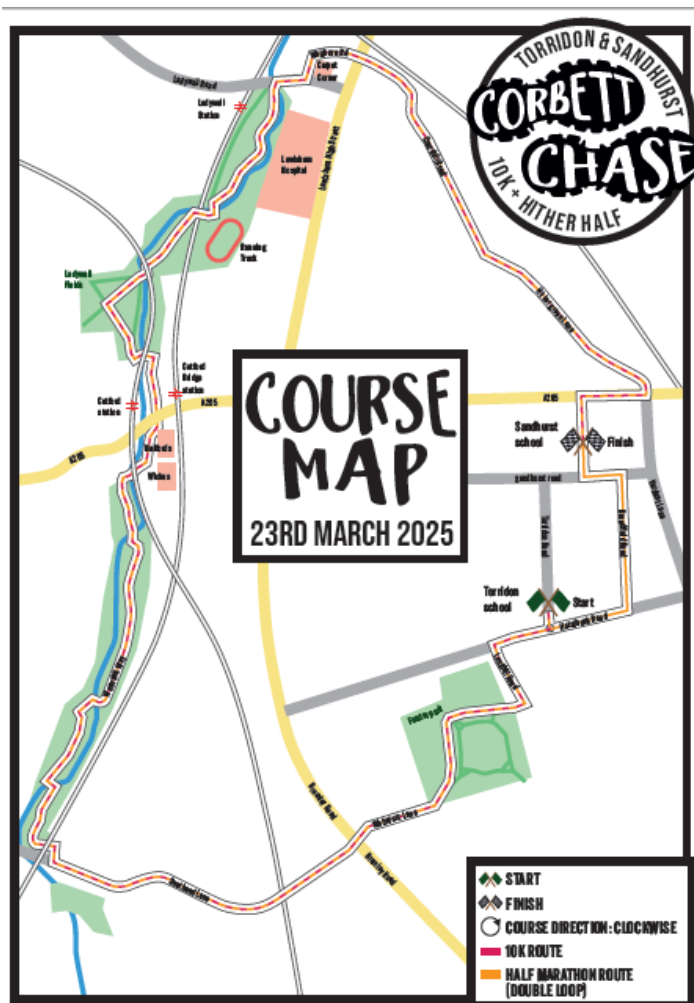
# CORBETT CHASE - SUNDAY 23rd MARCH!

Come out and support the 70+ parents and friends from Torridon and Sandhurst taking part in the [5th Annual Corbett Chase](#) - and enjoy the Community Play Street on Minard Road from 10am-12noon THIS Sunday 23rd March.

More donations for the cake sale welcome - please drop off cakes at Sandhurst from 9am for cake sale at the Play Street.

And please support our brilliant runners and walkers as they pound the pavement in aid of Torridon School. [DONATE HERE](#).

Any questions? [Check out our info website](#) or email: [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com)



## Science – Royal Institution Show

The community science show delivered by Jonathan from the Royal Institution during Science Week was an absolute hit! Parents and carers, as well as children, had a thrilling time learning about different types of forces. It was a highly explosive show, and lots of children were chosen as volunteers. We would love to have the Royal Institution come back again next year, so watch this space for future shows.



## Reception – Dance



This week in dance, Reception have been exploring shapes, actions and working with their partners. Blue class worked as a team to create some spikey, wavy sculptures with their bodies using a range of music to accompany their ideas.

Take a look!





## Year 1 – PE

This week, year 1 really enjoyed playing PE outside in the sunny playground. This term, we are learning multi skills. We have been improving our throwing and catching, and learning how to travel (like experts) inside different spaces and boundaries. We learned that, when there is not as much space, we need to keep our eyes focused and make quick decisions when dodging obstacles.



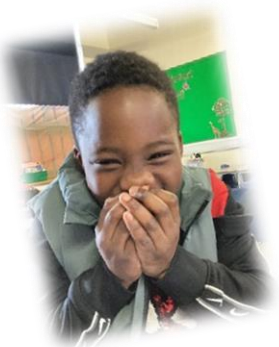
## Resource Base – Shape

This week in green pathway we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We visited Bellingham soft play which supported our learning of 3D shapes and gave us an opportunity to practise our social skills.



## Year 2 – Comic Relief

Year 2 have had lots of fun finishing off Assessment Week with some laughter and fun! To celebrate Red Nose Day, we have enjoyed telling jokes, sharing funny moments, and spreading smiles all around! Red Nose Day is a great way to raise awareness and support a good cause, all whilst having fun together.



## Year 3 – Rainforest Canopies

We are learning about rainforests around the world in geography. We enjoyed identifying and labelling the different layers of the rainforest, and thinking about the unique features of each layer. We then discussed the kinds of animals you would find in different layers and why.



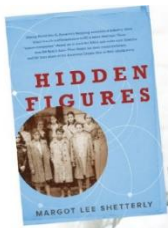


## Year 4 – Natural History Museum

On Monday, we stepped into the shoes of seismologists and volcanologists at the Natural History Museum. We went to see the earthquakes and volcanoes show to consolidate and bring to life our term's theme, 'Earth Shattering Events.' We really enjoyed watching demonstrations of how tectonic plates move and how a volcano erupts. We were able to answer lots of questions from all that we have learned in geography, writing and reading lessons this term.



## Year 5 – Hidden Figures



In Year 5, students have been reading *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly and are now writing speeches in role as Mary Jackson, asking a judge for permission to attend Hampton High School to pursue mathematics and become an engineer. This task encourages students to reflect on Jackson's determination and the challenges she faced as an African American woman in the 1950s. It also highlights the importance of education, perseverance, and overcoming barriers. By stepping into Jackson's shoes, the students gained a deeper understanding of her journey and impact on history.

<p><b>Motivational Opening</b> Introduce yourself. Explain why you are here today announcing the topic.</p>	<p>Mary Jackson Dream of becoming an engineer at NASA. Hampton High School Judge Mason, your honour, sir I am asking for the education I need to fulfill my dreams. I am a black woman who needs education as everyone else. I need you to help me fulfill my dream.</p>	<p><b>Motivational Opening</b> Introduce yourself. Explain why you are here today announcing the topic.</p>	<p>Good afternoon My name is Katherine Johnson I request to go to Hampton High School Study maths ask you.</p>	<p>I wanted to persuade him Show the world a difference George Mason (Judge)</p>
<p><b>Argument 1</b> What do you think of the segregation laws? How do you think black women should be treated? Why should you be able to attend the all-white classes at Hampton High?</p>	<p>Discrimination Why does it matter so much to you that a black woman should not be allowed to go to school? Everybody is different and the skin colour doesn't help at all. I cannot change my skin colour. Black women should be able to take maths classes. Black women need to have the same opportunities as white women. There should not be any segregation. Why should whites have better opportunities than blacks? This is not right. Blacks are the same as whites.</p>	<p><b>Argument 1</b> What do you think of the segregation laws? How do you think black women should be treated? Why should you be able to attend the all-white classes at Hampton High?</p>	<p>Let me be the first person to black person reaching dreams is all I want from Matters Education as a right Build future Women should be treated the same We should be able to do anything.</p>	<p>It shouldn't matter how you look How you think It would be an honour</p>
<p><b>Argument 2</b> What do you know about Judge Mason? What do you want to be the first at doing?</p>	<p>Judge Mason First to end this segregation. You were the first to serve in his service in the armed forces. People will know you as a good judge who thinks about other people will have admiration for you. You were the first to do lots of things like the US Army. Segregation is not right and it needs to stop. People no matter what their colour is, needs to be treated equally. You would be the first to go to all the judges and governors.</p>	<p><b>Argument 2</b> What do you know about Judge Mason? What do you want to be the first at doing?</p>	<p>You got to be the first 3 times. Now I want a go You were the first person in your family in the army The first Judge You know what it feels like to be a first I want to be first at attending Hampton High School The first person to go University into your family.</p>	<p>You got served in the royal army If you do this you will be rewarded for 100 years</p>
<p><b>Memorable Conclusion</b> What's your last message? What do you urge/suggest Judge Mason to do and why?</p>	<p>We are asking for permission We got a chance that gives us all opportunities. I cannot let this one pass by. I want to go to school for longer. I need to attend a school that gives me the chance to learn more. allow me to attend so that I can help build a better world for us.</p>	<p><b>Memorable Conclusion</b> What's your last message? What do you urge/suggest Judge Mason to do and why?</p>	<p>You should understand the importance of us being first</p>	




# Year 6 – Writing

Year 6 have been working towards writing Trip Advisor reviews of a negative experience at an LGBTQ+ friendly hotel. We have been considering the level of formality, using the rule of three and expanded noun phrases to convey our disappointment.

Q: Can I write to inform?


Shienshopper 2581



Recently, I had the misfortune of staying at the Rainbow Retreat hotel, and unfortunately it was worse than I expected. There were so many disappointing features that I don't even know where to start. Although the review COMPLETELY LIED and boasted on about how "great" and "perfect" this hotel was, the reality was different to how it was described in EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

First of all, let's talk about the stage and decor. As I took a step into the reception area, I was greeted with beige walls, flickering lights, and TERRIBLE service. I was told that the hotel had ~~snappy~~ "luxurious artwork" and "snappy service", but all I saw were "masterpieces" that looked like they were painted by a 3 year old. Like I said, I was told that they had snappy service but I ended up waiting for over ~~an~~ ~~hour~~ half an hour to get checked in, which wasn't even worth it.

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Oh, how do I start with this place? Due to the fact that I had a horrendous experience, I had to make a review. The Rainbow Retreat was to be 'welcoming' and 'friendly' but what I got was a rusty hotel which was devoid of character! Let me tell you that this place was a misfortune.

The hotel interior, which was raved as stylish, ~~looked~~ looked like it hadn't been updated in decades! Also, the atmosphere was dull, dreary and unappealing. Additionally, the staff were hostile, rude and ignorant and they appeared like they couldn't care less about me. After all of this, when I asked for directions they sniggered, mumbled something inaudible and walked away. Talk about customer service! Like seriously, how hard is it to give direction in the place you work at?

Spiderreviews 2521

Rates Rainbow Retreat: 0 stars.



Don't consider coming to this ~~hotel~~ the Rainbow Retreat... AT ALL. I couldn't believe the type of experience I had.


I've recently visited this hotel, and it felt like I was in a living nightmare. I have absolutely no idea how this is still in business. I wish I could've left in the first five minutes, but there were no refunds! It looks like they're desperate for money anyway.

It wasn't fun, inclusive or colourful but instead boring, atrocious and lifeless!! It is clear that the other reviews are mindfully fake. They're stating how comfortable it is, how they feel like they're on cloud nine, but I felt like I was on cloud one!

Just standing outside, it looked like they haven't cleaned it in years... But the interior was DIABOLICAL. It was absurdly messy, looking as if it

[Q: Can I write to inform? (not write)]

ETFC #



What a waste of money. I recently took my chance in staying in the Rainbow Retreat hotel and it unfortunately it was the worst thing I've spent my hard-earned money on. Once I stepped foot into the hotel, I was met with a hard realization that the luxurious hotel I was expecting didn't exist. The interior decor looked disgusting. The immaculate hotel I was looking for was just a deceitful lie.

Once I was at the reception desk, I was greeted with an impolite, impatient and indignant staff member. She was slow to answer my questions and even gave me side glances. The hotel interior was truly shocking to encounter. There was dirt on the walls and dust collecting in the corners. The community was as quiet as a whisper and it made it look like I was the only one who was staying at this filthy place that they call a hotel.

Already disappointed, I took a good look at my room, which I wanted it to be 'luxurious' like the false advertisement had claimed. As my eyes took a quick peak, I was beyond regretful on spending money on this hotel. Living creatures wandered around the embarrassing, excuse for a room. The cramped bedroom was impossible to move around in. There was no source of entertainment or community service. The only thing they accommodated me was a sticky towel.

# Woodland Dress Up Day

## Woodland friends' dress up day

Our woodland is two years old and to celebrate we  
invite you to come to school on

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

dressed as a woodland creature!



Children who do not want to dress up as a woodland  
friend are invited to wear green.

This is a fundraising event to maintain and expand our  
ever growing woodland area.

Donations can be paid directly to Parent pay or  
buckets will be on the gate to accept cash.

Suggested donation of £1.



## Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Corbett Chase
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent and Carer open evenings
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	9am Drum kit performance for parents and carers
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9am EYFS parent and carer workshop – attention and listening
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9am Strings performance for parents and carers (including string ensemble)
	Year 5 and 6 tag rugby festival
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	5V Goldsmiths Arts trip
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Woodland Dress Up Day Last day of the spring term (2pm finish)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Easter School
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Reception Hearing and vision screening
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Resource Base to Pizza Express
	UNITY dance competition
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9am Guitar performance for parents and carers
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9am Piano performance for parents and carers
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SPRING BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	9am SEND Coffee morning – language development
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery to Horniman butterfly house
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 football tournament
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9am Woodwind performance for parents and carers <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 and 6 boys' cricket tournament
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5 and 6 girls' cricket tournament
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTA fundraiser – non uniform day
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Fun Run (Forster Park)



# Book Donations

## Book Donations

If you have any chapter books that you no longer need (ages 6-11), we would be very grateful if you could donate them to school as they will be used for an exciting new project.

All donations can be handed in to the school office, or to the class teacher.

Many thanks,

Sai and Gwen





# Millwall Community Trust Football Opportunities



**GIRLS  
PLAYER  
PERFORMANCE  
PATHWAY**

**U9 - U14 YEAR  
OLDS**

**HARRIS ACADEMY,  
BERMONDSEY**

**SESSIONS EVERY FRIDAY  
4:30 - 6:00PM**

**CONTACT**  
**NFARRELL@MILLWALLCOMMUNITY.ORG.UK**



**LEWISHAM  
PLAYER  
PERFORMANCE  
PATHWAY**

**U7-U13 YEAR  
OLDS**

**PENDERGAST  
LADYWELL SCHOOL**

**SESSIONS EVERY  
MONDAY  
19:00PM- 20:00PM**

Millwall Community Trust are excited to announce the launch of two new football centres, providing fantastic opportunities for children aged U7 to U14!

- **Monday Evenings:** U7 - U14 | Boys | 19:00 - 20:00 | Prendergast Ladywell School
- **Friday Afternoons:** U9 - U14 | Girls | 16:30 - 18:00 | Harris Academy Bermondsey

If you'd like to learn more, please feel free to email [nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk](mailto:nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk).

## Drumbeat – Barriers to Eating and Drinking Workshop



### Drumbeat Outreach

#### Parent Workshop

**Exploring the Barriers to Eating and Drinking for  
children with Social Communication Differences**




A session exploring ways to help your child with developing and extending their diet and dealing with food sensitivities and fussy eaters. This session will focus on children under 6 years old.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 – 10am-12pm**

**This session will be a webinar.**

Please email [outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk) or telephone 020 7635 9022 to reserve your place.

## Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance_		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	97.3%		3A	98%		5V	97%	
1N	96.6%		3G	99%		5L	96%	
1W	90%		3S	98%		5C	95%	
2S	95%		4K	97%		6R	96%	
2SW	96.9%		4L	95%		6A	98%	
2E	96.6%		4S	95%		6L	95%	

Well done to those with the highest attendance in the whole school! Impressive Work!

## Year 6 – Maths and English Masterclass

Bexleyheath Academy want to support year 6 students within the local community in their preparation for their SATs assessments.

They will be running English and Mathematics masterclasses for students in Year 6 delivered by subject experts on **Wednesday 26 March and Wednesday 02 April from 15.45-17.00 pm.**



This will take place at the academy and we would need parents to drop off and pick up their child. Student numbers will be capped at 90 students for each session, so to ensure that you are able to secure a place, please sign up as soon as possible. You will receive an email confirming whether your child has secured a place on your chosen session.

[Click Here To Apply](#)



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Logan	For using the toilet independently. Well done, Logan! 😊
Nursery AM	Josiah O	For playing nicely with his friends and joining in during the carpet session about our story 'The enormous turnip'. Well done, Josiah! 😊
Nursery PM	Tabitha	For fantastic cutting skills during the vegetable activity this week. Well done, Tabitha! 😊
Blue Class	The Whole Class	For doing Torridon proud on our trip to Mudchute Farm. Well done, everyone!
Red Class	The Whole Class	For doing Torridon proud on our trip to Mudchute Farm. Well done, everyone!
Yellow Class	The Whole Class	For doing Torridon proud on our trip to Mudchute Farm. Well done, everyone!
1M	Rudy	For settling into 1M so well. Rudy has formed positive friendships and has a great attitude towards all his learning. Keep it up, Rudy! 😊
1N	Saint	For his love for learning and positive attitude towards school. It was so lovely to hear that he loves everything about school...his friends, the playground, the teachers and all of his learning. Keep up the great work! 😊
1W	Josiah	For always being a positive role model in the classroom. He always tries his best to focus in every lesson. As a result, Josiah is making steady progress. Well done!
2E	Rae	For trying really hard during assessment week. She has been taking her time and double checking her answers. Her focus and commitment to her learning has been lovely this week. Well done 😊
2S	Kyran	For his excellent attitude to learning this week and for trying his best in all of his tricky quizzes! Keep up the super learning Kyran 😊
2SW	Seyon	For his fantastic behaviour for learning and always trying his very best in all lessons. He is a great role model in the classroom! Well done Seyon, keep it up! 😊
3A	Nackai	For being such a kind, friendly and positive member of the class. We will all miss you very much, but we know you will do amazingly in your new school. Good luck Nackai! 😊
3G	3G	For trying their best during assessment week. Well done 3G.
3S	3S	Well done everyone for having an amazing assessment week. You have all been fantastic! 😊
4K	Zaydon	For being an excellent role model and a great ambassador for Torridon on our trip this week. Well done!
4L	Sharviny	for always going out of her way to help and do the right thing, listening attentively and being an all-round star.
4S	Nadjah	For showing a continuous dedication to her learning by bringing in her spelling sentences every week and for great focus in lessons. Well done, Nadjah. Keep it up! 😊
5C	Jeraiah	For displaying good behaviour in class as well as good intonation when reading aloud in class. Well done!
5L	Thea	For always having a positive attitude to learning and school. You are self-motivated and always give your best efforts. Well done!
5V	Jesika	For always being polite, kind, helpful and honest. Well done Jesika, keep up the good work.
6A	Oscar	For being a kind and respectful member of the class, and for his consistent enthusiastic approach during Maths lessons. Keep it up!
6L	Herbie	For improving your attitude to writing. You have made an effort this week to really focus on your punctuation as well as presentation in your written piece. Well done!
6R	Taylen	For transforming his behaviour this week, particularly during break and lunch time. Well done and keep it up!
RB Blue	Isaac	For a positive attitude towards his learning and assessments all week.
RB Green	Gabriel	For outstanding focus during <b>assessment</b> week.

# Easter Camp



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## EASTER MULTI SPORTS CAMP

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**WHEN:**

WEEK 1: MONDAY - THURSDAY  
 07/04/2025 - 10/04/2025

WEEK 2: MONDAY - THURSDAY  
 14/04/2025 - 17/04/2025

(Please note you can attend one of the above dates)

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