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4th April

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful way to finish the spring term. We have all had such fun dressing up as woodland creatures today. Bees and butterflies, caterpillars and frogs, foxes, ladybirds and wolves were all enjoying the sunshine at Torridon this afternoon. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised almost £400 for our woodland area. There is still time to donate on ParentPay if you would like to. Thank you to everyone who got involved.

Ciara our Resource Base teacher is starting her maternity leave today. We wish her all the best. We welcome Karen Davis who will be taking over as the Resource Base Teacher whilst Ciara is on maternity leave.

Year 6 will be in over the holiday for Easter School which runs from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April. We hope to see lots of you there.

It has been a fantastic term with lots of great learning, trips, sports tournaments, performances and workshops. Thank you to the staff team who have worked so hard to make sure the children can take part in all these opportunities.

Thank you also to the many of you who have offered your time to volunteer at Torridon. Whether that is listening to children read, helping in the classroom, organising and running PTA events or developing the playground, we are very grateful and really appreciate your commitment to the school community. If you would like to volunteer in the summer term, please let us know by emailing us admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

I hope you have a lovely Easter holiday. Fingers crossed the sunshine is here for a little while longer!

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22nd April.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



Rights Respecting School

This week, we have been learning about Articles 5 and 18 which focus on the role of parents and caregivers in supporting children. We discussed how they provide us with a home, food, clothes, and emotional support, while also helping us become independent and preparing us for adult life. Parents also set good examples, support our learning, and ensure we stay healthy. Most importantly, they help us enjoy all our rights



Amy - Music Exam Success



Amy in 5L took her grade 2 violin examination recently and passed. Well done, Amy. We are all extremely proud of you.

String Ensemble Recital

The strings recital took place this week and it was a wonderful experience to see performers from reception through to year 6 performing on the violin.

String ensemble performed and some of the younger violinists got to join in with the opening number.

Congratulations to all our musicians for taking part in our recitals. Thanks to Samantha for expertly guiding these young learners on their violin journeys. Our next music event is the guitar recital on 1st May at 9.00am in the year 5 hall.



Woodland Dress Up Day



We loved our 'Woodland Dress Up Day'. You can still <u>donate on</u> <u>parentpay</u> if you would like to.

Many thanks for your donations today.



Reception – Woodland Dress Up Day

Reception enjoyed woodland dress up day!







Resource Base – Water Pollution



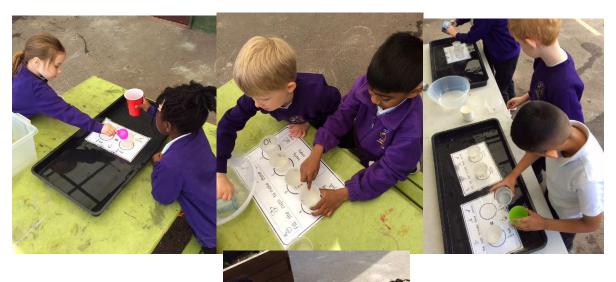




This week we have been learning about water pollution. The children made some sea art pictures to show how plastic pollution is affecting the sea animals. We also made a display to remind the children about water pollution and what they can do to help!

Year 1 - Capacity

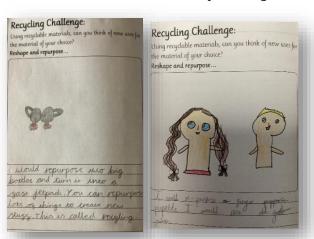
In year 1, we learned all about the capacity of different containers. We measured in cups to investigate the volume of water different containers could hold. Snutt, our text book character, was so pleased that we helped him learn how to reason and problem solve accurately. We had fun playing in the water too!

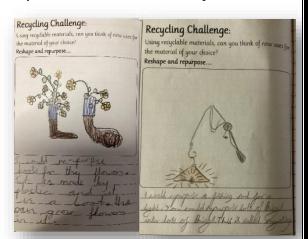


Year 2 - Science

During our science sessions, year 2 children have been thinking about how to be more sustainable and responsible members of the community. We had lots of fun exploring ways to reuse recycled waste and give it a new purpose! We looked at turning everyday items such as cardboard and water bottles into beautiful, handy things such as a picture frame or a plant holder. This activity showed us how to be less wasteful and how to repurpose our 'waste' whilst transforming it into something unique. Take a look at our fantastic

designs!





Year 3 – Beckenham Place Park Trip

Last week, year 3 visited Beckenham Place Park as part of their science topic on plants. We observed many species of flowering plants and trees, including daffodils, oak trees, and cherry blossom. This week in science, we recorded the data we had gathered about plant and tree species in the park, and have created a bar graph from the data.





Year 4 - RE

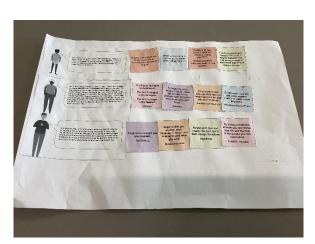
Year 4 finished their RE unit by learning about the value of forgiveness and why it might be difficult in some situations. We looked at the enquiry question: **is forgiveness always possible for Christians?** Christians try to follow the teachings of Jesus and forgive others, even when they haven't apologised. Most Christians also try to follow the teachings of Jesus and ask for forgiveness for themselves. Many Christians believe that they can ask God to forgive them through prayer.

"I believe that everyone should learn to forgive no matter what because it is the right thing to do and it is following the teachings of Jesus." — Libby

"It would be difficult for me to forgive a friend who betrays me but I would end up forgiving them in the end." — Austin

We watched a video clip where Jesus told the parable of the unforgiving servant. It teaches us that we should forgive others as we have been forgiven.

We were given some quotes to match with what we feel some people think about forgiveness. Finally, we discussed what forgiveness meant to us as individuals.



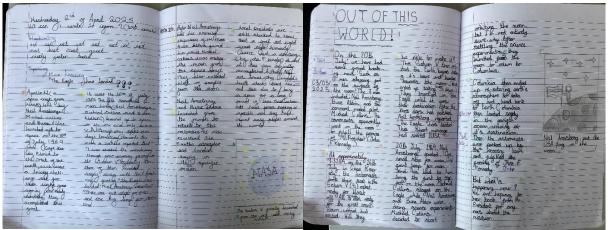






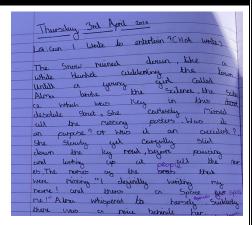
Year 5 - Newspaper Reports

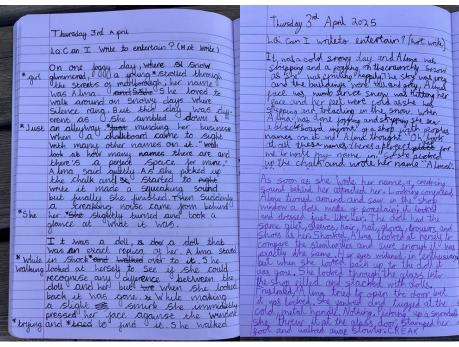
This week, year 5 became reporters and travelled back in time to the year 1969. This was the year three brave astronauts (Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin) travelled aboard the Apollo 11 to complete John F. Kennedy's goal of humans landing on the moon and returning safely to Earth. As this was a momentous time in history, we produced newspaper reports remembering to use all the features needed.



Year 6 – Suspense Writing

We have been working towards writing a suspense narrative from a video clip entitled, 'Alma'. Our aim was to create atmosphere through our setting and characters description, use dialogue to advance action and a range of devices to build cohesion.





Forest School News



The children in Reception have been watching tadpoles grow over the Spring term.

Blue class was very excited to have the job of releasing 30 tadpoles into our 2 mini ponds at Forest school.

The children created the extra ponds to encourage new pond life and understood that the tadpoles needed a safe home away from the newts in our main pond as the newts would eat them!



Summer 1 Forest School timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yellow		Nursery	Red class	Blue
class		AM/FT		class
	2E		2SW	25
Resource	4\$	Nursery PM	4L	4K
Base				

Spring Bulb Competition Update

We are beginning to notice some of our bulbs around school are starting to flower. If you purchased a Spring bulb from us in the Autumn term remember to bring your pot into school once it has fully flowered.





Show your pot to Kelley and we will take a photo of you and your flower before displaying the flower around school. Later in the Spring term Manda will judge the flowers and choose one winner from each year group.

We can not wait to see your beautiful flowers and brighten up our outdoor spaces.

Oracy Events – Family Film Nights

As part of the wellbeing strand of our oracy project, we will be organising some events for parents, carers and children. These events will enable you to share an enjoyable activity with your child so that we can create wonderful memories and spark engaging conversations.

SAVE THE DATE!

Come and enjoy a film with your family. Due to space, only 4 tickets will be available per family.

Although we will not be charging for this event, we would appreciate any cash donations which will be collected on the door before the event.



Thursday 15th May, 5pm

Tuesday 20th May, 5pm

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Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	EASTER HOLIDAY			
Monday 14 th – Thursday 17 th April	Year 6 Easter School			
Wednesday 23 rd April	Reception Hearing and vision screening			
	Year 3 trip to British Museum			
Tuesday 29 th April	Resource Base to Pizza Express			
	UNITY dance competition			
Wednesday 30 th April	Year 5 art workshop			
Thursday 1st May	9am Guitar performance for parents and carers			
Friday 2 nd May	9am Piano performance for parents and carers			
Monday 5 th May	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY			
Thursday 8 th May	9am SEND Coffee morning — language development			
Friday 9 th May	Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop in school			
Monday 12 th May	Nursery to Horniman butterfly house			
Horiday 12 Hay	Year 2 to Tower Bridge			
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs week			
Thursday 15 th May	Family Film Night			
Friday 16 th May	Year 2 football tournament			
Monday 19 th May	9am Woodwind performance for parents and carers			
Tuesday 20th May	Year 5 and 6 boys' cricket tournament			
Tuesday 20 th May	Family Film Night			
Wednesday 21st May	Reception Bug Man visit			
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 5 and 6 girls' cricket tournament			
Friday 23 rd May	PTA fundraiser — non uniform day			
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY			
Sunday 8 th June	Family Fun Run (Forster Park)			
Tuesday 10 th June	Year 5 and year 6 hockey tournament			
Friday 20 th June	INSET Day			
Friday 20 June	PTA Trip to Legoland			
Wednesday 25 th June	OPAL playdate 3:15 — 4:15pm			
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 secondary transition day			
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 6 Royal Opera House Project			
Sunday 6 th July	PTA - Summer Fair			
Week beginning Monday 7 th July	Whole School Assessment Week			
Tuesday 8 th July	Summer Music Concert			
Monday July 14 th	Nursery and Reception Sports Day			
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day			
Wednesday 16 th July	5.00pm Year 6 prformance			
Thursday 17 th July	9.00am Year 6 performance			
Friday 18 th July	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day			
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Summer Term (2pm finish)			

SEND Workshops



FREE SEN Support Parent/ Carer Workshops, Friday 25th April - Thursday 1st May, 2025



Fri 25 April 9:30-11:30 Corbett Library What support can your child with SEN get in school/ college? www.SEN25AprilAM. eventbrite.co.uk



Tues 29 April 17:00-19:00 St Laurence Centre Supporting your child with EBSNA & relationships www.SEN29AprilAM. eventhrite.co.uk



Sat 26 April 13:00-15:00 Forest Hill School What support can your child with SEN get in school/ college? www.sEN26AprilPM. eventbrite.co.uk



Wed 30 April 9:30-11:30 The Albany Supporting your child with EBSNA & relationships www.SEN30AprilAM. eventbrite.co.uk



Mon 28 April 9:30-11:30 Manor House Library Supporting your child with EBSNA & relationships

www.SEN28AprilAM. eventbrite.co.uk



Wed 30 April
17:00-19:00
The Albany
Supporting your child
to be ready to learn in
the classroom
www.SEN30AprilEVE.



Mon 28 April 17:00-19:00 Manor House Library Supporting your child to be ready to learn in the classroom

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Thurs 1 May 9:30-11:30 Downham Library Supporting your child to be ready to learn in the classroom www.SENIMayAM. eventbrite co.uk



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Thurs 1 May 17:00-18:45 Downham Library Supporting your child with EBSNA & relationships www.SENIMayEVE. eventbrite.co.uk

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance_		Class	Atten	dance	Class	Atten	dance
1M	93%		3A	96.8%	Letter - Stay of the Stay of t	5C	86%	
1N	95%		3G	96.9%		5L	87%	
1W	88%		3\$	87.4%		5V	86%	
2S	95%		4K	92.7%		6A	92%	
2SW	96%	100 - 100 mg	4L	94.2%		6L	94%	13 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
2E	96%	Letter Stranger	45	92.3%		6R	89%	

Well done to those who won the attendance cups this week! Remember that our whole school target is 97%!

Nursery Places

If you have a child who turns 4 years old between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 and you would like to enrol them at Torridon nursery, please get an application from the office or request one by email from: admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk.

We have limited spaces, to avoid disappointment, please request and submit an application form as soon as possible.



Jays Fun Day





Wonka Dance Workshop

Easter dance workshop - Friday 11th April.

I am a West End professional having worked in the industry for 20 years and I also have over 15 years of teaching experience on top of this and this particular workshop is from the film 'Wonka' on which I was an Assistant Choreographer and also danced in the film itself.

Join me along with other friends to experience what it takes in the Theatre / Dance industry.



PTA Dates

INSET Day at LEGOLAND - Friday 20th June

Fancy some family fun on our next INSET day? Want to save money **and** support the PTA? Join us at <u>LEGOLAND Windsor Resort</u> on Friday, 20th June!

Tickets for adults and children over 90cm tall cost £25 each - up to 63% off standard entry! Families need to make their own way to and from the venue.

Find out more <u>here</u>. Book <u>here</u> by 4th June.



Summer Fair

Add the date to your diary: Summer Fair Sunday 6th July.

We are holding a meeting on Friday 2nd May at 9am to start discussing the event. Everyone welcome.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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Class	Name	Reason		
Nursery FT	Sukhpreet	For joining in during carpet times and for being kind and playing nicely with her friend		
		Well done, Sukhpreet! 😂		
Nursery AM	Theophilus	For always being caring and kind to his friends and for sharing ideas during carpet		
		sessions. Well done, Theophilus! 😉		
Nursery PM	Maisie	For being very helpful during tidy up time and for being kind to her friends. Well done		
		Maisie 😂		
Blue Class	Aahil	For growing in confidence and developing positive friendships this half term! 🔞		
Red Class	James	For being a brilliant member of red class! We will miss you and wish you the best in your		
		new school! 😂		
Yellow Class	Jace	For being so helpful at tidy up time and trying hard with his learning. Well done!		
1M	Ameira	For always being polite and for her growing confidence in class. Keep up the good work		
		Ameira! 🔞		
1N	Mubashir	For his creative ideas and observant nature. He always knows when someone has		
		forgotten something and is keen to reunite them with their belongings. He is also happy		
		to share his well-thought-out ideas and today he wrote an imaginative story!. Keep up		
		the good work. 🕲		
1W	Shaqkai	For making a great start at Torridon School. He has been enthusiastic about our learning		
		topics and playing with friends, especially at forest school!		
2E	Harley	For always being a kind and supportive member of 2E. She is always optimistic and		
		bubbly and helps create such a lovely atmosphere within the classroom. Well done Harley		
- 05	A I'	and continue to have such a great attitude towards all you do 😉		
2S	Niara	For her excellent focus and concentration this week. Well done, and keep it up!		
2SW	Melita	For her kindness and being supportive towards her peers. It always so lovely to see Melita		
		helping her classmates. Well done Melita, keep it up! 😥		
3A	Isioma	For working really hard to write a speech about the impact of deforestation. Well done.		
3G	Aeirren	For always working hard and remembering to use his manners. Well done, Aeirren!		
3S	Essie	Thank you for being an amazing member of our class. We are going to miss you. Your		
		new school is very lucky to have you 😉		
4K	Maimouna	For having a courteous attitude towards her peers and adults. She has settled really well		
		in class and tries her best at all times. Well done 🕄		
4L	Sophie	for always trying her best, being kind and positive, and producing a wonderful Tsunami		
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4S	Aadhiran	For being so polite, kind and respectful of others and for always trying his best in learning at school and home.		
5C	Thashvin	For always showing respectful behaviour and participating in lesson		
5L		For always being respectful and polite. You always demonstrate our core values! Well		
JL JL	Ayaan	done!		
5V	All of 5V	For representing Torridon well on our trip to Goldsmith, both at the art gallery and on the		
	7 tt 0j 3 v	buses. Well done to all of you.		
6A	Elisabeth	For being an excellent role model for our community. She's respectful, polite and		
		consistently approaches learning with positivity. Keep it up!		
6L	Elliot	For his well-throughout vocabulary and creativity when writing his suspense narrative. Well done!		
6R	Jacob	For always demonstrating respectful behaviour and consistently contributing thoughtful		
UK	Jucob	ideas during class discussions.		
RB Blue	Riley	For excellent effort in class. Well done Riley.		
RB Green	Macey	Well done for a fantastic term of learning and building friendships. You will be		
		thoroughly missed at Torridon and we all wish you luck.		

Ilakkiya – English Exam Success





SKIPZ Easter Productions



BEAM Camp – at Torridon



Easter Camps / Workshops



IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR

This course is appropriate for any child in school years 3 to 6

Children will experience cricket in a fun, safe and progressive environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate.

Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

DETAILS

- . COST: These courses are Free of Charge
- PLACES: Allocated to the first 30
 respondents on a first come-first serve basis
- . AGES: 7-11 Years Old
- LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT: Parents of children entitled to a Free School Meal will be provided with a hot lunch (Please highlight any dietary requirements when signing-up)
- CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT: Regular sports kit & trainers (non-marking soles); Personal protective equipment preferred, although we can supply if a child does not have their own

THE COACHES

LEAD: JAHID AHMED



Jahid Ahmad is a former Essex seam bowler who has worked extensively in youth cricket. He is one of an exclusive group of Level 3 coaches, he has led the development of junior cricket in East London and he is a fast bowling and high performance coach with Kent CCC.

OTHER COACHES INCLUDE:

Matt Golding (current Minor County Cricketer; Level 2 Coach), Jonathan Rodda (Club Youth Lead; Level 2 Coach), Matt Stiddard (London Schools U14 Lead; Level 2 Coach), Nikhil Nomula (Middlesex Youth; Level 3 Coach).



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE PLEASE CONTACT:

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LEWISHAM LIONS CENTRE

10AM - 2PM EACH



Lewisham HAF

Latest list of available activities for the **Lewisham HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Programme**. This programme provides fun activities and nutritious meals for children and young people during the school holidays. If you know of a family who has not received the code or information and or you feel the family maybe impacted by holiday hunger, please send an email to the HAF Programme HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk, for further support.

Provider name	Age Range	Dates and times	Venue Address	Ward	Activities
UK Latin Community CIC	8 – 14 years	14 th – 17 th April 12pm -4pm	Prendergast Vale School, Elmira Street, London SE13 7BN	Lewisham Central	Arts and crafts, food and nutrition, sports and well-being.
Baller Sports Coaching LTD	4-11 years	7 th – 10 th April 10am – 2pm	Sydenham School, Dartmouth Rd, London SE26 4RD	Sydenham	4 days of sports fun! Every day is different. Food will be provided.
Baller Sports Coaching LTD	4-11 years	14 th – 17 th April 10am – 2pm	Hatcham Primary School Hunsdon Road, London, SE14 5RD	New cross	4 days of Easter sports fun! Including indoor and outdoor activities such as football, basketball, dodgeball, hockey and many more!
Skipz Productions	4 – 11 years	14 th – 17 th April 10am – 2pm	St Andrew's Church hall, St Andrew's Apostle Church, Sandhurst Road, SE6 1XD	Catford South	Easter Performing Arts, Arts and Crafts and Clay Modelling Easter Camp.
Empower CIC	5 – 16 years	14th - 17 th April 11am – 3pm	50 Turnham Rd, London SE4 2JD	Brockley	Indoor Roller Skating Activities.
Pro Touch	7 – 16 years	14 th – 17 th April 10:30 – 2:30pm	Haberdashers' Knights Academy, Launcelot Rd, Bromley BR1 5EB	Downham	Multi-sports activities including football, dodgeball, mini-tennis, fitness, speed and agility exercises, football-tennis, skipping, and more!
Downs Friendship	4 – 16 years	7 th — 10 th April 10am — 2pm	Goldsmith Community Centre: Castillon Road, SE6 1QD	Bellingham	Art & Crafts, Sport, Music, Baking and Sushi making.
Omega Sports	4 – 12 years	7 th — 10 th April 9am — 1pm	Baring Primary School, Linchmere Rd, London SE12 ONB	Lee Green	Ball Sports, Water games, Gymnastics, Arts and Crafts.
Superkids Club Ltd - Rushey Green	4-11 years	14 th – 17 th April 9am – 1pm	Rushey Green Primary School, Culverley Road, Catford, London, SE6 2LA	Rushey Green	Easter Spring and bonnet making, Bake and Treat and Easter egg hunt.

