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Dear parents and carers,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the summer term and what a busy week we have had!

I need to start by saying a massive thank you to Megan and all our wonderful PTA volunteers for making the summer fair such a success last weekend. It was fantastic to see so many families coming to support and we even managed to dodge the downpours!

On Tuesday we had an evaluation visit for the Talk Matters oracy project. We were selected to be the case study school representing Lewisham. The visitors had an opportunity to see Talk for Learning in action in the classrooms and the playground during OPAL play. Thank you to those parents and carers who gave up their time to come and speak to the visitors. Talk Matters are asking parents and carers to complete a short survey about the oracy work we have been doing in school. Please take a few moments to complete the survey:

[Talk Matters Survey](#)

Year 6 had a great day working with the Royal Opera House as part of their Create Day. Find out how they got on later in the newsletter.

Next, we had our annual summer music concert. It was incredible to see how much progress the children have made over the year. They played brilliantly and made us all very proud. Huge thanks to Chris for organising the event and to Samantha, Alethea, Samuel, Murray and Chris McShane for all their hard work leading the instrumental lessons for the children.

We finished the week with two lovely events involving children and grown ups. The first was a celebration of the end of the inter-generational project Year 6 have been involved in with members of St Andrews Church. The second was a parent and child workshop to create story boxes based on the teddy bear adventure, 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy.

Next week is extremely busy again as we have sports week; including dance, karate, athletics and games workshops as well as sports days. We are also looking forward to Year 6 performances and transition mornings for children to meet their new teachers.

Please remember your sun safety if you are out and about over the weekend.

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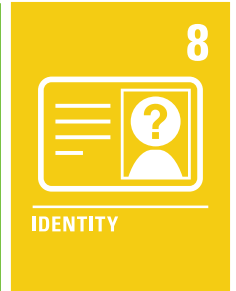
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Headteacher



Rights Respecting – Article 7 & 8

In our assemblies this week, we have been discussing Articles 7 and 8. We talked about how every child has the right to a name, a nationality, and to have their identity protected. We thought about how these rights help us feel proud of who we are and where we come from. Our identities make each of us unique, and by celebrating our differences, we help make our school a welcoming, respectful, and a proudly diverse community.



Parent and Carer 'SAND'hurst Volunteers

Sandhurst Primary school are kindly donating a few tonnes of sand after their beach party next week.



We are looking for parent and carer volunteers to help bag up the sand and transport it back to us at Torridon.

If you are available to help we will be meeting at Sandhurst Primary School on Thursday 17th July @4:30pm to shovel sand into bags and load into cars to transport back to Torridon!

Please bring a shovel!!

If you are happy for us to load up your car with bags of sand too that would be amazing!!

Summer Fair



Sports Day Timetable

We are excited to share the schedule for our upcoming sports days! These special events are a great opportunity for our students to showcase their energy, teamwork and enthusiasm through a range of fun and active challenges. Below, you will find the timetable outlining the location and date for each year group. We encourage you to join us in cheering on the children and making the day memorable for everyone involved.

Year Group	Date / Time	Location
EYFS	Monday 14 th July 9:30am – 11:30am	Torridon Primary School
Years 1 and 2	Tuesday 15 th July 9:30am – 12:30pm	Abbotshall
Years 3,4,5 and 6	Friday 18 th July 9:30am – 3:00pm	Whitefoot Lane Playing Fields

Torridon Class 25' – Year 6

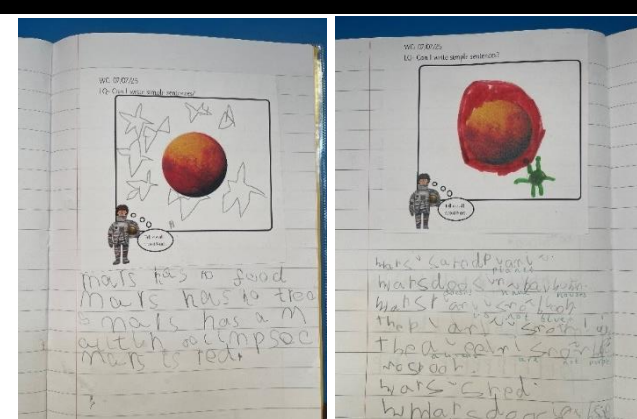


Resource Base – Practice makes Perfect

We have been busy practising for next week's Sports Day. The children have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork as they prepare for a variety of events. It's been wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and building confidence. We are all looking forward to the big day and can't wait to cheer each other on and celebrate everyone's achievement!



Reception – Space



This week in reception, we have been learning all about space. We have learned facts about Mars, the Moon and our solar system. Did you know... Mars is home to the biggest mountain in our solar system called Olympus Mons, it is nearly three times the height of Mount Everest!

Year 1 – DT Cooking

This week, Year carefully followed Lila's instructions to make the most delicious Kenyan curry called Kuku Paka. We chopped all the veggies and added the fragrant spices too. Then we slow cooked it until it was ready to eat. **We enjoyed learning new culinary skills. There was lots of chopping, slicing and juicing involved, but it was worth it in the end!**



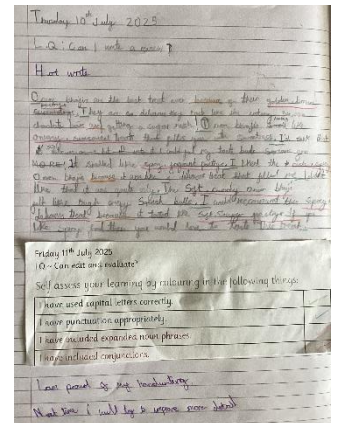
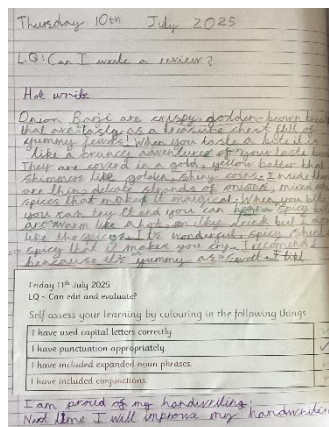
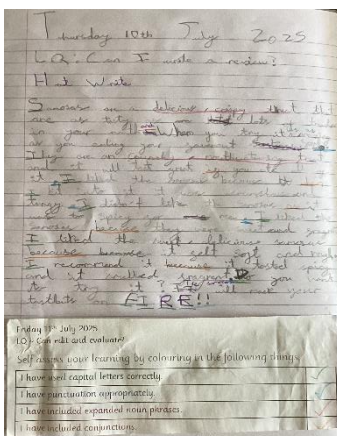
Year 2 – Writing Food Reviews



This week, Year 2 had a go at being food critics! After trying some tasty Indian dishes last week, we wrote our own food reviews filled with exciting adjectives to describe the flavours, textures, and smells. We also used subordinating



conjunctions like because, but, and when to explain our opinions more clearly and add extra detail. From crunchy poppadoms to spicy samosas, we shared what we liked (or didn't!) and why. It was a fun way to turn our tasting experience into some brilliant writing. Take a look at our wonderful learning!



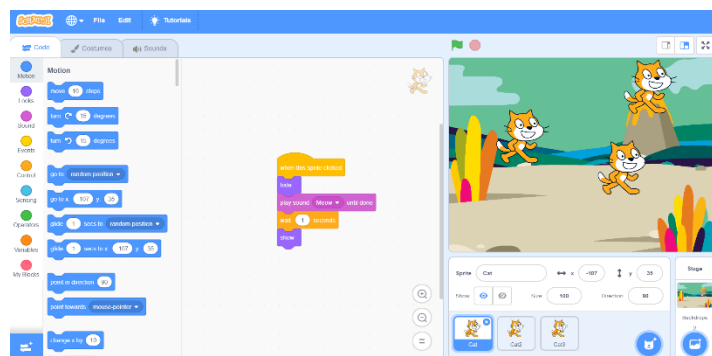
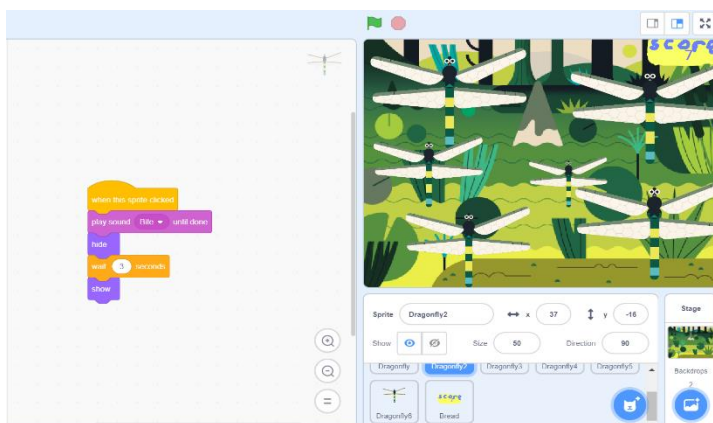
Year 3 – PSHE

To wrap up our PSHE topic 'changing me', we made ribbon mobiles that explored how we feel about growing up. On each ribbon, we wrote about a different aspect of growing up: the changes we will experience, what we will feel nervous about, and what we are looking forward to. We are proud of our creations!



Year 4 – Computing

We have enjoyed making our very own games using the coding programme called Scratch. To make our games, we entered code to make our sprites (characters) appear and disappear. We also added code to make them make a sound when they disappeared. Some of us, even made our very own code to include a scoreboard.



Year 5 – Taster day at Trinity Church of England Secondary School

This week, year 5 had the opportunity to have a taster day at Trinity Church of England School. They were all very excited to be secondary school students for the day and were fully engaged with every lesson. They tested the pH of household solutions in science, learnt trampolining skills and tricks in PE and were able to perform a short routine at the end of the lesson. They also created a musical piece as a class in music, where many of our talented musicians were able to show off their skills and impress the music teacher, and they made a delicious couscous dish, many of which were so good, that they didn't make it back to school.

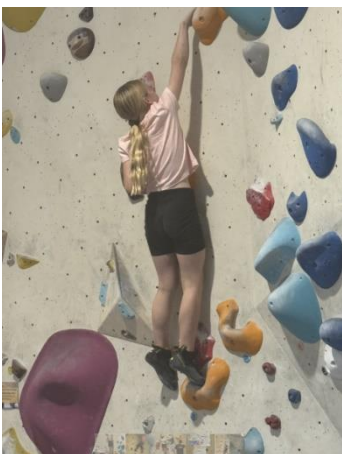
The experience has answered a few of the questions some of the children had about secondary school and has made it less of a 'scary' transition.



Year 6 – Bouldering and Pre-Production



This week, the rest of the year 6 students went to Rhyno Boulder for their final Reward trip. They spent the day learning to climb and also visiting a nearby park to enjoy the lovely weather and have lunch. Year 6 have also been very busy preparing for the production next week. They have been making props and helping to get the stage ready.



Royal Opera and Ballet Create Day

Well done to Year 6 who took part in Create Day 2025 this week. The project culminating in a series of online workshops and a celebration performance in school to Year One children. The creative activities were based around the right to play and the professional work "Covenant" by Crystal Pike using dance, prop making and song to build upon ideas.



Forest School Summer Camp

We are very excited to announce that Kelley, our qualified Forest School Leader plans to run a 2-week summer camp in our woodland this summer!

Places will be limited to 30 and can be booked daily or weekly. Places are available for children, Reception-Year 6.

Camp will run from Monday 4th August- Friday 15th August 2025 at 10am-3pm.

Our daily rate will be £40 per child (£30 for children eligible for pupil premium funding). Childcare vouchers are accepted.




Children should bring a packed lunch.

Children will spend their day outside in our woodland embracing nature. Each day there will be free play, den building, tree climbing, team games, stories and songs, craft activities, tool work, campfire snacks.



Booking is NOW available on your child's PARENT PAY account. Please confirm dates required by email to: admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	96%		3A	93%		5C	94%	
1N	98%		3G	98%		5L	98%	
1W	97%		3S	96%		5V	97%	
2S	93%		4K	97%		6A	96%	
2SW	86%		4L	99%		6L	87%	
2E	99%		4S	91%		6R	96%	

A big well done for the classes who have won the attendance cup this week. Next week will be your last chance for your class to win the final attendance cup!

Forest School News



We finished our Forest school term this week by toasting marshmallows on an open camp fire.

17 campfires and close to 500 marshmallows toasted! It was the perfect way to round up yet another amazing year in our woodland.



We spent time reflecting on our time at Forest School by sharing our favourite moments throughout the year. We shared our love for tree climbing, newt catching, river creations, wood chopping, den building, lighting fires, minibeast hunting and playing with our friends.



We are so proud of how far Forest School has developed in the last 3 years and would like to thank the teachers for embracing the elements, the parents and carers for ensuring the children are dressed appropriately but most of all every single child who has enriched each session with their imagination, creativity, teamwork and kindness.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 14 th July	Nursery and Reception Sports Day – 9:30-11:30
	Year 2 and Year 4 Street Dance workshops
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day - 9:30-12:30
	Reception Stay and Play
Wednesday 16 th July	Transition morning to meet new teachers
	5.00pm Year 6 performance
Thursday 17 th July	9.00am Year 6 performance
	Year 3 and Year 5 Afro Beats and Lindy Hop workshops
Friday 18 th July	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day – 9:30 – 15:00
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 leavers' party
	Resource Base Forster Park picnic
Tuesday 22 nd July	9.00am Year 6 leavers' assembly
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Summer Term (2pm finish)
Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET DAYS
Wednesday 3 rd September	First day of the autumn term
Monday 8 th September	9.00 Year 1 welcome meeting for parents and carers
	2.45 Year 2 welcome meeting for parents and carers
Tuesday 9 th September	9.00 Year 3 welcome meeting for parents and carers
	2.45 Year 6 welcome meeting for parents and carers
Wednesday 10 th September	9.00 Year 4 welcome meeting for parents and carers
	2.45 Year 5 welcome meeting for parents and carers



Oracy at Torrington

We are currently in our second year of the Talk Matters Project to support children's oracy at Torrington, and what a year it has been!

In classrooms, we have been working on the quality of our partner talk by using Round Robin, Rally Robin and Timed Pair Share. These strategies mean that every child gets the opportunity to speak and share their ideas. We have then extended the quality of our discussions by either agreeing, challenging or building on to what our peers have said.

Outside of the classroom, some children have been taking part in Talk Boost interventions to help them with their language and attention and listening skills.

The Talk Matters project has also allowed us to transform our playground by introducing OPAL play. OPAL has meant that children are far more engaged, mix with different ages and work together using their language and team building skills during playtime.

For parents, we have held many workshops with our speech and language therapists including: attention and listening, social skills, language development in EYFS and KS1 and KS2.

We also held wellbeing events so that families could create magical memories with their children to spark engaging conversations. In nursery, we opened up our doors for Share a Story sessions every Friday. We also held two successful Family Film Nights, and we cannot forget our amazing OPAL Playdate where parents got to experience the magic of our playground with their children, and lastly we also had a Teddy Bear adventure to end the year.

It has truly been a successful year and you may have even caught Torrington on BBC News to talk about the project and the value it brings to our children's lives.

We would be very grateful if you could support us by sharing your views on the project by completing a short survey.



Talk Matters

Your school is taking part in **Talk Matters** activities and support to help your child develop their talking and listening skills and improve wellbeing across the school.

Parents and carers
Tell us what you think

We are researchers who have been asked to find out what difference **Talk Matters** makes in your school.

We want to hear from you.

Please scan the QR code with your phone to go to the survey.



The survey will take around 5 minutes to complete on phone, tablet or computer.

The survey is open until the end of the school term.

Talk Matters has been developed by the Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit. They have asked Ecorys to carry out this research. Your views will help your school and others to understand how well **Talk Matters** is working and how it could improve.

Have a question about this research? Email: TalkMattersEvaluation@ecorys.com

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Everyone	For fantastic behaviour during our Teddy bear's picnic. Well done, everyone! 😊
Nursery AM	Everyone	For fantastic behaviour during our Teddy bear's picnic. Well done, everyone! 😊
Nursery PM	Everyone	For fantastic behaviour during our Teddy bear's picnic. Well done, everyone! 😊
Blue Class	Amelia	For always being such a kind and thoughtful friend to others. Well done, Amelia!
Red Class	Marwa	For working hard on her listening and teamwork this week. Great job Marwa – keep it up! 😊
Yellow Class	Ava	For always being kind, helpful and hardworking! Well done!
1M	Sarvan	For being a kind and caring friend! Sarvan is always looking out for his friends and making sure they're okay. He tries his best to cheer his friends up if they're upset. Keep it up, Sarvan! 😊
1N	Mubashir	For his positive attitude towards learning and for being supportive and encouraging to everyone. He is always the first to cheer on others' achievements and it's been wonderful to see him enjoying maths so much and putting great effort and enthusiasm into his writing. Keep up the great work!
1W	The Whole Class	For their fantastic contribution to cooking this week. Everyone used their cutting and slicing skills to cook a dish for the whole class. It was delicious!
2E	The Whole of Year 2	For trying their very best during this week's tricky quizzes. We were so impressed with all of their hard work, determination and resilience! Well done Year 2! 😊
2S		
2SW		
3A	Whole class	For trying your best during assessment week. Well done everybody for your hard work! 😊
3G	Aren and Arif	For their brilliant efforts in computing this week. Keep up the amazing coding! 😊
3S	Logan Hawkins	For showing great maturity towards all of his learning this week. Well done Logan, keep it up! 😊
4K	Fatima	For being an outstanding role model for her peers. Fatima consistently demonstrates exceptional focus and exemplary behaviour at all times. Well done!
4L	Sharviny	for always being ready to learn, putting in 100% to everything she does and having outstanding behaviour.
4S	Christian	For making amazing progress, especially in maths. All through his hard work and effort at home and school. Well done Christian! 😊
5C	Izza	For working extremely hard in her assessment this week, especially in her Arithmetic. Well done
5L	The Whole Class	For being outstanding on the school trip to Holy Trinity. All children displayed our core values! Well done!
5V	Caleita	For consistently producing good quality pieces of learning in every lesson. Well done Caleita. 😊
6A	Sophie	For your enthusiasm and excellence during our performance rehearsals – well done for your efforts.
6L	Hatice	For demonstrating your geometry knowledge and creating fantastic tessellations!
6R	Reis	For demonstrating focus and determination in all of our learning at Forest School.
RB Blue	Naoki	For his great involvement with the wider community, showcased his engagement at the church last week. Well done, Naoki!
RB Green	Jarelle	For always doing his best and for being a role model to the everyone in the Resource Base. Keep it up Jarelle!!

Summer Activities / Camps

KIDBROOKE YOUTH FC

FOOTBALL



CAMP

AGES 5-12

JULY 28TH - AUGUST 14TH
4 DAY WEEKS (MONDAY - THURSDAY)

9AM - 3PM (OPTION OF
4PM LATE PICK UP)

£35 Per Day or £125 Per
Week

Families eligible for free
school meals - limited
spaces available. Email
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more info.



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SUMMER
HOLIDAYS
2025

HAF
MULTI-SPORTS
CAMPS

LEWISHAM LIONS
CENTRE

10AM - 2PM EACH
DAY

FREE FOR FSM
KIDS BUT MUST
SIGN UP VIA
HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
VOUCHERS



HOLIDAY HQ

SUMMER CAMP

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FUN OF THE FAIR

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space

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available at your local
venue through the HAF
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Family Fun Days



A poster for the Fellowship Inn Family Fun Day. It features a sun with 'FREE ENTRY' written inside, a dark cloud with the date and time, and a cloud with the Fellowship Inn logo. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a girl and a boy with balloons.

FREE ENTRY

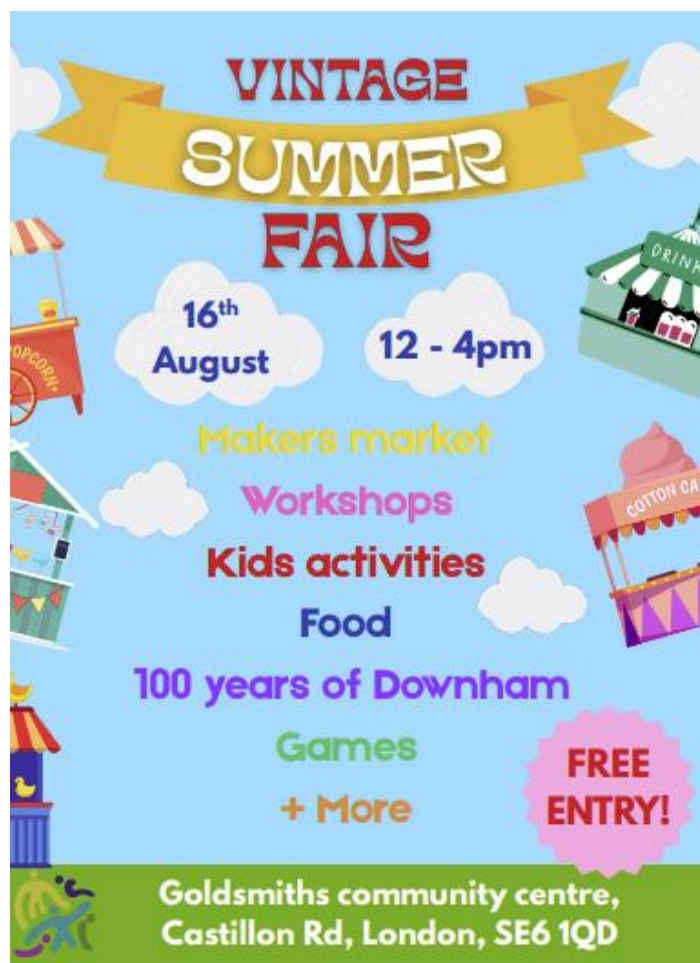
**SUNDAY 27TH JULY
12.00PM TO 18.00PM**

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A poster for the Vintage Summer Fair. It features a yellow banner with the title, a date and time cloud, and a list of activities. On the right, there are illustrations of a drink stand, a cotton candy stand, and a popcorn stand.

**VINTAGE
SUMMER
FAIR**

**16th
August** **12 - 4pm**

**Makers market
Workshops
Kids activities
Food**

100 years of Downham

**Games
+ More**

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