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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year – and what a fantastic year it has been!

This week, during sports week, children have enjoyed workshops for dance, karate, athletics, invasion games and skateboarding. On top of all that, they still had the energy to run, throw, balance, hop, skip and jump on their sports days. Huge thanks to Mike, Whitley and Deme for organising such a great week.

We were treated to a musical extravaganza from the Year 6s as they performed their end of year production – Madagascar. It was lovely to see so many family members in the audience, cheering them on. Well done to the year 6 team for all their hard work in putting the show together.

We will be saying goodbye to some of the team at the end of term. Rid (Year 1 TLSA) will be starting his teacher training in September, Amy (year 3 teacher) will be taking a break from teaching to go travelling and Katherine (admin officer) is retiring. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking them for all their hard work and dedication to Torridon and to wish them all the very best for their next adventures.

This year, the children have worked so hard and have made such fantastic progress in their learning. The staff team have done an amazing job creating a fun-filled and exciting curriculum packed with trips, workshops, experiences and performances to make the learning irresistible! I am so proud to be the headteacher of such a diverse, creative and caring school.

I want to thank you for your ongoing support for your children and our school. It is an absolute pleasure to work in partnership with you and I look forward to continuing to do so in September.

Have a wonderful summer!

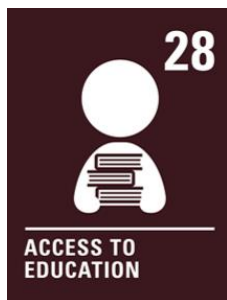
Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



Rights Respecting – Article 28



In our Rights Respecting Assemblies this week, we explored Article 28, which states that every child has the right to an education. As we reflect on our year and look ahead to our new classes in September, we discussed how school helps us stay safe, make friends, and gain the skills to help others. It was a great reminder that education isn't just a right—it's a powerful tool for life!

Outstanding Achievements



Yasviny and Sharviny have been awarded special trophies and certificates for completing maths challenge activities at their Saturday school.

Arthur achieved a distinction in his grade 1 piano exam.



Krishiga achieved a merit in her grade 1 violin.

Tyler-Rae has been awarded an English Scholarship at Harris Girls' Academy Bromley, starting this September. She had to write a short story about discovering a magic door that wasn't there before and stepping into a new or different world. In confirming her place, the school said her story showed great imagination, adding:
"...it is this creativity and imagination that we think makes her a perfect fit for the English scholarship programme."



Huge congratulations to all of you for these fantastic achievements.

We are extremely proud of you all!



Torridon Class of 25 – Year 6

TORRIDON CLASS OF 25 LEAVERS DISCO

*Mon 21st July
5-7pm*

*Year 6 Tickets
£4.50 Parent Pay*

Refreshments included.

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Message From The Chair of Governors

Dear parents and carers,

Well, here we are at the end of another school year! I hope you have plans in place for a well deserved break and a good rest over the summer. It feels to me as if this year has flown by, and the governing board has continued to work with our fantastic senior leadership team to monitor progress and look at how we can improve the school for our community through our committee meetings (covering Teaching and Learning; Children, Families and Communities; and Resources) and regular governor visits.



School staff have done an amazing job this year supporting all of our young people to achieve their best, and we continue to see really impressive results across the school, not least amongst our Year Six students who have worked tremendously hard to achieve an excellent set of SATs results this year. I will have the pleasure of speaking to all of our Year Sixes at their leavers' assembly next week (genuinely it is the best part of being Chair of Governors!), and I'm looking forward to letting them all know how proud the school community is of their hard work and what they have achieved. And it is not just our leavers who should be proud - in every year group we are seeing our children make great progress and achieve strong outcomes.

Making sure our children achieve their best is the focus of everyone working at the school, and it's important to acknowledge the brilliant work all of our staff do. Our wonderful teaching team and the learning assistants across the school work incredibly hard, as do our fantastic premises staff and the team in the office, who all do so much (often unseen) work to keep the school running smoothly. The governing board is grateful to all of Team Torridon for their amazing work which has meant we have been able to continue to improve our offer to our community, with wrap-around childcare going from strength to strength and amazing improvements being made to the playground in support of our OPAL play initiatives.

Looking ahead to next year our biggest challenge remains the ongoing financial pressures the school will need to weather. It takes careful financial management to ensure we can find enough money to properly maintain our premises, and make strategic improvements to the school site. We're really excited that over the summer our reception and nursery areas will be getting a much needed makeover, and we will also be refreshing our ageing IT facilities. When we all return in September I will be in contact with you all again about opportunities to support the work of the governing board as parent governors. I'd encourage you to consider if your skills and experience can help the current governors in their ongoing work to support the school as it goes from strength to strength.

Thanks to you all for your support this year, and to those of you for whom this is the last newsletter you'll get from the school - thank you for being part of the Torridon Community - don't be a stranger!

Wishing you all a great summer.

Levin Wheller - Chair of Governors, Torridon Primary School

Resource Base –What a Week It's Been!



It's hard to believe we're already at the final full week of the school year, and what a busy one it's been! The children have been amazing, taking part in all sorts of activities.



Everyone got involved in their Sports Days and gave it their best—well done to all!

A huge shoutout to Year 6 for their brilliant performance of *Madagascar*—you were fantastic, and we're so proud of you.

We've also had street dancing, karate, and loads of other fun things going on. What a great way to wrap up the year!



Reception – Creative Arts

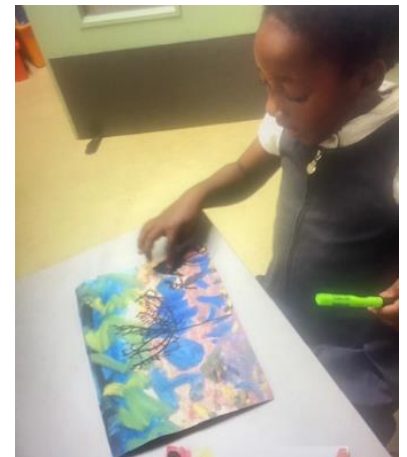
This term, Reception have had so much fun using their vivid imaginations to invent performances in Dance during our topic 'Where in the world'. Thank you to our amazing creative arts team who have put in so much effort to ensure the children's creativity is put to great use. Take a look at their moves!



Year 1 – Kenyan Art



This week in Year 1, we experimented with different art media to create our own traditional Kenyan art. We used watercolours to create the background, and designed our own drawings on top.



Year 2 – Science

This week in Science, Year 2 brought their micro-habitat designs to life!

After learning about what animals need to survive—such as food, water, shelter, and the right conditions—we used natural materials from the playground to build a microhabitat suitable for our minibeasts. We thought like scientists, considering how each element of our design would help support the minibeasts that might move in.



Take a look at some of our brilliant creations...



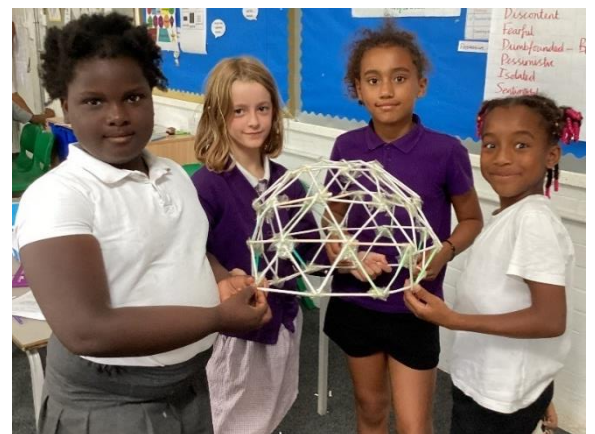
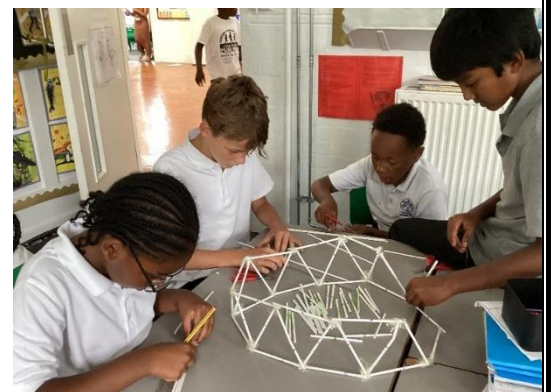
Year 3 – Skateboarding

Year 3 were lucky enough to have a skateboarding pro visit Torridon to teach us some top tips and tricks on the board! Working in groups of three, we supported each other to feel confident with balancing and changing direction on the board. With a bit more practice, we'll be doing ollies in no time...



Year 4 – Design and Technology - Structures

We put our engineers' hats on and worked in teams to make geodesic domes. We used our maths skills to measure and cut two sets of paper straws at different lengths. We colour coded them so that we didn't get missed up. We then created triangle shapes using the straws. Afterwards we connected the triangles using sticky tape. We created our geodesic domes and we were really proud of them!



Year 5 – Workshops

This week has been a very busy week. On Tuesday we had a crash course on skateboarding and yesterday we all moved to the beat during our Afrobeats workshop. We are so incredibly grateful for these opportunities and will forever remember the experiences.



Year 6 Production

This week, the year 6 children demonstrated their excellent singing and acting skills in front of the whole school as well as parents and carers. It can be daunting speaking in front of large crowds, but the children rose to the challenge and put great effort into channelling their characters to produce an entertaining performance. Year 6 teachers: "Well done year 6, you continue to make us proud!"



Dance Workshop



We were incredibly fortunate to have two visiting dance artists this week working with Year 2,3,4 and 5 as part of sport and dance week. Natasha Khamjani and Leon Hazelwood worked with our dancers through folk, street dance, Lindy Hop and afrobeats styles. It was an opportunity to work with professional choreographers and experience different dance genres.



Sand Volunteers






A huge thank you to our parent volunteers came to Sandhurst School to help Kelley and Tom shovel, load and unload 6 car loads of sands twice on Thursday. A special mention to Libby(4K) and Edith(1M) who kept helping, even when the heavens opened and we got soaked!

The sand collected has been added to our OPAL PLAY and Nursery sandpits. We are so lucky to have such an amazing community who are always willing to help. Thank you so much!



Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance_		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	92%		3A	98%		5C	90%	
1N	99%		3G	93%		5L	95%	
1W	95%		3S	89%		5V	95%	
2S	94%		4K	93%		6A	93%	
2SW	94%		4L	99%		6L	90%	
2E	95%		4S	88%		6R	91%	

A big well done for the classes who have won final the attendance cup this week!

Dates for Your Diary

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

Year 1 Teddy Bear Adventure

Last week, we enjoyed a lovely teddy bear adventure inspired by the story "Whatever Next!" by Jill Murphy. We created a wonderful story box as well as our own teddy bears! Just like Baby Bear, we went on a moonlight adventure and brought the story to life with our story boxes.

One of the highlights was when the children and their families created their own story boxes, filled with props, books, and imaginative ideas to continue the adventure at home. It was wonderful to see the children playing and learning alongside their families, laughing, chatting, and making special memories. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us. Your enthusiasm and support helped make the day truly magical.



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	Nataniel	For showing fantastic skills during sports day. Well done, Nataniel! 😊
Nursery AM	Theophilus	For showing brilliant skills during sports day. Well done, Theophilus 😊
Nursery PM	Harith	For showing amazing skills during the sports workshop. Well done, Harith! 😊
Blue Class	Whole class	For their amazing sense of friendship and teamwork throughout the year and for being the kindest, most hard-working pupils. Well done, Blue class!
Red Class	Whole Class	For all their hard work and enthusiasm in reception, we know you will all thrive in year 1. Good luck, we are so proud of you!
Yellow Class	The Whole Class	We could not be any prouder of you all! You have grown so much and we know you will be amazing in Year 1!
1M	The Whole Class	For all your enthusiasm and fantastic learning this year. Well done 1M, you should all be very proud of what you have achieved. Best of luck in year 2! 😊
1N	The Whole Class	For your enthusiasm for learning, your determination to keep trying even when things get tricky, and your kindness to one another. You've supported your friends, tackled challenges with big smiles, and made our classroom a joyful place to be. Keep being the amazing, caring, and curious learners you are!
1W	Erin	For her fantastic independent learning in writing this week; re-reading her learning and editing with her purple pen, all on her own. Keep up the great effort Erin!
2E	Myles	For showing fantastic focus and enthusiasm during carpet sessions this week. It has been lovely to hear him share his thoughtful and insightful ideas. Well done Myles! 😊
2S	Ja'Nae-Lee	For her friendly and kind manner in the classroom! You are such a wonderful friend and role model to your peers. Well done for always pushing yourself to achieve your best too! Well done Ja'Nae-Lee 😊
2SW	Samrawit	For always giving 100% effort in all of her learning and for being so kind and supportive towards her peers. Well done Samrawit, keep it up! 😊
3A	Whole class	For all your enthusiasm and amazing effort this year. Well done 3A, you should all be very proud of what you have achieved. Good luck in year 4! 😊
3G	Whole class	For the fantastic learning you have done all year. You should all be very proud of your efforts! Good luck in year 4 😊
3S	Whole class	For the amazing learning you have done all year. Well done for your positivity and enthusiasm. Keep being fantastic in year 4!
4K	Whole Class	Well done for being a fantastic class. I wish you all the best as you get ready for year 5. Remember, you can do all things if you believe!
4L	Whole Class	For your enthusiasm, spirited energy and effort this year. Good luck in Year 5!
4S	Aadhiran	For showing great sportsmanship, staying positive and showing lots of encouragement to your team on Sports Day. Also, for being so helpful tidying up all the rubbish at the end. Thank you, Aadhiran 😊
5C	Whole Class	For being such an incredible class this academic year. Keep striving for excellence, believe in yourselves, and continue reaching for the stars. I'm so proud of all you've achieved—well done!
5L	Henry	For settling well into 5L this week and making an excellent start at Torridon. Well done! 😊
5V	Whole Class	For such an amazing year. You should all be so proud of the progress you have made this year. I sincerely wish you all the best of luck for year 6. :)
6A	All of Year 6	You have excelled during your time in year 6 and should feel very proud of your efforts. Keep up the fantastic work in secondary school!
6L		
6R	Simeon	For demonstrating excellent resilience and sportsmanship on Sports Day. Well Done 😊
RB Blue	All of Green and Blue Pathway	Well done for a fantastic year of learning. You have worked so hard.
RB Green		

Parenting Courses

The Triple P group – Positive approaches to Parenting, is a face-to-face programme for parents and carers of children aged 2-10 years old. It is a broad-based parenting intervention where parents actively participate in a range of exercises to help manage their child's behaviour.

The sessions are delivered over six-eight weeks, and they involve: four group sessions, which last two hours each, and also three individual phone consultations to assist parents with independent problem solving whilst they are practicing skills learnt from the sessions.

What is covered in the group sessions?

- Session 1: What is Positive Parenting - Why children behave as they do
- Session 2: Helping children develop good behaviour and preventing misbehaviour. Encouraging
- Session 3: Strategies for managing misbehaviour
- Session 4: Planning ahead for challenges and high-risk situations
- Sessions 5-7: 1:1 session to support the use of new positive parenting strategies and review goals.

Triple P Parenting Course



Come and learn positive new techniques for managing common issues at our 6 week Triple P group. For parents and carers of children 2-10 years.



- Do you find yourself repeating instructions to your child?
- Does your child say "No" when you ask them to do something?
- Is their behaviour sometimes difficult for you to manage?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then why not attend our next course for support, tips and new ideas?

How can I access this Programme?

You can make a referral yourself or a professional can make a referral.

To discuss the programme or a family you wish to refer, please email Family.Hub.Referrals@lewisham.gov.uk or visit

[The Hub@Lewisham - Accessing support services](#)

When?

**Thursday 25th September to Thursday 16th October
Followed by 2-3 week of check-in calls
4:00pm-6:00pm**

Where?

**Bellingham Family Hub
109 Randlesdown Road
Bellingham
SE6 3HB**



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