



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## THAT WAS THE TERM THAT WAS

The children of Torriano have danced, performed, campaigned and baked their way to the close of this half term. They have certainly 'made their mark' in the school and beyond.

We continue to be overwhelmed by the commitment and generosity of our school community. The children's campaign for UNICEF Day For Change 2014 has raised an astounding £1667 so far; exceeding our target amount to fund an emergency school. Proceeds from the wonderful Valentines Tea today will also go to the appeal. It is wonderful that the children have made a significant step towards supporting this worthwhile campaign.

This week some of the children visited the 'Imagine Festival' at the Southbank Centre. Year 5 took part in the exciting Story Slam Live event. Competing against 10 other schools from across London. Oscar Berg (5CL) came runner up out of 600 entries. He performed his story 'Invasion of the Pigeons' in the Royal Festival Hall, before a huge audience, in a gripping final. His selection of vocabulary to create a gruesome yet comedic scene, coupled with an economy with words, impressed the judging panel hugely. We are all very proud of his achievement and the high quality story writing produced by the year 5 children.

Pupils from across the school also attended Children's Question Time event at the festival. They were able to experience a live debate, involving national figures such as Kate Hoey MP and Michael Rosen. Year 5&6 pupils also performed brilliantly at The Place during the Camden Dance Festival this week, entertaining audiences with their Bollywood dancing.

Parents' evening was well attended this week with many parents contributing to the Active Spaces consultation. There is also an opportunity to give your views during the Valentine Tea in the bottom hall today after school. Thank you also to those parents who attended the reading workshop with Miss McGarva yesterday. She will be holding further workshops on reading for Y5 and Y6 parents and spelling for all parents next half term.

Congratulations to the whole school community as attendance continues to improve with an overall total of 96.3%. A special credit to our long reigning attendance champions 3VB, who have won the attendance and punctuality award yet again.

We hope you have a restful half term break.

Bavaani Nanthabalan & Helen Bruckdorfer

## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 4th March—World Book Day

Friday 14th March—Red Nose Day

Monday 17th-Friday 21st March

Science and Engineering week

Thursday 3rd April—Eggshibition

Thursday 3rd April—Spring Tea

EASTER BREAK School finishes Friday 4th April

School opens Wednesday 23rd April

## £1667 SO FAR

A huge thank you to everybody who has contributed towards the school's fundraising efforts during the week of Day for Change. Children and families gave both their time, energy and money to this worthwhile cause and we are thrilled to have raised this phenomenal sum.

Together we have made our mark!



WELL DONE OSCAR



## WORLD LEADERS

Delegates from all across the world were in London this term to find out the latest in education technology. Our Year 5 pupils spent a fantastic day sharing the way we learn here at Torriano. Pupils oozed confidence as they impressed education leaders with their knowledge and understanding of digital technology.

Well done Year 5. We are all extremely proud of you.



## MATHS CHALLENGE

On Friday 10th January, a squad of four year 6 pupils competed in the Camden Primary Maths Challenge at Eleanor Palmer along with 9 other schools. The day consisted of maths challenges over six different rounds combining speed, fast recall, logic and team work. It was a fun day for all and time flew by. At the end of the competition Torriano finished in fourth place. Well done to all that took part and special thanks to Eleanor Palmer for being super hosts.



## MOVE YOUR BODY

The School Tri Fit challenge began this term in stomping style. As well as learning about healthy diets our personal trainer has introduced us to aerobics and much fun has been had. Next term year 6 will be grabbing hold of the dusters and stretching the rip-cords!

**If parents are interested in trying the Tri-Fit Challenge themselves please contact the office for details of classes running in the Gatehouse next term.**



## BUILDING A HEALTHY SCHOOL

Our Mini Health Champions are having a huge impact on life at Torriano. They are spreading the word about healthy lifestyles to everyone and ensuring that every child knows what a balanced diet is. Since January Torriano has been a Water Only school and our packed lunches are now probably the best in Camden. Well done everybody!



## MARATHON WOMAN

Catrina will be running the Brighton Marathon on 6th of April and raising money for CCHF. They provide holidays for children aged 7-11 who are unable to go away. These holidays help recognise their potential and develop their confidence in the safest possible environment.

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