

Parent/Carer Survey Autumn 2015 Results



Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys school.	67%	32%	1%	0%
The teaching is good at Torriano.	67%	32%	1%	0%
The curriculum at Torriano inspires my child and enhances their learning.	57%	41%	2%	0%
My child is making enough progress at school.	45%	53%	2%	0%
The school informs me about my child's progress.	39%	57%	4%	0%
The school helps me to support my child's learning.	46%	48%	6%	0%
The school keeps my child safe.	64%	35%	1%	0%
If I had a safeguarding concern, I am aware of who to share it with.	50%	40%	9%	1%
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle.	53%	44%	3%	0%
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.	46%	49%	5%	0%
The school places a high value on physical education.	46%	49%	5%	0%
The school meets my child's particular needs.	50%	46%	4%	0%
The school is led and managed effectively.	58%	38%	4%	0%
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns.	39%	58%	3%	0%
The school makes sure my child is well prepared for the future.	51%	47%	2%	0%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at school.	66%	34%	0%	0%



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We end the half term in great 'spirits', following yesterday's particularly spooktacular Halloween Bake Off. A scary amount of cake was on show and then hastily consumed by so many of our families, whilst Earth Kingdom was invaded by ghouls, zombies and witches! This event followed a most entertaining evening at the TORRICA Trivia Quiz last Friday. A huge thank you for all your enthusiasm and generosity and to the newly-formed TORRICA, who have successfully hosted two terrific events in one week.



The children have worked extremely hard and we have all had much to share and celebrate, with two wonderful performances from KS1 this week. Year 1 entranced parents with their super powers as they swooped and danced their way across the hall. We were also fully entertained by year 2, who sang and performed their stories brilliantly to so many parents and carers. Please check out the school website for some lovely pictures of all events.

This half term has been marked by the overwhelming participation and encouragement of the school community. Careers Week was a great success, with a record number of parents sharing their knowledge across the school. Our first shared Parent's Evening and Structured Conversation meetings were also very well attended. Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed our survey. You will find the results on the back page of this newsletter. This is an important exercise to help us understand what we are already doing well and to also provide a clear direction for improvement. We are incredibly encouraged with the positive feedback received from parents and carers. A great start!

Next half term we have planned a wide range of workshops to help you support your child's learning. Maria Lewis, the Family Support Worker, is available to help you choose appropriate workshops. Information regarding the Safeguarding Officers is attached to this newsletter.

Finally we wave a sad goodbye and a big thank you to Tapia Timbou, who leaves us to pursue her career in safeguarding.

It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your children better. Wishing you a well-deserved and restful half term and may we remind you that we return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Bavaani Nanthabalan
Executive Headteacher

Helen Bruckdorfer
Head of School

Since the former Junior and Infants schools came together in early September your school leaders have been busy laying the foundations for a coherent organisation that would be able to provide an excellent education to every child. Bringing together organisations with different cultures is not an easy task. The staff in both the Infant and Junior buildings have worked very hard to improve teaching and learning for the long term, while carrying out all their daily duties in the normal way. They are coming together as a team, and that makes me very proud. I am grateful to every single member of staff for the hard work and dedication they have shown over the last six or seven weeks. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking them for their efforts and in wishing them a very well-deserved half-term break. Also my best wishes for a resting and energising break to all pupils and parents. And thank you for your support during the very first weeks in the life of our new Primary School. The support of our parents and children is one of our strongest assets.

Luca Salice, Chair of Governors

Weekly Coffee Morning Drop-in

All parents and carers are invited to our weekly coffee morning drop-ins starting after half term! Come along for a cup of coffee and meet other parents from across the whole school. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will also be present once a month for you to speak with. More information to follow.

Wednesday 4th November - SLT Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18th November - Coffee Morning

Ted & Earl's Attendance Results

Our Target: **96%**

KS1 Attendance: **95%**



Well done to **Swans** for getting **98%** & to **Swans & Mallards** for having the fewest lates.

KS2 Attendance: **98.6%**



Well done to **4AW** for getting **100%** and to **3RO** for having the fewest lates.



Parent Reader Volunteers Wanted!

Would you like to become a parent reader in the school? Can you commit to a regular weekly time slot? If so, please speak to Maria Lewis after half term for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

In Nursery this week, the children have enjoyed getting dressed up as different characters from stories and imaginary tales. They shared with the class what they had dressed up as, and enjoyed playing in the nursery as different characters.



Reception children have been exploring 'dough gym' in the mornings. They stretch, twist, roll and squeeze the dough to music to help develop their finger strength and fine motor skills. This is a new experience and it has proved to be lots of fun for both the children and the teachers!



Year 1 visited the local fire station this week. They enjoyed trying on the fireman's helmet, watching the firemen slide down the pole, and using the hose.



Mallards and Owls have been busy preparing for their performances with Juwon. They created backdrops in the playground and made their own headdresses to wear. The performance on Thursday was a huge success with both classes acting and singing their hearts out!



This week, year 3 visited the CLC to learn all about coding. The children had the chance to build Lego models with moving parts. Using the WeDo coding program, they programmed their Lego models to move and make sound!



This week, year 4 put their scientific skills into action and explored reversible changes. They made ice cream to understand how liquids can change states through cooling. Children worked carefully to ensure they conducted a fair test and had to keep a close eye on the changes as the temperature dropped.



Year 5 enjoyed a busy week at Torriano, with a spooky science lesson being the highlight! They extended their knowledge of forces by exploring friction and planning a science experiment with force meters and sports shoes. Did we mention that we did all of this in our Halloween costumes?



Year 6 were fortunate enough to take part in a workshop called Meaning in the Mud this week. They learnt about the legacy of World War One through stories, artefacts and poems from Sassoon and Brookes, amongst others.

