

## Clothes Swap

**Tuesday 15th March**

As part of STEAM in KS1 (year 1 & 2), there will be a clothes swap event where the children can bring in any unwanted clothes, that are still in good condition, and can swap them on Tuesday 15th March with other donated clothes.

If you have any children's clothes that you were thinking of getting rid of or donating, keep a hold of them until March.

## Parents' Evening Booking System

The school's new online appointment booking system for parents' evening can be accessed here: <https://torriano.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

**Appointments can be made from Thursday 25th February and will close on Thursday 3rd March. Please note they are allocated on a first come first serve basis.**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already booked appointments. If you have had any problems with the system or would like support with using it, please come along to the drop in session taking place in the **Community Room on Monday from 9.15-10.00am.**

If you have a child with Special Educational Needs (SEN) you will have a structured conversation meeting instead of parents' evening. A separate letter will be sent to you next week to choose a time for this, please do not select a parents' evening appointment time.

## Children's Flower Society Competition

Any EYFS & KS1 children who entered the Flower Society Competition last term must bring their entry in for judging first thing Monday morning!



## Don't Forget! The Big Change Drop Off Friday 13th May

We are still collecting change as part of the Day for Change 2016 campaign. If you have any loose change, please place it in the bucket in the school foyer. Thank you to all those who have donated so far!



## The Torriano Makateenies



The sign of the week is *forget*.

Don't forget to look on the school website to see one of the Makateenies demonstrating the sign of the week (link below).

<http://www.torrianojun.camden.sch.uk/news/sign-of-the-week-forget-2/>



# Parent Update Newsletter



**Spring Term 2016: Planet Under Pressure**

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We have returned from half term refreshed and ready for STEAM with our '**Planet Under Pressure**' project launching this week. Children across the school will be exploring sustainable ways of living on our planet and the changes we need to make in our community. Recruitment for the **Torriano Sustainability Task Force** is underway and the children are busy in workshops, museums, gardens, laboratories and rehearsals in preparation for the **exhibition on the 18<sup>th</sup> March**. Save the date!



We are extremely proud to have been awarded the **Healthy School's London Silver Award** for our continued efforts to improve the children's health and well-being. Colleagues from Jamie's Kitchen Garden Project visited us this week and were very impressed by our Earth Kitchen, gardens and the children's burgeoning culinary skills.

It is **World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March** and we will celebrate the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth** with a multitude of exciting reading activities to help us discover and enjoy Dahl's fantastic stories. Of course we will **all be dressing up** as our favourite characters and both staff and children will be sharing books across the school. Please look out for the **WBD letter in book bags today**. We hope you can join us to take part or support your child in some way.

The Nursery and Reception children have been enjoying their new grassed area this week. It has been lovely to watch them rolling and tumbling on the soft green grass and using the play structure to hide and crawl under. Access to the new library area from the Key Stage 1 playground has also been improved and a new gate between the KS2 and KS1 playground allows the children to see each other during playtimes. They are really enjoying the new conversations and friendships!

We look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening on the **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March**, when there will be an opportunity for you find out about your child's progress and share your ideas and views to support further school improvement. This term we are trialling a new online booking form with the aim to improve efficiency and reduce use of paper. If you require any support with using this system or have any queries please contact Maria Lewis the Family Support Worker, who will be available to assist you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen Bruckdorfer  
Head of School

### Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 29th February	EYFS & KS1 Children's Flower Society Competition
Tuesday 1st March	Acland Burghley Dance Show
Wednesday 2nd March	3RO Class Assembly
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4th March	Year 3 at Celtic Harmony

### Ted & Earl's Attendance Reminder

Don't forget, the whole school attendance target is **96%**.

Every class has the chance to collect a token for every day that all of the children are in school. Ted and Earl are also on the lookout for those children coming to school on time. We now have 3 punctuality clocks in the playground to help us! Can you beat the clock in the morning? Will your class overtake the current reigning champions? Remember, it takes a whole class to reach attendance goals.



### Athletics Champions!

Torriano were represented by year 5 and 6 children at a Camden indoor athletics event this week. They all performed superbly, winning all of their races bar two!

A massive well done to all who took part. It was a good warm up for the summer athletics competition.



Visit the school website to see a video of the team in action!

### Upcoming Workshops for Parents & Carers

#### Year 2 SATS Morning

Tuesday 15th March, 9.15am

#### Year 1 Phonics Morning

Wednesday 16th March, 9.15am

More information to follow.

If you have any questions, please see Maria Lewis.



Nursery children have been enjoying the new outdoor area. They are so excited to see beautiful green grass! They have been running, rolling and jumping on it. Come and have a look at it in the EYFS outdoor area.



Reception

This week, Reception got a fantastic new home corner in their class. They have been working together and discussing what they can add to it, and how to look after it. They started by hanging their home corner rules on the wall.



Year 1

Year 1 have been busy mathematicians this week, learning how to multiply. They have been using different equipment, such as arrays, to help them work out the sums.



Year 2

On Tuesday year 2 went to the Union Chapel to watch and perform in a concert with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and other London schools. As well as singing, they got to watch the OAE perform pieces and try their hand at conducting the orchestra. A great trip and learning experience for all.



Year 3

Year 3 have begun writing non-chronological reports for STEAM. They have been exploring light and light pollution and thinking about how we use and misuse light in different parts of the world.



Year 4

Year 4 have been embracing their STEAM project of renewable energy this week with an exciting trip to the National Grid Energy Centre. There they discovered how London is trying to become more sustainable by using more renewable energy sources. They also explored an example power tunnel to see how electricity is sent around the city deep underground.



Year 5

Year 5 have been using the 'I Can Animate' app to turn photos into moving clips. The animations ranged from hungry whales to erupting volcanoes! This skill will be used as part of their STEAM exhibition, where they will be using red clay to create animations showing a human colonisation of Mars.



Year 6

This Friday year 6 had a trip to the Science Museum to learn more about recent innovations in science. They also looked at new approaches to sustainability. Just in time for STEAM!

