

## Parents' Evening Survey - Spring 2016 Results

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Following my parents' evening meeting, I am clear about my child's progress.	81.6%	18.4%	0%	0%
The school helps me to support my child's learning at home.	65.5%	34.5%	0%	0%
If there were opportunities for parents and carers to be involved in school, would you be interested in taking part?	25.3%	60.9%	12.6%	1.1%
There are good communication links between home and school.	54%	46%	0%	0%
I have been well informed about the changes that have taken place following the merger last term.	50.6%	43.7%	4.6%	1.1%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at school.	70.6%	28.2%	1.2%	0%

If you did not complete the survey and would like to do so, please email [torrianonewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:torrianonewsletter@gmail.com) and the survey link will be sent to you.

The Torriano  
**Makateenies**



The sign of the week is same.

Don't forget to look on the school website to see one of the Makateenies demonstrating the sign of the week:

[www.torriano.camden.sch.uk/news/sign-of-the-week-same/](http://www.torriano.camden.sch.uk/news/sign-of-the-week-same/)



## Parent Update Newsletter



### Spring Term 2016: Planet Under Pressure

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With STEAM just around the corner, the whole school has been busily preparing for the exhibition next Friday, which we think will be our best one yet. Every year group has been taking part in lots of activities and working with many different visitors to get us thinking about how our planet is indeed under pressure.

The children in Nursery and Reception were sad to hear about all of the trees that are chopped down to make all the paper we use, so they decided to save the trees and make their own paper. Reception children even recorded their very own song, which they hope will educate others about how to recycle paper and turn it into bricks. We don't want to give too much away; you'll have to visit the exhibition to find out exactly how they did this.



Year 1 and 2 worked with TRAIID, learning about how clothes can be re-used, recycled or even up-cycled. They decided that a clothes swap would be a really fun way to reduce clothes waste, so come along to the **clothes swap taking place next Tuesday after school**. They've also been making their own creations out of recycled materials, including bags for life which will be on sale at the exhibition next Friday, please come along and buy one to help stop the damage caused by plastic bags.

Year 3 have been learning about light pollution which is caused by too many people putting on their lights. One of the side effects of this is that it can disrupt natural cycles and animals get very confused. We can even see much of the effect of it from space. During the exhibition we will be explaining in more detail the consequences it is having on our planet.

Year 4 have been busy working with the Wellcome Trust, investigating different energy, such as solar power, wind power and hydroelectric power. They will be showing you the importance of reusable energy during the exhibition.

Year 5 have been thinking to the future. They have been working on animations that show the Mars One mission in action which will hopefully be taking place in 2026. We are treating our planet so poorly, that we have to think about how we would colonise another planet if we were to move there one day.

Last but not least, year 6 having been thinking about what we will be eating in the future. They have discovered that if we do not take care of our bees, we will no longer have pollinated plants. This will affect the amount of fruit and vegetables that we can grow and subsequently affect our diets.



Overall, it has been a very busy week for everyone at Torriano. We invite you all to come along to our **STEAM exhibition on FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016, 2PM-5PM** to learn more about our **Planet Under Pressure**.

We hope to see you there!

**The Torriano Sustainability Taskforce**



### Ted & Earl's Attendance

Our Target: **96%**

KS1 Attendance: **96.7%**

Well done to **Swans** for getting **99%** and to **Kingfishers** for having the fewest lates.



KS2 Attendance: **95.6%**

Well done to **4SD** for getting **98.6%** and to **4AW** for having the fewest lates.



### Upcoming Parent & Carer Workshops

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9.15am**

SATs Workshop, Year 2

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 3.45pm**

SATs Workshop, Year 6

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 9.15am**

Phonics Workshop, Year 1

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9.00am**

Tapestry Workshop, EYFS & KS1

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 9.15am**

Reading Workshop, Year 2

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 9.15am**

Maths Workshop, Year 3 & 4

**Thursday 21st April, 28th April & 5th May**

Nursery 'Soundabout' Sessions, 2.45pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 9.15am**

Maths Workshop, Year 5 & 6

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 9.15am**

Reading Workshop, Year 3 & 4

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9.15am**

Reading Workshop, Year 5 & 6



### Secondary School Offers

**Deadline - Tuesday 15th March**

Last week, children in year 6 received their secondary school offers.

**All offers must be accepted or declined by the 15th March 2016.** In order to do so you must login to your admissions account at:

[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

To access this account you will require the username and password that was emailed or text to you when you initially applied.

**Failure to accept or decline an offer will result in the offer being withdrawn.** Once an offer has been accepted, you will still be able to place your child's name on a waiting list for another school.

If you require any support with this process, please arrange an appointment with Maria Lewis.

**September 2016 Reception applicants will be informed of the result of their application on the 18th April 2016.**

Nursery



Nursery have been using paper pulp to make their own paper. The children enjoyed exploring different colours and textures. They have been using rollers to squeeze the water out of the pulp. They are excited about the next stage when they will be using their own paper.



Reception



This week, Reception discovered some interesting items in their class. They discussed what they could be and why they were there. The children thought they were left behind by the Three Little Pigs. Watch this space to find out what happens next!

Year 1



Year 1 had an exciting visit from Nana, Linus' mum, this week. She spoke to the children about how to repair, reuse and recycle their clothing. **Don't forget, as part of STEAM in KS1, there will be a clothes swap event on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March!**



Year 2



As part of STEAM, year 2 have visited the Skip Garden in Kings Cross. The garden highlights the necessity of sustainable development and allowed the children to see how various day to day items can be reused and repurposed.



Year 3



Year 3 have been busy developing one of their exhibits for STEAM. Using Adobe Slate on the iPad they have been putting their own spin on non-chronological reports. Their exhibition will definitely 'shine' some light on a global issue.



Year 4



On Tuesday, Year 4 were visited by the Wellcome Trust. Working in pairs, the children designed and made a wind sock. They tested them in the playground to find out where the best place might be for a wind turbine. This got them thinking about how to harness natural energy.



Year 5



Year 5 have been working with an incredible duo, Tanya Motie and Andy Gilbert, to create their own TV news report about the proposed 2026 MARS ONE mission. The film will take centre stage in year 5's STEAM exhibition and will take you 10 years into the future to discover what it might be like if humans manage to colonise Mars.



Year 6



Year 6 have been exploring the impact of climate change, focusing in particular on the effect of flooding on farmers in Bangladesh. They have been designing and constructing 'Floating Fields' as a way of combating these devastating floods.

