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It has been a pleasure watching the children taking advantage of the glorious sunshine in our playground 'kingdoms', EYFS outdoor area and gardens this week. Mud pies and stew were on the menu in the new EYFS mud kitchen as the reception and nursery children have been busy preparing feasts and washing up in their own butler sink! Thank you to Mr Grant and Jo the gardener for their excellent craftsmanship.



The children have started the Tiny Seeds Project with Wahaca this week. They aim to grow some super-hot chillies, lemongrass and a range of vegetables for cooking in the Earth Kitchen. This supports our **healthy school initiative**, which was launched successfully in KS1 this week. **From Monday the entire primary school is a water only school.** A letter with details of the programme and associated workshops for parents can be found in book bags.

Today we **celebrated Mother Earth Day**, the first day that countries can sign the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, with a viewing of the Film Club's fantastic '**Penguin's Journey**' made in collaboration with **Into Film**. It has a poignant message from the children about action against climate change and how collectively we can make a difference. You can watch the film on the school website.

We are in the process of designing a **new logo** for **Torriano Primary School** and will be gathering the ideas and views from the school community. Today children from across Key Stage 1 and 2 took part in a workshop in the Art shed with Mr Grant and designer, Tom Brooksbank, to learn about the purpose of a logo and communicate their views and ideas. We are offering parents the opportunity to participate on May 4th as part of the SLT coffee morning. We will also be holding an evening workshop too (date TBC).

I am sure that you are aware of the recent Government White Paper, Educational Excellence Everywhere, and particularly the key policy which plans to turn all schools into academies by 2022. I would like to inform you that Camden Council has voted in opposition of this proposal. The governing body has currently no plans to convert to an academy and is working closely with new Camden School Led Partnership. A group of Camden parents have set up an organisation called Rescue Our Schools which can be found via this link <http://www.rescueourschools.co.uk/>.

Finally we sadly say goodbye to Sarah Blackman, School Business Manager. Sarah has been part of the Torriano team for 13 years and will be greatly missed by children, staff and parents. We are extremely grateful for her extensive contribution to the school and wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours.

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen Bruckdorfer
Head of School

Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 28th April, 9.15am	Year 3 & 4 Parent Reading Workshop
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 4th May, 9.15am	SLT Coffee Morning - New School Logo
Thursday 5th May, 9.15am	Year 5 & 6 Reading Workshop
Monday 9th May	KS2 SATS Begin
Wednesday 11th May, 9.30am	4SD Class Assembly
Monday 23rd May	KS1 SATS Begin
Wednesday 25th May, 9.30am	3JH Class Assembly
Wednesday 25th May - Friday 27th May	Year 5 Residential Trip
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term Holiday - School Closed

Ted & Earl's Attendance Results

Our Target: **96%**

KS1 Attendance: **95.8%**

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

KS2 Attendance: **96.4%**

Well done to **5MW** for getting **99%** and to **4AW & 5VB** for having the fewest lates.



After School Playground Use

During this summer term we will extend the closing time of the school grounds until **4.30pm**. The EYFS area will remain open until 3.45pm and then parents will have access to both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Please ensure that you fully supervise your children to ensure their safety, leave all play equipment in good order and collect all belongings. News about the **Summer Energy Club** provision will be released shortly.

The Torriano

Makateenies



The sign of the week is *girl*.

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

Nursery



Nursery's learning question for this half term is 'How does your garden grow?'

The children enjoyed planting sunflower and tomato seeds. They will be learning about how to look after their plants and help them grow.



Reception



This week, Reception have been on a nature walk around the school. They visited the pond where they found tadpoles and noticed that there were plants growing out of the pond as well as on top of it.



Year 1



Year 1 have been busy exploring the theme of friendship this week. The children had to create their own friendship recipes and had the opportunity to put them to the test with a special visit from Reception children.



Year 2



This week, Ruth from the London Fire Brigade visited year 2 to teach the children the importance of fire safety. They acted out scenarios and located hazards. The children enjoyed learning the rhymes to keep them safe in case of an emergency.



Year 3



Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Kew Gardens on Wednesday. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to be immersed in all the different fauna and wildlife on offer. They took part in a workshop about how the bees perform their pollination waggle!



Year 4



Year 4 have been using their scientific enquiry skills to find out what liquids cause the most teeth decay. After planning a fair investigation, the children carried out their experiments by placing hard boiled eggs in sealed jars of coke, milk, water, vinegar and orange juice - ask us which one caused the most decay next week!



Year 5



Year 5 have begun their Tiny Seeds Project. The children worked with Jo to prepare their seeds for growing, using sustainable pots! They will be growing a range of fruits and vegetables, including beansprouts and lemongrass, which will eventually be used for food technology lessons in the Earth Kitchen.



Year 6



Year 6 have been learning about what the Earth looked like millions of year ago. Scientists believe that about 250 million years ago, a supercontinent known as Pangaea existed. This supercontinent was made up of all the continents on Earth. The children had to cut up an image of the Earth and try to piece together the continents into Pangea.



'Soundabout' Sessions

Nursery

Thursday 21st April, Thursday 28th April
& Thursday 5th May, 2.45pm

This will be a three week special Stay & Learn for Nursery. The sessions will help you to support your child's listening skills and phonics at home with songs, rhymes and instruments. Come to all three to receive **a free copy of a rhyme book and a mini bag of instruments.**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the first session, we hope you and your child enjoyed it!



5 Week Phonics Course

Reception & Year 1

Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30,
April 20th – May 18th

In preparation for the **year 1 Phonics Screening Assessment**, Reception & year 1 parents and carers are invited to this free 5 week phonics course run by Camden Adult Learning.



It will provide you with a chance to find out how phonics is taught and how to support your child at home. The workshop will be run by Mary O'Neil, Parent Academy Tutor, and will include **free home resources!**

Reading Workshop

Year 3 & 4: Thursday 28th April, 9.15am
Year 5 & 6: Thursday 5th May, 9.15am

The workshop will focus on how the *Torriano Detective Agency* and effective questioning can support children with key comprehension skills.

Part of the session will involve reading with your child to try out some practical ways that you can support their reading at home.



Women Only Workout

Would you like a **fun, free workout?** Then come along to the Women Only Workout (WOW) hosted by Rachel Berg **every Thursday @ 9.15 – 10.15.**

The classes will help you:

- Tone your body
- Strengthen your joints
- Increase energy levels
- Stretch & relax
- AND have a great time!

Parking Notice

It has been brought to our attention by the police and members of the local community that people are parking across the entrance of the Torriano Estate, blocking access to it and obstructing the pedestrian crossing. We kindly ask that you refrain from doing so when dropping off or collecting your child from school. Camden parking officers and community police will be present in the area to prevent this from occurring and ensure the safety of the children and the local residents.