



Parent Update Newsletter



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It has been a truly glorious start to the new academic year at Torriano primary school. It has been wonderful to enjoy the warmth of the September sunshine and watch both children and the school community reunited in our Earth and Cloud Kingdoms. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new nursery and reception children and their families to the primary school at this exciting time. All staff have worked extremely hard to help the children settle into the new term. There is a calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school with new inviting book corners being creatively constructed in all classrooms.

Next week we will be launching our first whole school project when we will join children around the globe to participate in the **World's Largest Lesson 2016**. It focuses upon using creative superpowers to meet the Sustainable Development Goals. Look out for further information and the parent homework task next week!

The children have been creating their new class charters across the school, learning about the rights of the child and agreeing how we, at Torriano, should support each other and learn well together. **The Rights Respecting Council** is currently recruiting for the new council of 2016-17. Elections take place in KS1 and KS2 next week. All children are invited to stand for Council representative and exercise their right to be heard.

On Monday you will receive a letter regarding **parent governor elections**. There is a vacancy for a parent governor position and we hope that there will be significant interest in serving on the Governing Body of Torriano primary school.

We are very excited to be hosting the **Camden Schools Daily Mile** event next Tuesday, which will be attended by The Mayor of Camden and Camden Councillors. The event aims to promote this initiative to schools across Camden. Jack Holmes will be sharing best practice and the success of the Daily Mile last year at Torriano.

You should have received your **curriculum letter** today explaining the key areas of learning this term. To support this you are invited to attend **'meet the teacher'** events next week, where you can find out further information about the curriculum, expectations for home learning and school events this term. We hope to see you there! Information from the meeting will also be made available on the school website.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and look forward to working in close partnership with you.

Helen Bruckdorfer

Headteacher

Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 19th September, 3.40pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 3 & Year 4
Tuesday 20th September, 3.40pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 22nd September	Year 4 Trip - British Museum
Thursday 22nd September	6W Trip - CLC
Friday 23rd September	Year 2 Trip - Museum of London
Friday 23rd September, 3.40pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 5 & Year 6

Ted & Earl's Attendance

Target: 96%

We are looking forward to achieving record-breaking attendance this year. The children will be collecting their attendance tokens and Ted and Earl are on the lookout for those children coming to school every day, on time. Can you beat the clock in the morning? Will your class overtake the current reigning champions? It takes a whole class to reach attendance goals. Are you up for the challenge?



Secondary School

Application Deadline

The deadline for secondary school applications is **Monday 31st October**. If you require support with the application please book an appointment with Maria Lewis next week. The online application can be accessed at www.eadmissions.org.uk.



Meet h Parents

Tuesday 20th September,

6.00pm

Acland Burghley, Holloway, Parliament Hill & William Ellis

Meet the Parents aims to help you find out more about the secondary schools in the local area. This event will be an opportunity for you to ask questions to a panel of parents and children from a number of local secondary schools. The panel will talk about their experience of the transition from primary to secondary school, and also their time at secondary school so far. We hope to see many of you there.

Nursery



Nursery have had a fantastic start to the year. The staff have enjoyed meeting the children during the drop-in sessions and home visits. We look forward to working closely with our new families to ensure a happy start to your child's school life.



Reception



Reception have been settling into their new classrooms and exploring the outdoor area. The staff and children have been getting to know each other with name songs and games. We look forward to seeing you all next week!



Year 1



This week in Year 1, the Cantalowes Cats and the Serpentine Swans have been inspired by the superheroes in 'Superhero ABC' and have created their own superhero city. What famous landmarks can you spot?



Year 2



Year 2 have been discovering interesting facts about the Great Fire of London. The children used drama to retell the story of its disastrous start on September 2nd 1666 and the events that followed.



Year 3



Year 3 settled in very well and have been busy writing their class charters and learning about the Torriano Detective Agency. They have become very astute at reading between the lines already.



Year 4



Year 4 have been stepping back in time 2500 years to Ancient Greece. The children have been using their TDA skills to hunt for clues about how the characters in Theseus and the Minotaur and Odysseus felt, and then performed their favourite scenes to the rest of the class.



Year 5



Year 5 have been busy exploring some of the descriptions in Beowulf and creating their own descriptive profiles of Grendel. In maths, they have been learning more about place value and getting to grips with multiplication facts.



Year 6



Year 6 have settled in well to the new routine. In maths this week the children have been exploring negative numbers and decimal numbers. They have been using Esther Mate's skills when positioning numbers on a number line.



Parent Academy

Wednesdays, 9.30 - 11.30 (Infant Building)

Parent Academy returns to Torriano this term and it is open to **parents and carers of children in years 1 – 2.**

A qualified Parent Academy tutor (Mary Folan, Camden Adult Community Learning) will run weekly English & Maths classes (10 week course). The classes will provide parents with the information they need to effectively support and enhance their child's learning.

Fun, ready-made home activities will also be available for all parents and carers to use with their children.

Light refreshments will be available and free childcare will be provided by qualified crèche workers. The first class is on Wednesday 5th October 2016. For more information, please see Maria Lewis.



WOW Fitness

Thursdays, 9.15 - 10.15

(Gatehouse)

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!



Free ESOL Class

Thursdays, 1.30-3.30

(Gatehouse)



The Working Men's College will be running a free ESOL course at Torriano Primary School for all parents and carers. The course aims to improve English language skills. It will focus on speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Registration for the course will be on Thursday 22nd September, from 1.30pm.

Please bring your passport (or National ID card/Home Office Document) to register for the course.