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Issue 1 | Autumn 2021

It really has been a wonderfully sunny first full week back at school! We have loved welcoming new Reception and Nursery families to Torriano and look forward to more joining us in the coming days. The highlight of our week has been the return of in-person assemblies, with our school halls full of children. Two year groups at a time have been able to come together to celebrate their achievements and remember the Torriano school values. We are particularly proud of our Year 1 and 2 children, who had never participated in a 'real' assembly before. From their first assembly they showed us how they can sit and contribute beautifully as a group. What a start!

Thank you to all those parents who attended the 'Meet the Team' meetings this week. The presentations shown, along with curriculum letters and leaflets, will be sent out early next week, giving you a full rundown of what your children will be learning this term. Reception and Nursery (EYFS) parents will have the chance to attend their own meetings on Zoom, with details to be emailed:

Wednesday 15th September: Reception @ 4pm

Wednesday 22nd September: Nursery @ 4pm

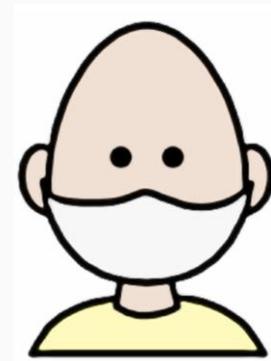
After school clubs will be starting again from next week for children in Year 1 - 6. Carmen and Catriona have been working hard on a full schedule. Please look out for details about the clubs your children have been allocated via an

email. EYFS extended hours are also available for children in these year groups - please contact the office for more information.



We are so pleased to see that **attendance** has risen throughout the week to 96%. Our target for the year is 97% and achieving this is always a real team effort, as we all know that the best place for children is learning and playing well in school. We look forward to an update from Ted and Earl next week as we re-launch our attendance assemblies.

We have published the new **risk assessment** for this term, which has been agreed by the Chair of Governors and shared with the local authority. This can be found online from Friday at <https://www.torriano.camden.sch.uk/school-info/>. We will be in constant consultation with Public Health to ensure that we uphold safe practices at school. Thank you for co-operation with the slightly altered systems around collection and drop off. We would like to remind adults to please wear masks when on school grounds and to follow the one-way systems in place. KS2 parents, you should collect your child and continue around the building to exit at the double gates.





SLT Coffee Mornings and PTA/Governor Meetings

We aim to continue our close partnership with parents and the support for our PTA is hugely important. The PTA are busy planning a schedule of events for this year. The first SLT coffee morning will take place on **Friday 17th September @ 9:30am** and will be for Year 1 - 6 parents (please note the date change). On **Tuesday 28th September @ 9:30am** an SLT coffee morning will take place for Reception and Nursery parents. If the weather is fine we will be able to have these events in the playground in person, if not we will move them online.

Parent Governor Elections

We are very proud of our strong and engaged Governing Board who listen to, challenge and support us. We are excited to announce that there will be a **parent governor election** this half term as there **is currently one vacant position for a parent governor role**. Shortly, you will receive information via Arbor, regarding the upcoming parent governor election. If you are interested in standing for the role, there will be governor advice sessions as part of the process. Dates will be shared next week. **Governors will also be available at the SLT coffee mornings** to explain the role of the governing body.

Have a wonderful weekend,

From Helen and Holly

Diary

Key Dates	Event
13 th September 10am + 1:30pm	After School Clubs begin
17 th September, 9.30am	Year 1-6 SLT Coffee Morning
15 th September, 4.00pm	Reception 'Meet the Teacher'
22 nd September, 4.00pm	Nursery 'Meet the Teacher'
23 rd September, 9.00am	Dr Bike
28 th September, 9.30 am	SLT Coffee Morning
30 th September, 10.00am + 5.30pm	Online Safety Information Parent Workshops
4 th October, 6.30pm	'Meet The Parents' Secondary Transition Meeting)
16 th October, 12.00pm	Torriano & Brecknock Autumn Amble
25th October-29th October	<u>HALF TERM BREAK</u>
1st November	Children return to school



News

Torriano Primary School STEM Lab Hayhurst and Co.

📍 Torriano Primary School, Torriano Avenue, NW5 2SJ

📄 Architect on site

Travel Information

🚇 Nearest tube: Caledonian Road, Kentish Town

🚆 Nearest train: Kentish Town, Camden Road

🚌 Bus routes: 393, 390, 253, 29

Re-modelling of a 2-storey turret atop an existing Victorian school building to provide a science lab for dynamic hands-on experiments, including a CNC-cut internal timber structure, a shiny shingled rooftop extension and a living façade.



Open House

The science lab will be open to the public this weekend as we participate in **Open House on Saturday morning**. Places on the tours, which are led by the architects who designed the award winning space, Hayhurst and Co. Places can be booked on the website link below. <https://openhouselondon.open-city.org.uk/listings/8158>

Parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 1 will soon be offered a tour of the school as we realise many of you have yet to visit inside due to the Covid restrictions of the past year! Look out for more information.



New developments

You may have noticed our snazzy new signage around the school, in keeping with the new school logo. We are very excited to be also working on an updated **Torriano School website!** This will transform our online presence, in keeping with our already buzzing Twitter page (**@TorrianoJuniorS**) and inspiring STEAM 2021 website, showcasing Torriano. We will keep you updated on our progress!



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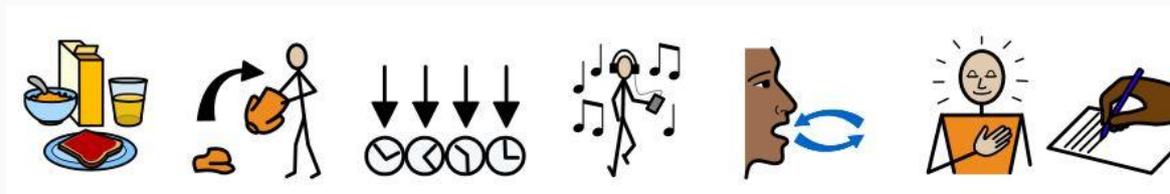
Sign of the Week: School



UNCRC Article of the Week

Article 2

All children have all these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they think, what they look like, if they are a boy or girl, if they have a disability, if they are rich or poor, and no matter who their parents or families are or what their parents or families believe or do. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.



Wellbeing Tip of the Week

Week 1 – Settling back into school

It can be a bit of a shock to the system going back to school after the summer holidays. Whether you're starting school for the first time, starting a new year, or going to a new school; any change can make us feel a bit anxious. How can we make this new start feel less daunting?

- Try and get into a good morning routine, allowing enough time to have breakfast, get dressed and check your school bag without feeling rushed
- If you're feeling anxious in the morning or the night before school, try listening to some calming music and practicing some breathing exercises e.g. deep breath in through the nose, hold it there and then breathe out through the mouth
- Talk to your family about any anxieties you're having. It can be helpful to get these off your chest and to problem-solve together

- Each night, make a list of things you are looking forward to for the next day or in the year ahead, or all the things that went well that day, to remind you of all the positives there are

Starting anything new can feel quite alarming, but take it one day at a time and you'll soon feel more comfortable as you get settled in.



Secondary Transfer

Secondary School - Application Deadline

A letter went out to all parents/carers of Year 6 children this week. This gives details of how to apply for your child's/children's secondary school place.

**The deadline for secondary school applications is
Monday 31st October.**

If your child is applying to Camden School for Girls, they must have registered for the banding assessment by **noon on the 21st September**. If you do not register for the assessment by the deadline your application will not be accepted.

If you require support with completing the application, please book an appointment to see Bernadette Biggs.

The online application can be accessed at :www.eadmissions.org.uk.



Meet the Parents Events for Torriano parents:

The pioneering secondary school transition project, Meet the Parents, is holding an **online event this coming Monday, September 13th, from 6 to 7pm**, to which all Torriano parents are invited. You will be able to ask any questions you wish from a friendly panel of local parents and students at Camden Schools for Girls, Acland Burghley, Parliament Hill, La Sainte Union and William Ellis schools. All year groups are welcome.

Please sign up for free here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mtp-acland-burghley-csg-lsu-parli-william-ellis-tickets-163168905589?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>.

Feel free to submit questions in advance at info@meettheparents.info

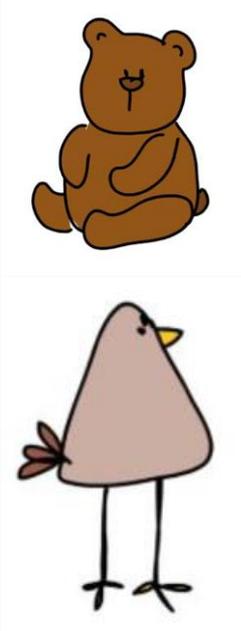
We are also holding our own physical event at Torriano on Monday October 4th from 6.30 to 7.30pm, when you will be able to meet and ask questions of families from our local secondary schools. We strongly recommend these events as a way of filling an information gap between school open days and playground rumours.

Attendance

Ted and Earl are so excited to hear the school bell ringing again each morning. They have been on the lookout for children attending school every day, on time.

Next week, Ted and Earl will be telling the children about this year's attendance challenge and taking nominations for their weekly attendance award. Watch this

space for winners and further information!



Noticeboard

Camden New Town Community Festival

bringing our community together

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 September 2021

Jazz, poetry & "open mike"

3.30pm - 6.30pm

Family Day

12noon - 6.00 pm

in Camden Square Gardens NW1

Festival Parade - arts and crafts - children's activities -
dance performances - Dr Bike - face painting -
food & refreshments - green corner - healthy living tent -
local history - live music - simultaneous chess challenge -
Restart & Sewing workshops - Short Film winners screening -
stalls and information

Picnic in the park

To book a stall, volunteer or make a donation please contact
the Festival Office on 020 7267 9586 or
Email: festival.mlcc@yahoo.co.uk





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