

Nursery Newsletter - Autumn 2016

Welcome!

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Kilmorie. We hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to the happy times your children will have and the exciting events ahead.

We will be busy this term settling new children into the two nursery bases which are new to us all. We have chosen the names 'Moon' for the bigger base and 'Stars' for the smaller. We will be introducing the routines and expectations of the setting and helping your children feel confident to access resources and try new and challenging things. We think very carefully about this process and try to ensure everyone feels secure and happy to come every day.

The weekly staffing in the Nursery is as follows:

Charllyn: Every day

Philippa: Tuesday - Friday

Katrina, Kath and Kali: Every day

Emanuela will cover Philippa most Mondays

Liz Woodland and Elaine will also work in the Nursery every Wednesday afternoon when Charllyn and Philippa have planning time.

Abi will come in to teach music once a week to both morning and afternoon sessions.

Our theme for the first term is 'Settling In' and includes lots of activities that introduce your family and its customs and traditions that will help us get to know you all better. After half term we will be thinking about Autumn celebrations that are relevant to the experiences of our children within the nursery. This will include Christmas so please be expecting an invitation to a celebratory event. After half term the nursery will close on one Wednesday (date to be announced) so that we can have an individual meeting with every parent to talk about their child.

The Nursery Sessions

Each day we will be opening the doors to end the session at 11.35am and 3.20pm to allow parents time to collect other siblings. In the morning we open at 8.45am but during your child's settling in phase, appreciate that some parents may like to drop off older siblings first.

Thank you all in advance for being very prompt at drop off and collection times. However, if you are late, please call the school so we can reassure your child. It is likely they will be taken across to wait in the office.

Family Photo

Please could you supply a picture of your immediate family to go on the wall to make our nursery family tree. If you do not have one or cannot access a printer please email an image to either of the addresses below.
An ideal size is 4"x 6"
Thank you

Our Learning

We strongly believe that you, at home and we, at school, are laying the foundations of all future learning. With this in mind we plan carefully to promote the characteristics of learning set out in the Early Years curriculum and to develop the qualities of 'The Kilmorie Child', which are encouraged throughout the school by all staff. **These characteristics of learning are being respectful, independent, innovative, empathetic and curious learners who can collaborate and cooperate.**

Whilst believing that children learn best by taking account of their current interests, we ensure that we cover all seven areas of the Early Years curriculum, both inside and out, everyday. Focused adult led activities are planned daily. Staff support and extend children in their self-motivated play. Staff will observe, intervene and record progress online which is emailed to you at least termly. We hope to have an email address for all families so that you can view your child's photographic record at home. If you do not receive an email from us before parents' evening please come and speak to us so we can check your details and resolve any issues.

Class Toy

We like to send our class toy home with a different child each week. This is a very popular treat and causes great excitement. The toy will be given out on a Friday so that it can spend the weekend with your child. Please record some of the things you did in the book and return the toy on Monday so that your child can share what they did with the class.

Arrival

When you arrive for your session, please would you help your child find their name and place it in the 'Who is here today?' pocket.

We have set up a library area where the children come in. When you arrive, please help your child choose a new book then put the book bag in the book bag box. **Please only return the book bag when your child has finished reading their current book and is ready to change it.**

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to our cooking fund. It has been extremely useful in supporting your children to do some exciting activities. A new letter and request for this term's voluntary contribution is attached.

And finally.....

- Please make sure that your child wears sensible, easy to get on and off shoes and clothes to Nursery.
- Please make sure that your child's clothes are labelled so that if they get lost we know whom they belong to.
- If your child is going home with someone else, please let a member of staff know. If you forget, please make sure that you phone the school to let us know.
- Please let us know immediately if anyone in the family has Chicken Pox, Measles or other viral illness.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea please keep them at home for at least 48 hours after last signs go.
- If you have any questions/concerns please come and speak to one of us at the first opportunity or email us: chumes@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk or pbadnell@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk