

Nursery Newsletter - Spring 2017

Welcome!

We are now in the second half of the Spring Term at Kilmorie. We hope you are all looking forward to the fine weather and some exciting events ahead.

General Nursery News

Most importantly, Kath has had a healthy baby girl. Mum and baby are both doing well. Thank you all for your various well wishes.

New children have settled well into both nursery bases. Many children will be moving into Reception in September so we will continue to integrate the bases as fully as necessary to accommodate all needs effectively. Please can we ask all parents to drop off and collect punctually - we have a few persistently late families. Good habits are started in nursery, but so also are bad ones! If you drive to Kilmorie, please can you be considerate of our neighbours and not park on their private land, across exits and most definitely not on the yellow zigzags. Thank you for your co operation with this

The weekly staffing in the Nursery is as follows:

Charllyn: Every day
Philippa: Tuesday - Friday
Tracey, 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.

Bean Growing

Your child will be planting a bean at school. We ask that when they bring it home you help them to take care of it, possibly planting it outside or in a larger pot as it grows bigger.

We hope that when it produces flowers and then beans, you might be able to take photos to show at school. We will be observing and measuring some school beans also.

Our theme for the Spring Term is 'Spring' and includes lots of activities that support children's understanding of the world as well as our persistent focus on the development of language. We will use 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as a core story as well as other books about giants and growing, such as 'Titch'. You are all invited to Parents meetings next week when you will be given (later than hoped for) access to your child's online learning journal. You have also received a letter inviting you to a meeting on 15th March to demonstrate ways to assist the development of your child's communication, language and literacy.

We hope to see you at both events.

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.

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, every day. 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. Due to technical issues with our provider, this is still a work in progress, which we soon hope to resolve.

Please can we make you aware that **Nursery has a class page on the Kilmorie website.** This gives you an insight into their learning each week and includes photos, a commentary and details of forthcoming events, as well as useful web links to support learning at home and can be accessed using this link <http://www.kilmorieschool.co.uk/year-groups/nursery/>.

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. If your child will still be with us in September, they are most likely to get their turn then so please be patient.

A Book Bags

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.**

However, some children rarely return and choose books. We suggest that every child should change their book at least once a week in order to be exposed to varied and rich story language.

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.

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