

# KILMORIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

04 November 2022



Dear Kilmorie Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We have had a wonderful week welcoming many of you into our classrooms to see what a day in the life of your Kilmorie Child looks like. We have had some really positive feedback about the events and I know the children have been proudly showing you their great learning.

**Parents' meetings** are taking place over Teams next week. If you are yet to sign up for a slot, there is still time to do so. Please also remember that we are offering meetings over the phone. However, if you are finding both of those options difficult to access please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

**Celebrations:** belated Happy Diwali wishes to all our families and loved ones who were celebrating on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Diwali is one of the most widely celebrated festivals and commemorates the spiritual victory of light over darkness. During the festival, families get together to enjoy food while surrounded by light. This time also represents the start of the new year and the lead up to winter – so a happy new year too!



**Assembly:** Martha led this week's assembly reminding children of the playground rules and expectations. She introduced this by splitting the rules into 'playing safely' and 'playing respectfully'. They discussed the rules and what this might look like in practice.

The second part of the assembly celebrated National Authors' Day. The children thought about what makes a good author; whether they could name the author of their favourite book and shared some of their favourite authors. She also gave the children a quiz, which included showing the children a number of book covers where the author's name was blocked out and the children had to identify who the author was.

**Winter Tales Poster Competition:** there have not been many entries to the competition yet, so FoK have extended the deadline until after the weekend. Make sure you hand your design in to the office **first thing on Monday morning (7<sup>th</sup>)** as Dennis and I will be judging the entries at 9.15am. [Entry rules can be found here.](#)



**COVID rules:** just a reminder that the current rules around contracting COVID are the same as if you have a cold. If your child is not well enough to come to school they shouldn't, but if they are, they should.

As an alternative to calling the school if your child is unwell, you can also email [attendance@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk).

**Individual Portrait & Sibling Photos:** a letter has been emailed today with information about how you can order photos. The 'Individual Portrait Proof-Photo Card' will be coming home with your children today.

**Stranger Danger now known as Clever Never Goes:** our community police officer, Andrea will be visiting all Kilmorie children, from Nursery to Year 6, during the week beginning 21/11/22 for her annual talk about safety.

**School trips and class events:** next week our Reception classes are hosting international events. Parents and carers (as well as our Reception children) are invited to dress up in traditional clothing to come and watch the class act out songs that they have been learning. After the songs the classes would love to share some of their traditional family food.

Today Sarah & Shipra's Year 4 classes visited the Horniman Museum, the children participated in a workshop about Ancient Egypt where they got to handle artefacts (from death masks to a shabti) and started to think like archaeologists.

**Lewisham Foodbank:** this Harvest Lewisham Foodbank has nominated Kilmorie as a dessert donor. They have suggested items such as jelly, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding or sponge pudding. If you prefer to give more general food donations, they would also be grateful for these.



Please bring all donations to the main office - thank you.

## A note from the Chair of Governors:

Dear parents and carers,  
I am keen to keep you informed of what is happening in the school regarding Julie's absence. I want to reassure you that she is recovering well. In her absence Kate remains Acting Head of Kilmorie and is remaining here full time. This will continue until Julie's return. We are very fortunate that we have Kate here to lead the school and this will ensure we have a safe and experienced member of the Kilmorie Senior Leadership to manage our school until Julie returns.  
Best regards,  
Anita Gibbons  
Chair of Governors

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend and if you are involved in any firework displays either public or at home, please remember to keep yourself and your children safe.



Kate

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## Friends of Kilmorie (FOK) News

### FOK Open Meeting – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 – 9pm

We're meeting in the Community Room to discuss all things winter fair. Please do join us – your feedback is invaluable to our planning and we will repay you with wine, beer and prosecco – or a cup of tea if you'd prefer! No need to register, just show up.

### Tea Towels and Festive Cards

Kilmorie tea towels featuring the children's [cute mini portraits](#) [can be ordered here](#). They cost £5 each or £12 for a bundle of 3 and make great mementos or gifts (grandparents love them!). The order code for festive cards will be shared once all of the artwork has been uploaded.

### Amazon Wish List

We've put together a [wish list here](#) of things we need for the winter fair. If you can help by buying an item for delivery to FOK c/o school, it would be hugely appreciated. Prices start from £5.49.

### Donations – Please keep the donations coming!

We need lots of **chocolate, toys** in good condition, **new/unopened gift items, soft toys, children's books, white wool/yarn** and/or **white wool pom-poms**.

Chocolate (no whole nut bars please) must be handed to the class teacher as we're running a class competition. The classes that donate the most by weight will receive a treat for the class to enjoy. All other donations can be left in the donation bins/boxes by the front and back gates.

Thank you!

### Dates for your diary

- w/c 7th November: Y1 to Y6 parent - teacher meetings via Teams (sign up via class Team)
- 8th November: FOK Open Committee Meeting, in school at 7.30pm - all welcome
- 11th November: Y5 Conor's class assembly - class parents/carers welcome to attend at 9:20am
- 18th November: Y2 Kate's class assembly - class parents/carers welcome to attend at 9:20am
- 25th November: Y5 Vicky's class assembly - class parents/carers welcome to attend at 9:20am

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Y1 Butterflies	95.33	99.33
Y1 Ladybirds	98.33	100.00 ★
Y1 Treefrogs	95.33	98.00
Y2 Sarah C	97.04	98.52
Y2 Shona	97.50	97.86
Y2 Kate	92.07	99.31
Y3 Maria & Jane	99.67	97.67
Y3 Joanne	93.00	96.00
Y3 Elis	96.21	97.93
Y4 Rebecca	97.14	96.79
Y4 Shipra	96.43	98.41
Y4 Sarah R	98.41	99.21
Y5 Vicky	97.00	98.33
Y5 Conor	95.71	98.93
Y5 Ayo	96.40	99.60
Y6 Dominic	94.00	97.67
Y6 Nora	98.80	99.20
Y6 Jo	100.00	99.26

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY

One gold star this week - for Ladybirds class. Well done! :)

Have a wonderful weekend.

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

**Lewisham Children and Family Centre** provide support to [help with the cost of living rises](#), including links to websites, information sheets and blog posts.

**Food vouchers** - If you are struggling to buy food and pay your bills, please contact Nicola at [ncann@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:ncann@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk)