

KILMORIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25 November 2022



Dear Parent and Carers,

This week has been a bit of a whirlwind for me as I start to settle myself back into school life. Whilst I am in school every day, I am doing shorter days as I build up my strength and am slowly getting up to speed with things.

This week the **Enrichment clubs** booking went live. I am aware that there were a number of aspects that caused frustration for many. The new system is designed to ensure allocation is fair and equitable to all pupils in the school to have the chance to attend clubs. The original process was not efficient or streamlined enough to cope with the large number of pupils that we now have and it needed to change. However, coupled with the staffing changes in the office, capacity levels were stretched with the launch, leading to teething problems. We appreciate your feedback and will be taking this on board when we meet to review the system and plan further improvements. Whilst we accept that the change caused frustration, I sadly feel the need to remind parents and carers that the office staff team and all employees of Kilmorie school have a right to be spoken to with respect and dignity. We do not and will not accept behaviour such as shouting, screaming or abusive comments in any form; in person, via the telephone or online, and am asking for your support as we develop what will be a far more efficient and fair system.

This week's focus in our **whole school leadership assembly** was International Children's Day. Dennis discussed the history of the day and the reason behind its development. He then discussed the rights of children, emphasising the needs of food, shelter, health, family life, safety and not to be discriminated against. The children contributed well to the discussion, offering thoughtful suggestions and insights.

This week year 1 had an **educational visit** to Leeds castle and Year 2 visited the Museum of London. Do have a read on page two of what they thought of the visit with some great pictures too, showing what a great time they had.

As I came into school today I caught the very end of **Vicky's class assembly**. Fear not! I didn't miss out as I have been popping into the rehearsals and have been blown away with the children's confidence, focus and collaboration, sharing important messages about their learning. It was such a lovely start to my return to school and a wonderful end to this term's class assemblies – Well done Yr5.

Festoon lights – for anyone who has been in school after dark, you will have seen the wonderful festoon lights. They are a permanent install for us to enjoy throughout the year. The lights were paid for by FOK, with special thanks to Nadine Hadden for organising, and to her installation team of parents: Liam, Monica, Lucy, Rob,



Toby, Ian and Alex who came in at the weekend to put them up.

Please do support FOK in the forthcoming **Christmas fair** – the money raised means we can buy items for school. The FOK team's next project is the lost **property shed** which will be installed by the main gate. All lost property items will be collected and placed in the boxes.

Working with our community: Earlier this week we had PCSO Andrea our community police officer, in school working with classes from Nursery to Year 6 as part of our work in keeping children safe outside of school. Do ask your child(ren) about what they have learnt.

Today I have very exciting news - **our new website will go live this weekend!** There has been an incredible amount of hard work going on behind the scenes to ensure that information is more streamlined, easy to find and is an accessible resource for all of our community. The aim is for it to be your first port of call for the majority of information you require. The website address is the same, do take a look, if there is anything missing, do please let us know.

I can't believe that next week we will be in December and with that we start our **Winter Performances**. Please be mindful that even in pre-covid times, performances needed to be booked. For Health and Safety reasons we need to ensure that we do not go over capacity. Unfortunately, Wufoo had a glitch, but I am told this has been rectified and you can now book the up to two tickets per child. This ensures it is fair for all parents.

Welcome: Some of you may have seen a new face in our Office, this is Steph who joined us this week to complete the office team. Do say hi when you see her and am sure you will join me in making her feel welcome.

For those of you coming to make wreaths this evening, I hope you have a lovely, creative time and I look forward to seeing more of you next week in the playground.

Julie

Dates for your diary

- w/c 28th November Winter Performances commence
- 3rd December - 1.30-4.30pm FOK Winter Tales Fair
- 8th Dec - Christmas jumper day
- 16th Dec - last day of term - 2pm finish / 1.45pm for nursery.

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School Trip: What the children liked most...



Leeds Castle - Year 1

- Nico liked going to Leeds castle and liked the maze
- Fabian's favourite part was looking at the Christmas trees
- Sebastian's favourite part was getting lost in the maze

Museum of London - Year 2

- Ada enjoyed looking for things in the Museum. It was so much fun!
- Levi liked the Harry Kane exhibition & being with friends.



Friends of Kilmorie (FOK) News

Raffle Tickets – Children should bring home raffle tickets this week or early next. The draw isn't taking place at the Winter Fair but instead will happen online on FOK's [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) on **Friday 9th December**.

Ticket stubs (the smaller bit) with your name/telephone number written on every one, plus correct money and any unwanted tickets should be returned to the office in the envelope provided **by 9am on Friday 9th December**. Extra books are available to collect from the office / wrap pick up.

Winter Fair Volunteers – FOK have less than 25% of the volunteers they need at the moment – and unless more parents step forward, some popular elements at the fair might not be able to go ahead, including the Secret Gift Room, the Hot Dogs & Mulled Wine stall and several of the children's games. [If you can help on a stall for an hour, please sign-up.](#)

Winter Fair Games Tokens - This year we will **ONLY** be accepting tokens for the children's games (lucky dip, reindeer hoopla etc). Tokens can also be spent on the carousel and chocolate tombola, as well as cash. Tokens will be available to buy during the fair. However, to avoid queuing, we recommend you [buy tokens in advance online here](#) and collect from the office on Thursday (1st) or Friday (2nd). There will be a limited number of tokens available to order in advance – and the cut-off point for ordering is **end of day Thursday 1st November**.

Winter Fair Donations – FOK is still accepting donations of **toys, books, gift items** etc right up to the fair. They also have an [Amazon Wish List here](#) which is mainly for craft supplies to make decorations with the children and for the free craft activities at the fair. More chocolate donations are also needed please – hand directly to the class teacher by **Wednesday 30th November** for your child's class to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Festive Cards – It's not too late to order cards designed by your children if they did them in school (Y2 and up) or at home (Nursery – Year 1). [Search for their name](#) at www.mychildsart.co.uk/order. Username: Kilmorie, Password: RC69qkUH. For every order, Kilmorie receives a commission.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY		
Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Y1 Butterflies	96.00	99.67
Y1 Ladybirds	94.00	99.67
Y1 Treefrogs	94.67	99.00
Y2 Sarah C	95.56	98.89
Y2 Shona	90.00	98.57
Y2 Kate	92.07	99.66
Y3 Maria & Jane	94.83	98.97
Y3 Joanne	97.67	97.00
Y3 Elis	95.67	98.67
Y4 Rebecca	95.00	98.57
Y4 Shipra	90.36	98.57
Y4 Sarah R	94.64	99.29
Y5 Vicky	96.00	99.00
Y5 Conor	93.57	98.93
Y5 Ayo	96.89	99.56
Y6 Dominic	94.67	99.00
Y6 Nora	94.40	100.00
Y6 Jo	94.07	97.78
ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY		

School News

We are coinciding our festive meal with Christmas jumper day on Thursday 8th December. If you would like your child/ren to have the festive lunch - [please register using this link.](#)

Other Items

At Ballers we believe in using sport as a vehicle to drive change. From working with young people from diverse backgrounds to those with SEMH needs. We understand the positive correlation between sports/exercise interaction, and academic achievement. We have teamed up with Lewisham Council in order to provide [free spaces for young people on FSM](#) and also offer paid spaces to those who are not.