

KILMORIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



9 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a whirlwind of with our Christmas performances. Reception, nursery and year 4 children did their performances, getting us all into the festive spirit. I was impressed with the younger children as they have only been in school for such a short time but showed such enthusiasm and confidence. We also had some wonderful performances from the Year 5 & 6 guitar ensemble and our violin ensemble. Thank you to Tim and Marianne for all their hard work this term. Thank you also to Dave for the brass recital the previous week. The Year 4s all showed their fabulous Ukulele skills in today's show. I look forward to the performances next week from Year 1 - Year 3.

New website: I can't tell you happy I am that we are now have a fully functioning brand new website. Already we have had really positive feedback around the ease of using it and the clarity of information in it. If you get a chance, do take a look and feedback is most welcome. Our intention is that the website will be your first port of call for all the information you require. I'd like to draw your attention to the contact us page as there is a list of contact email addresses to ensure your email goes to the right person.



The Christmas fair was again, an amazing success. We would not be able to hold these events without everyone's support and contribution in some way, either before, during or after. The coordination of each member of the Friends of Kilmorie committee is a finely tuned machine, who worked incredibly hard - it is no easy task. Juggling their own lives and families and generously giving many hours to organise these outstanding events. Thank you. You have all also been incredibly generous, I am told we have raised over £6000, smashing last year's total!

Strep A & scarlet fever: A letter was sent yesterday from the local authority, outlining DfE advice along with an information sheet, if you missed it, [you can find it here](#). Please be reassured to help minimise risk, we have maintained an ongoing emphasis on environmental cleaning and all staff are ensuring an emphasis on hand and respiratory hygiene.

Safeguarding: As part of our ongoing support to everyone visiting or those who regularly support the school, we have new coloured Lanyards for easy identification. Staff members (blue), the safeguarding team (green), visitors to the school without a DBS and therefore unable to work with children unsupervised (red) and visitors to school who have a DBS (orange).

The Chocolate weight winners: both classes have chosen an extra wild garden session with hot chocolate and a biscuit. **Treefrogs** class will do their session on Monday (12th) and **Butterflies** will be on Wednesday (14th) they are all very excited about their prize.

Christmas raffle winners: Well done to everyone who won a prize in the raffle draw today. If you didn't manage to catch it live, you can watch the video on FOK's [Instagram](#) or



[Facebook](#) page. Don't worry though - if you've won a prize FOK will contact you. Physical prizes can be collected from the office and e-vouchers etc will be sent to you directly.

As ever, we are indebted to all the business owners – including many Kilmorie parents – for generously donating such an amazing array of prizes and helping us raise money for the school.

FOK Kilmorie Tea Towels: The FOK elves have not been putting their feet up since the Winter Fair as they've been busy folding and packing 700 tea towels! These are being given to class teachers to hand out asap. NB - if you have more than one child at the school, all your tea towels will be sent home with your eldest child.

Christmas Dinner: Originally, we tried to co-ordinate the Christmas dinner with Christmas jumper day, but sadly due to a number of factors we had to change the day of the dinner. We are hoping though, that this has not dampened the wearing of festive colours or clothing. Please can everyone be as festive as possible on Monday. This can be wearing red and or green or even pinning a home made star to a jumper, please do not buy anything especially for Monday.

Teach through drama: in addition to our own performances 'Teach through drama' – an external theatre performance company visited Nursery and Reception, telling the story of the Gingerbread Man. Year one enjoyed a performance of Chinye.



Pre-loved clothes: With the cost of living crisis affecting all of us we would like to hold a children's pre-loved coat and clothes event after Christmas. Items would need to be in good condition clean and ready to wear again.

If there are any parents who could help to organise the event we would be very grateful. [If you are interested please email](#) and Nicola will be in touch. Further information will be sent nearer the time and a date will be confirmed asap.

I hope you are all managing to keep warm and I look forward to seeing you all for our final week of the Autumn term.

Julie

School News

Instrumental lessons - we have limited space in Woodwind, Brass & Drum fun lessons for January. We would like to draw your attention to recorder lessons and to encourage Year 2s in particular to apply. Instrumental lessons will be starting again the week beginning 9th January. [Find out more and apply here.](#)

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New drama class on Wednesday mornings for children in Reception – Year 2. Starting 11th January 2023. [Visit our website for more information and details of how to book.](#)

Lost property - On Thursday 15th & Friday 16th December (at pick up) all lost property from across the year groups will be laid out. This is an opportunity to collect any lost property, any clothes left after 2pm (pick up) on Friday 16th will be bagged ready for donating to charity.

Community News

Urgent Safety Alert issued for Baby Self-Feeding Pillows -

The Office for Product Safety and Standards has issued an Urgent Safety Alert for baby self-feeding pillows and is urging the public to stop using them immediately and dispose of them safely. [Please visit the website for more information.](#)

Munchkins Christmas Camp – at St Dunstan's College in Catford for 5 days from 19 – 23 December (plus a special pre-school camp for younger siblings aged 3-4 years old). We are sure that these camps may provide working parents with some much needed support in the build-up to Christmas! To find out more, just follow this link. <https://munchkinsports.com/christmas-camps/>

Lewisham Foodbank is running low on the following supplies: Long life milk / All tinned basics (not soup) / Tinned meat/fish / Custard / Rice pudding / Toilet roll / toiletries

Wellbeing News

Can we help?

This time of year always puts an enormous strain on families emotionally as well as financially. However, this year we have a number of additional pressures from what is happening nationally and globally. If you are struggling do please reach out to us as we may be able to help.

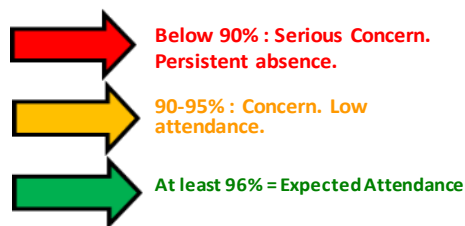
Action for Happiness

Is a registered charity and a movement of people taking action to create a happier and kinder world, together. They have developed [a kindness advent calendar](#) to inspire us all to share some kindness this festive season

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Y1 Butterflies	96.58	99.55
Y1 Ladybirds	97.11	99.89
Y1 Treefrogs	94.86	98.73
Y2 Sarah C	95.36	98.91
Y2 Shona	97.34	99.15
Y2 Kate	94.17	99.56
Y3 Maria & Jane	97.51	98.67
Y3 Joanne	95.95	98.10
Y3 Elis	96.73	98.51
Y4 Rebecca	96.61	98.02
Y4 Shipra	94.70	98.89
Y4 Sarah R	96.57	99.29
Y5 Vicky	96.67	98.56
Y5 Conor	96.51	99.18
Y5 Ayo	94.91	99.55
Y6 Dominic	94.75	98.33
Y6 Nora	95.20	99.81
Y6 Jo	96.24	99.35

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY



Dates for your diary

- w/c 12th Dec Winter Performances continue
- 12th December - Christmas lunch
- 16th December - last day of term - **2pm finish / 1.45pm for nursery.**