

KILMORIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



16 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful last week of term. It started with snow (see photos on page 2), which brought delight and excitement for our children alongside the festive lunch that day. The week continued with festive activities including class parties and the remaining class winter performances. We have had Peter Pan the Panto and an array of festive songs from Years 1-3. I can't tell you how impressed I have been with how the children have performed. Their confidence and enjoyment has shone through, putting a smile on everyone's faces.

Thank you: I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our caretaker Gary, for getting into school early to grit and clear the playground ahead of children and staff arriving. Also thank you to Rebecca and Emily who organised the array of Winter Performances this year – the children thoroughly enjoyed them, as did I.

Another very big thank you to **the Friends of Kilmorie (FOK)** for all the incredible work they do in supporting the school. Not only do they ensure we are able to bring our community together but also raise valuable funds that support us hugely.

So far this academic year, FOK has raised £15,000 from fundraising activities including:

- Big Half (£4811)
- Tea towels (£1336)
- Festive cards (£500)
- Wreath making evening (£548)
- The final two events of 2022 - the winter fair and raffle - raised an amazing £6137 and £1355 respectively

The school has been donated £13,500 which has gone towards:

- £6948 for two new interactive smart boards - one for Butterflies and a mobile one for use in the community room/hall
- £5750 for the school trip and classroom allowance - £150 per class for trips which usually goes towards coach travel and £100 for each class teacher to spend on resources for their classrooms
- £212 for bookshelves for the community room library and storage units for the playground quiet space, which we hope to launch soon
- £600 for a lost property cupboard for the playground

FOK have also contributed to the cost of repairs to a storage building at the back of the school and paid for electrical work to enable the installation of the wonderful new festoon lights, which we will be able to benefit from all

winter.

It has also been agreed with FOK that the fundraising priority for the remainder of the school year remains the upgrade of audio-visual equipment and facilities in the main hall. They are also looking at funding the purchase of some new tablets.

None of this would be possible without the committee working so hard and giving up their valuable time.

Reaching out: Please can anyone who can support us with planning and implementing either the audio-visual, acoustics upgrade in our main hall or with designing and creating our fence art, email either me at headteacher@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk or Benita on sbm@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk and we will be in touch in the new year.

Your voice is important: Last year the parent survey highlighted the need for an overhaul with communication structures. This led us to reviewing, researching and redesigning our website as this is our most important vessel to be able to communicate with our community. We have also redesigned the office structure to have a communications and IT administrator to ensure our communications are streamlined. We are now asking you to again support us with understanding your views on the school and ask if you would spare 5 minutes to complete our [Parent survey](#). If you have children in different phases, we understand that the opinion may be different for each child, but ask that rather than doing more than one survey, you answer with the 'best fit' view. Thank you for your support with sharing your views to enabling us to get a good understanding of what we do well and what we could review and develop.

Celebration: Our Year 6 children wrote and published poetry about kindness for the Apples & Snakes Poetry Competition which is now on display at Catford Library. Thank you to Nora for taking the time to take them there. The work was inspired by our poetry workshop in November from Arji Manuelpillai and by the poem 'These are the Hands' by Michael Rosen. We would love it if some of our families went to see the display at the library - they are open seven days a week.

Beginning of next term: Don't forget Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day. I look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Wednesday 4th January.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone!

Julie

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School News

Instrumental lessons will automatically continue next term for all students who are doing them, there is no need to re-apply. The deadline to cancel was 2nd December. Lessons will commence again the week beginning 9th January.

Wrap will commence from 4th January (when the children return to school).

Enrichment clubs will start w/c 9 January – [more information here](#).

Perry Vale Christmas Tree Lights – Some Kilmore students attended the event, organised by our PCSO Andrea, they festive songs ahead of the lights being turned on. [Read More](#)

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.](#)

Community News

Parking during drop off and pick up

The traffic is really busy on Kilmore road at the crossing where Vancouver intercepts Kilmore. Parents are parking on double yellow lines and it is making it unsafe for parents and children to cross. Please park considerately.

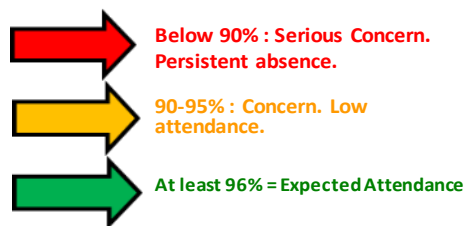
Kilmore School Snow Day Photos



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Y1 Butterflies	91.00	99.67
Y1 Ladybirds	87.33	100.00 ★
Y1 Treefrogs	84.00	97.67
Y2 Sarah C	90.74	96.30
Y2 Shona	86.43	98.57
Y2 Kate	90.69	97.59
Y3 Maria & Jane	91.00	96.67
Y3 Joanne	87.71	99.00
Y3 Elis	75.33	98.00
Y4 Rebecca	83.21	97.14
Y4 Shipra	85.71	98.57
Y4 Sarah R	93.93	97.50
Y5 Vicky	92.67	96.33
Y5 Conor	87.50	98.93
Y5 Ayo	96.02	98.67
Y6 Dominic	93.79	97.33
Y6 Nora	86.40	98.80
Y6 Jo	91.48	98.89

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY



Dates for your diary

- 3rd January – inset day
- 4th January - Children return to school
- w/c 9 January 2023 - Enrichment clubs commence
- w/c 9 January 2023 - Instrumental lessons restart