

KILMORIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



20 October 2022

Dear Kilmorie Families,

We have made it through the first half term! You may be surprised to be receiving a newsletter from us today rather than Friday – it is of course because we have an INSET day tomorrow, so please don't send your child in.

Black History Month: as you know, Dennis launched Black History Month at the end of September with a wonderful assembly. Children in all year groups have been doing extra activities to mark the celebration of our rich and wonderful black history. Here are just a couple of examples:

Reception have been learning about inspirational black people, related to interests and current activities (Tessa Sanderson - athlete, Lonnie Johnson - inventor, Black Panther - superhero). They have also continued to read a range of diverse picture books as they do throughout the year.

In Y3, we used the book 'My skin, Your skin - Let's talk about race and racism'. We also celebrated the work of the local artist - Nathan Bowen and the children drew self-portraits in his style.

There are various activities taking place across the borough including through the half term holiday, do check out the [Black History Lewisham 365](#) web site for ideas of what you could do. There is also a Story Sack session for under 5s during half term- [find out more](#).

Class assembly: Elis' Class performed a wonderful assembly this morning, which was a snapshot of their learning on 'Notes for Living on Planet Earth' inspired by Oliver Jeffers.



Little Wandle Training: thank you to the parents who attended the Little Wandle training this morning. [Little Wandle](#) is the phonics and early reading scheme adopted by Kilmorie. We are keen to have a really joined up approach to reading that is supported both at home and at school in order to support our mission to encourage all children to have a love for reading as we know it is such an important skill. It was lovely to see so many of you here this morning. The session is repeated this evening at 7:30pm on Teams so please do join us if you are able. [Please follow this link if you would like to attend.](#)



Online safety: a reminder to all parents to keep an eye on what your children are watching online. There have been some incidents over the last two weeks where children have been copying what someone has posted on TikTok. This has been offensive to some of our children and so we ask that you are mindful of what your child is watching and copying. Please [see the TikTok guide](#) for parents for any further advice.

Reminders:

- Open classrooms are taking place the first week after half term (week beginning 31st October), it will be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. Please refer to the letters sent out on 4th October for the details of your class open mornings.
- Parent-teacher meetings are taking place the week beginning 7th November, please remember to book your appointment via Teams and using your child's Teams login. **Please note Dominic's Class parent-teacher meetings will be taking place week beginning 14th November.**

- Please ensure you only send fruit for your children to have at snack time. They are not permitted to eat anything else at this time.

Winter Tales Poster Competition - I am very happy to launch the Friends of Kilmorie poster competition. All Kilmorie children are invited to enter a poster competition for our Winter Tales themed fair. The three winners (Nursery – Y1, Y2 – Y3 and Y4 – Y6) will be celebrated in assembly, plus have their designs turned into flyers and displayed in Winkworth's Forest Hill branch window. [Read the entry information here.](#) **Deadline: Friday 4th November.**

Charity support: the school has decided to focus on raising money for two charities per term this academic year. We are aware that there are a number of worthy charities out there, but wanted to choose charities that link in with the learning the children are doing in class. So far this year we have raised money for Just One Tree by wearing green and we will be looking to do some more fund raising for a local charity later in the term. This does mean we will not be specifically taking part in days such as Children in Need. Your child is of course still welcome to come to school dressed up, and you are welcome donate directly if this is something you wish to do.

Baby news: as you may have noticed the wonderful Ashleigh (our assistant headteacher for Early Phase) is pregnant and will be going on maternity leave in January. Her last day will be the January INSET, so the last day you will see her will be the end of this term (16th December). I am really pleased to be announcing that Philippa (Lions teacher) will be stepping up to cover Ashleigh's maternity leave. Philippa is a very experienced teacher and senior leader so we are very lucky to have her to step up. This does mean that Philippa will no longer be the class teacher in Lions Class, but will of course still be supporting the children and the transition to a new teacher. We have employed Irene to cover this period in Lions Class from January and are really excited to welcome her into the Kilmorie family. Next half term, Autumn 2, Philippa will have one day a week out of class to shadow Ashleigh in her role. Shula, current class teacher in Lions on a Thursday, will cover this extra day.

Gardening Day

The team were very productive on Saturday 15th October 2022. They planted bamboo, put a mini pond into the Year 1 gardens, swept around the cage and refreshed the Physic Garden with new pebbles to keep the weeds away. It was a great effort from all who came and really appreciated by the children who enjoy our outside spaces. The Herb Garden, was mulched with pebbles to highlight the different plants. They even split the bamboo, that was growing in the Year 1 Reading Garden, to make new plants.



Frogs

In 2022 for the first time we had frogs grow from tadpoles in our mini pond in the Year 1 gardens. The children loved watching them hop about, it is lovely to see wildlife thrive in our gardens.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful half term holiday. Whatever you are doing, please remember to keep safe!

Best wishes

Kate

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Friends of Kilmorie (FOK) News

Festive Cards - If your child has been sent home with a blue artwork sheet this means that there hasn't been time to do their card designs in school. To take part, do the art at home then hand the sheet back to the class teacher by end of **Monday 31st October** at the latest (artwork submitted after this date may not be printed). For best results, do not fold or crease your paper. Please use bright, bold coloured felt tips or paint. Order codes will be shared after half term.

Kilmorie tea towels – We're hoping to have tea towels this year for Nursery & Reception, Y1 & Y2, Y3 & Y4 and Y5 & Y6. They will be [available to order here](#) from **Monday 31st October until Friday 11th November**.

Estate Agent Boards – If you are able to have an estate agent board outside your property to advertise the Winter Fair, [please fill in this form](#) by Monday 31st October. Winkworth will donate over £1000 if we get 75 boards!

Donations for the Winter Fair – After half term, we need lots of donations of the below items – please, please help if you can:

- **Chocolate** – the chocolate tombola is returning. We need **lots of chocolate** donated (no whole nut bars) and the classes that donate the most by weight will receive a treat for the class to enjoy. Who will emerge victorious this year?! **NB - hand directly to class teacher or it won't count towards the class total!** Please look out for the change on the stall on the day, intended to reduce the queues, but you will still have same chances to win.
- **Secret gift room items** – please have a hunt for new, unused/unopened, good condition items over half term, or add something to your supermarket shop. Toiletries, candles, men's socks, costume jewellery – anything you would like to receive as a gift (no alcohol!).
- **Soft toys** – in good condition, ideally washed and properly dried (please don't send them in damp as they go very smelly/mouldy).
- **Books** – we accept donations of children's books at any time, but we're looking to stock up for a book stall at the fair. Chapter books for older children are especially needed.
- **Children's toys** – why not have a clear out ahead of Christmas? Good quality, complete, working toys only please.



Below 90% : Serious Concern. Persistent absence.



90-95% : Concern. Low attendance.



At least 96% = Expected Attendance

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY		
Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Y1 Butterflies	96.67	99.17
Y1 Ladybirds	97.08	99.58
Y1 Treefrogs	91.10	99.58
Y2 Sarah C	95.69	98.71
Y2 Shona	97.32	99.11
Y2 Kate	100.00	99.57
Y3 Maria & Jane	97.50	99.58
Y3 Joanne	95.42	97.50
Y3 Elis	96.98	98.71
Y4 Rebecca	97.84	98.28
Y4 Shipra	90.63	100.00 ★
Y4 Sarah R	95.54	100.00 ★
Y5 Vicky	92.92	99.17
Y5 Conor	94.20	99.11
Y5 Ayo	98.50	98.50
Y6 Dominic	95.83	97.92
Y6 Nora	89.50	100.00 ★
Y6 Jo	96.30	98.61

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY

School News

Sports enrichment clubs: Children attending sports enrichment clubs should bring or wear sports appropriate clothing.

Bottoms: Shorts/jogging bottoms/running tights/leggings

Tops: T-shirt (short or long sleeved) or other sports top.

Shoes: Trainers with a rubber sole not plimsoles.

Shin pads are needed for Football and Hockey.

For Health and Safety reasons, children who attend in incorrect or inappropriate clothing may be asked to sit out.

Thank you.

Well done to Sarah R's class - 2nd week of 100% punctuality.

Well done to Shipra's class and to Nora's class for 100% punctuality.

Well done to Kate's class for 100% attendance this week. Let's see if we can give out 7 gold stars after half term, once you're all rested after a week off.

Have a wonderful week off.

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Half Term Activities

Pupils are invited to An Audience with Dr Garvey this half term

Dr Julius Garvey – a renowned vascular surgeon and the son of Jamaican civil rights activist, the Rt Honourable Marcus Mosiah Garvey - is visiting the borough, for the first time in nine years, as part of our Black History Lewisham 365 programme. [Book your space here.](#)

Migration Museum - FREE Family Fun Day on Friday 28th October

Discover incredible stories and explore your own personal connections to migration, with a range of [free activities including painting and cross-stitch workshops](#) – suitable for all ages

Half Term Libraries Tour

As part of the Borough of Culture's October poetry creative challenge, Lewisham libraries are hosting workshops in 10 Lewisham libraries from 22 – 30 October for children 7+. [Find out more online.](#)

Crystal Palace Park Trust activities for 5-15 year olds

[Playfall Crystal Palace Park Trust](#) has a range of weird and spooky activities for 5–15 year-olds in the park this October half term.

October Half Term STORY WEEK - for children birth up to 8 years. A variety of workshops and classes - [please book your space online.](#)

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Help for vulnerable residents to stay warm and healthy
Lewisham have their own support package and can offer free help to anyone living in south London who is over 65, on a low income (with a child under 5), or who has a long term health condition or disability. [Click here to find out more](#)

Helping you Combat the energy price rise - join this zoom session for tips and advice. [Click here to find out more.](#)

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

Please remember

- Tomorrow is INSET DAY
- Next week is half term

Dates for your diary

- 11th November - Y5 Conor's class assembly - class parents welcome to attend at 920am
- 18th November - Y2 Kate's class assembly - class parents welcome to attend at 920am
- 25th November - Y5 Vicky's class assembly - class parents welcome to attend at 920am
- w/c 31 October - Y1– Y6 open classroom sessions
- w/c 7 November - Y1-Y6 parent - teacher meetings via Teams (sign up via class Team)
- w/c 14 November Y6 Dominic's Class - teacher meetings via Teams (sign up via class Team)
- Tuesday 8th November - FOK Open Committee Meeting, in school at 7.30pm - all welcome