

# KILMORIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an absolute privilege to be at the helm again this week and I am pleased to be writing to you again about all the fabulous things that have been going on in the school. As always it has been a busy one!

**Visits:** I firstly wanted to say an enormous THANK YOU to all the staff who took the Year 6 children to JCA last week. Being a seasoned 'school journeyer' I know that there is no tiredness like school journey tiredness. It is incredibly rewarding but totally shattering and the staff do really work 24 hours a day.

Class visits have also been taking place this week. Once Monday's rain subsided, the weather was lovely for the trips on Monday and Tuesday when the Year 4s went to Crystal Palace park for a visit linked with their current art project. Two year 5 classes also visited the Royal Courts of Justice today and had a wonderful visit learning all about our judicial system, which links to their topic on Crime and Punishment. Conor's Class will be visiting later in the term.

Also, this week, the Year 3 classes have had educational workshops delivered by One Day Creative, which was linked in with their geography topic on volcanoes and earthquakes. This active-learning, quiz-style workshop encouraged children to use their collaborative skills and allowed them to consolidate the fabulous learning they had been doing in class. The facilitators encouraged them to use their bodies to explore and answer questions.

**Parents' events:** you should all have received information about the **parents' evening** meetings taking place the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please go on to your child's Class Team to sign up for your slot.

Don't forget to attend our **open classrooms** during the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, the Early Phase team will be delivering phonics training to Reception and Year 1 parents in line with our new phonics scheme Little Wandle. It would be lovely to see many of you there.

**Assemblies:** on Monday we celebrated World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow and today we have celebrated Just One Tree Day by wearing green. What a colourful week it has been! In Monday's assembly Simone and Kate M (our wellbeing leads) delivered an assembly which included both of these topics – looking after ourselves and our world!



While showing our support for World Mental Health Day we reminded the children that how they feel matters and what they can do if they need support with their wellbeing. Some of the children shared some quotes from, *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, a beautiful book about four friends who share a series of heartfelt and profound conversations about life and friendship. Children also share their personal experiences of what they have done when their feelings are bothering them.

**Sarah R's** class did our very first class assembly of the year and what an assembly it was! The children sang songs, did dances and recited their many lines brilliantly. It was really lovely to hear about all the great learning they have been doing this half term all about Ancient Egypt. Thank you to everyone who attended it was lovely to see so many people there.

Next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October will be the turn of **Elis' Class**. I hope to see lots of you there too.

**Home learning consultation:** as you may know we are currently reviewing our home learning policy. We would be very grateful if you would complete the short [consultation](#). It should only take about a minute to complete. It will be available until end of the school day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you in advance for your time.

**Secondary Transfer:** A quick reminder for Year 6 parents that the deadline for you to submit your applications for secondary school is **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Make sure you sign up before the deadline as late applications are put to the back of the queue and all applications submitted on time are given priority.

**Pick up and drop off:** I would like to remind you about expectations around drop off and pick up.

At drop off in the morning:

- Only Year 4 – 6 children are permitted to be left unaccompanied by an adult and these year groups go straight to class when the first bell goes at 8:50.
- When the first bell goes at 8:50 children in Years 2 and 3 make their way to the line. This is your opportunity to converse with the teacher if you need to.

At pick up, all children must inform their teacher of who is picking them up for safeguarding reasons. If you see that your child has not done this, please encourage them to do so.

**Changes to pick up person:** Please let the office know in advance of changes to pick up. If you contact the office after 3pm we cannot guarantee the message will get to the teacher in time, therefore the teacher will need to bring your child (& the person collecting them) to reception to check. We hope you understand that we do this as a safeguarding measure.

**Toilets:** I understand that there has been some discussion around toilets this week. I want to inform you that in Year 1 there are unisex toilets; in the playground classroom (Sarah C's) there are also unisex toilets as there is only one; all other year groups have separate toilets for boys and girls.

**Kilmorie staff:** I am sad to announce that next week Gabi will be leaving us next Wednesday as she will be returning to her previous area of employment - media. She is looking forward to exploring new challenges and have a job that fits in well with all the demands of family life. Gabi has thoroughly enjoyed working in Reception for the last few years. I am sure you are all with me in wishing her all the best in her new job and thanking her for all her hard work during her time here. Don't be a stranger Gabi – do come back and visit us.

As you know, Julie has been off this week. I have sent her our good wishes and am pleased to say she is recovering well.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Kate

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## Enrichment clubs for the Spring term

### \*\*New booking procedure\*\*

Details of clubs running for the Spring term will be sent out w/c 14th November.

Clubs will be released onto Parent Pay on Monday 21st November, until end of the school day on Friday 2nd December (and you will no longer be able to book).

You will be required to book and pay for your child's club at the same time. Refunds will not be permitted, so please discuss the clubs with your child prior to booking.

We aim to release as many clubs as possible on the first day however as this is done manually will depend on the workload of the office.

We will not be sending individual notifications for each club; it is your responsibility to check ParentPay to see what is available.

For ParentPay logins or queries, please contact the school office.

## Friends of Kilmorie (FOK) News

**Festive Wreath Making Evening, Friday 25th November 7-9.30pm** - Katie from [By.Me Katie](#) is back to host another wreath making evening exclusively for Kilmorie parents. Tickets are £40, which includes a drink on arrival, festive nibbles and all materials, plus you'll get to take home a beautiful, unique wreath! You can [book your place here](#).

### Christmas Fair Callouts:

- **Santa Search** - Ho ho ho, we're looking for parents to don the famous red suit for an hour in the grotto at the Christmas fair on Saturday 3rd December between 1.30-4.30pm.
- **Storytellers Wanted** - Sadly our amazing Interactive crew aren't able to do their wonderful, immersive theatre experience at the fair this year. As an alternative, we'd love to find some actors, performers, entertainers or storytellers to read traditional winter tales from around the world.
- **Food Trucks/Vendors** - Are there any parents in catering or with a street food business who would be interested in collaborating with us at the fair?

Please email [friendsofkilmorie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofkilmorie@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help with any of these niche requests!

**Save The Date - FOK Open Committee Meeting, Tuesday 8th November 7.30pm** – Join us to hear about our plans for the Christmas fair. More details to follow.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY		
Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Y1 Butterflies	98.33	99.33
Y1 Ladybirds	96.00	99.67
Y1 Treefrogs	94.48	98.28
Y2 Sarah C	97.59	97.59
Y2 Shona	99.29	99.29
Y2 Kate	99.66	100.00 ★
Y3 Maria & Jane	97.67	98.67
Y3 Joanne	95.67	98.67
Y3 Elis	100	98.62
Y4 Rebecca	97.92	98.26
Y4 Shipra	98.21	98.21
Y4 Sarah R	100	100.00 ★
Y5 Vicky	98.67	99.00
Y5 Conor	99.29	98.57
Y5 Ayo	98.40	99.60
Y6 Dominic	92.52	97.96
Y6 Nora	96.80	100.00 ★
Y6 Jo	96.30	99.26

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY**



**Below 90% : Serious Concern. Persistent absence.**



**90-95% : Concern. Low attendance.**



**At least 96% = Expected Attendance**

Well done to Kate Y2, Sarah Y4 and Nora Y6 classes - 100% punctuality - just what we like to see.

Fantastic - well done to all these children - let's see if we can give out 7 gold stars next week and set a new record :)

Have a wonderful weekend.

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

A helping Hand - South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust have produced this [helping hand booklet](#) - for families providing contact details for a range of services including: Housing, Special needs, Things to do, Mental Health, Money & Debt and much more.

## Adult Learning Lewisham Family Learning courses

Lewisham offers exciting classes for you and your pre-schoolers, classes to have fun with your primary school children and some classes just for parents! [Find out more.](#)

## Community News

- **Cranston Community Street - road closed to vehicles.**

Cranston Road (Stanstead Road to Loxton Road) will be closed to vehicles from 2-5pm on Sunday 16th October.

- **Halloween Hoots - Boppin' bunnies**

Come and join Claire for [Halloween Boppin' Bunnies!](#) A morning of music making including our favourite songs with a spooky twist and live musical performances.



## Dates for your diary

- 20th October - Reception & Y1 - Little Wandle Phonics training for parents - am - in school / pm - on teams
- 20th October - Y3 Elis' class assembly - class parents welcome to attend
- **IMPORTANT** - Inset day - Friday 21st October
- w/c 31 October - Y1– Y6 open classroom (please refer to letter)
- 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