

# KILMORIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7 October 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Assembly this week:** Kate led assembly this week around the importance of manners. They looked at how good manners show gratitude, set you apart and make you more likeable and memorable, as well as how people judge you by their first impression and good manners show respect. By practicing basic good manners, we are showing those around us that we respect them and are considerate to their feelings. This makes them feel better, and us too.

**Contact Information:** It is very important that the contact information we hold with respect to your child is always up to date as we regularly send out text messages, emails and letters with important information about your child and school.

We will be sending you your child(ren)'s current contact information; please can you check everything is correct, sign and return, or if anything has changed, update the information on the contact information form and sign and return. All forms need to be returned signed; it is vital you let us know, so we can ensure all information we hold is correct.

**New Fence:** Further to a bid last year, Lewisham have been replacing our falling down fences at both the front and the back of the school. This was originally planned for the half term week; however, it was suddenly brought forward to this week! The front of the school (Kilmorie Road) has been replaced with metal mesh which looks very smart and is more secure. However, it is also rather open and Benita and myself are looking into options to make it feel less exposed. One idea we have had is to create [fence art](#) using the Kilmorie qualities alongside some foliage and we are talking to Eva about options.

**School Trips:** Year 6 have been on their residential this week, which I hear has been enormous amounts of fun and I look forward to catching up with them upon their return. Next week class trips are beginning with Year 4s who will be off on a visit to Crystal Palace as part their art project about sphinxes. Followed by Year 5s (Ayo's and Vicky's classes) taking a trip to the Royal Courts of Justice in support of their Crime and Punishment topic. Conor's class will have this trip in November.

**Monday, 10th October 2022 is World Mental Health Day**, with the theme 'Make Mental Health and Wellbeing for all a Global Priority'. To mark the day, the charity 'YoungMinds' is calling on schools to take part in their #Hello Yellow campaign by **wearing something yellow**, to show young people that how they feel matters, and to help us create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

Mental Wellbeing is a very important part of Kilmorie life and during next Monday's assembly for World Mental Health Day we will be reminding the children of ways they can look after their mental health. There will also be a focus in class during the week on activities that promote positive mental health and inclusivity. We would like to mark the day by inviting all children to wear something yellow into school on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, to promote the message of positivity (it can just be a pair of yellow socks, or a yellow dot attached to their T-shirt). If you want to donate, you can do so direct to [YoungMinds](#).

**Early Years Outside Area:** Archer Landscapes Ltd will be returning to the school w/b 10<sup>th</sup> October to carry out phase 2 of the works for the upgrade to the Early Years outside play area. This will be taking place in the area that currently houses the playhouse and this will be cordoned off from staff and children. During these works, access will be cut off to the door next to the Premises Office, therefore parents dropping off children at the nursery / reception and in the main playground will need to go around using the alleyway.

**Open mornings and parents' evening:** A letter has been sent this week outlining the forthcoming open classroom mornings; these will give you an opportunity to see some independent learning and time for your child to talk you through their books. We are excited to be able to do this and look forward to welcoming you into the classrooms. In conjunction with this, next week we will be sending out details outlining parents' evening allocations for you to book a slot.

**Children's clothing:** Please can I ask that you make sure your children have suitable footwear on as we have had children coming to school wearing Heelys (with the wheels in so they couldn't walk) and wearing football studs.

When it is their PE day, it is important that the children in the Upper Phase who are not changing for PE are wearing suitable clothing and trainers to school, to ensure they can participate in PE. Children in Year 3 and below should still be changing into a suitable PE kit in school. Children should not be wearing any jewellery other than stud earrings on any day for safety and will be asked to remove watches for PE; we ask that you do not let your child wear anything that is precious as we are unable to be responsible for these items. Hair that is shoulder length or longer needs to be tied back for PE. Thank you for your support with this.

**JUST ONE tree** is an award-winning non-profit community interest company removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation. The charity supports established reforestation companies to plant in areas severely affected by mass deforestation such as Kenya, Madagascar, Haiti & Indonesia. By doing this they have the greatest positive effect on limiting global warming whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within local communities through the provision of training, agricultural education and sustainable incomes. Last year we supported this charity and are planning to again this year. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October we are encouraging children to **wear something green** (This could be socks, a hair band, or a coloured dot attached to their T-shirt) and bring in £1 to fund the planting of their tree.

**Class Assemblies are back!** Next week Sarah R's class will be having their class assembly giving us a wonderful snapshot of their learning. I am sorry I won't be here to see it but look forward to hearing all about it.

Thank you to everyone for your well wishes, I am hoping to be back in touch with school shortly after the half term holiday.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie

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## Gardening Morning - Saturday 15th October

Eva will be running another gardening session on **Saturday 15th October 12-2pm**.

All welcome - please remember you will be responsible for your child(ren) throughout.

During the session the team aim to put in another mini pond in year 1, split and potting the bamboos along with general gardening and tidying. Please bring any gardening tools that you have.

## Friends of Kilmore (FOK) News

### Autumn Term FOK Events

**Kilmore Christmas Fair, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1.30-4.30pm:** We're delighted to announce that this year's theme will be Winter Tales, drawing inspiration from old folk stories from around the world. We're looking for festive market stall holders (please [complete this short form](#) if interested) and raffle prizes/ local business sponsors – [please email](#) if you can help with either. More news will follow soon about other ways you can help, including what we need in terms of donations (hint - don't get rid of any teddies/soft toys!).

### Tea Towels and Festive Cards:

We're hoping children will complete their festive card designs and self-portraits for this year's Kilmore tea towels in the next few weeks. Tea towels will go on sale for two weeks after half term, with distribution via class teachers at the start of December.

We're using a different festive card company this year and the process works slightly differently. The main change is that artwork won't be sent home – instead your child will be given a flyer with details of how you can view your child's design online and order (if you like). Cards will then be delivered directly to your home address, reducing the pressure on both FOK and class teachers.

## 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.

### Forest Hill Pools - Saxon Crown Swimming Club

Saxon Crown Swimming Club, funded by Lewisham Council and supported by GLL, is providing [free school top-up swimming sessions](#) to students of Lewisham primary schools during half term. The sessions are provided to help swimmers achieve the National Curriculum standard in swimming, which requires children to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

## Dates for your diary

- Monday 10th - **Wear yellow** to show young people that how they feel better
- Friday 14th - **Wear green** to support JUST ONE tree removing CO2 from the atmosphere
- IMPORTANT** - Inset day - Friday 21st October

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

### Action for Happiness

- Action for Happiness brings people together and provides practical resources. We help each other learn evidence-based skills for happier living, feel a sense of belonging and commit to personal action to create more happiness, for ourselves and others. Prioritising happiness and kindness influences how we approach everything - including our personal lives, families, communities, schools and workplaces. Here is their [Optimistic October Calendar](#) and below are 2 fantastic webinars you can join:
- [Tues 11 Oct: Resilient Wellbeing](#)
- [Mon 31 Oct: Mental Health & Happiness](#)

| ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY   |              |               |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Class                        | Attendance % | Punctuality % |
| Y1 Butterflies               | 97.43        | 100.00 ★      |
| Y1 Ladybirds                 | 97.68        | 99.63         |
| Y1 Treefrogs                 | 93.45        | 98.16         |
| Y2 Sarah C                   | 96.26        | 100.00 ★      |
| Y2 Shona                     | 99.33        | 100.00 ★      |
| Y2 Kate                      | 96.55        | 99.23         |
| Y3 Maria & Jane              | 98.85        | 98.86         |
| Y3 Joanne                    | 98.61        | 98.15         |
| Y3 Elis                      | 97.27        | 97.72         |
| Y4 Rebecca                   | 97.70        | 97.34         |
| Y4 Shipra                    | 95.83        | 98.41         |
| Y4 Sarah R                   | 97.99        | 99.21         |
| Y5 Vicky                     | 96.53        | 98.52         |
| Y5 Conor                     | 98.29        | 99.21         |
| Y5 Ayo                       | 96.00        | 99.56         |
| Y6 Dominic                   | 96.48        | 99.65         |
| Y6 Nora                      | 97.87        | 100.00 ★      |
| Y6 Jo                        | 97.87        | 100.00 ★      |
| ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY |              |               |

**Well done** - Butterflies for 100% punctuality again - 5th week running!

**Well done** this week to Sarah C's class, Shona's class, Nora's and Jo C's (those not on JCA) all 100% punctuality.

Come on Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 - let's get a gold star next to your class next week. :)