

KILMORIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16 September 2022



IMPORTANT : School will be closed on Monday 19th September, as it is a national Bank Holiday for Queen Elizabeth's funeral.

Dear Parents & Carers

Assembly

This week, Dennis our new Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion led Monday's assembly. I have included a photo as some of you may not have met him yet. They looked at both internal and external disabilities. He spoke about how many people have 'internal' or 'hidden' disabilities, those that cannot obviously be seen. The children offered many examples of people they know with a range of different 'hidden' conditions such as dyslexia, diabetes, ASC (Autistic Spectrum Condition) and multiple sclerosis. They thought about how we should support and help the people around us, should they need it.



The second half of the assembly was focused on [World Afro Day](#), which is a day to celebrate and educate Afro hair, culture and identity. We spoke about how and why this day originated.

Theme Day Lunch Menu - Thursday 6th October

On Thursday 6th October Chartwells will be serving a tasty themed lunch. Themed days are a good way to help children try our school dinners and see if it is something they would like to have, making life a little easier for families not having to sort a packed lunch every day. I can also say they are really tasty meals, as many will know I am often seen tucking into one! If your child normally has packed lunch, you can [register your child for this theme meal](#) before 1pm Wednesday 21st September 2022. The payment item will be added to your ParentPay account. There is no need to register if your child normally has a school meal.

Letter-join Handwriting Programme

To support with our whole school handwriting target we are using the Letter-join handwriting programme. Maria, who leads the Languages Curriculum Team, has uploaded a [handwriting home guide](#). Your login information (home access guide) is attached to this newsletter. Do please have a look, success comes from home and school working together.



Friends of Kilmorie Coffee Morning

Thank you to the **Friends of Kilmorie (FOK)** for a lovely **coffee morning**. These events are so important for our families to feel part of our community. It was great to see parents from Nursery to year 2 and I enjoyed having the time to get to know you. If any of you were not able to attend but would like to hear how you can become part of the network of support, do please join us on **Wednesday 21st from 7-9pm** for our FOK AGM here at school. The Friends of Kilmorie section of the newsletter has more details.



Parent Information Meetings

Next week we have our Parent Information Meetings, both in person in the main school hall from 9.15am until 10am, and in the evening via **MS Teams** from 6pm until 6.45pm which will then be available as a recording on your child's class Team.

If you are planning to attend virtually or access it after (via the recording) please can I ask you make sure you can log into your child's class and if you have any problems, let us know via info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk so we can look into it, prior to your child's allocated slot.

Tuesday 20th Sept	Year 3 and Year 4 (Year 4 in the upstairs hall)
Wednesday 21 st Sept	Year 5
Thursday 22 nd Sept	Year 2
Friday 23 rd Sept	Year 1
Monday 26 th Sept	Year 6

Monday 19th September - National Bank Holiday

On Monday we have the Funeral for Queen Elizabeth (don't forget school is not open as it is a National Bank Holiday). In addition to the information from Thrive, sent in last week's newsletter, we thought it would be helpful to share some websites and resources that Nicola uses with Children in school. These can be found in the Mental Health and Wellbeing section of the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday.

Kind regards

Julie

Kilmore October Half Term Play Scheme

Kilmore Wrap Around Care will be running a play scheme for the October half term. The play scheme will be mixed year groups from Reception to Year 6, with a maximum of 35 children per day.

[Find out more and apply here.](#)

School Photographer

We are booking the school photographer to come in to school to take individual photos, across all years. We are looking at more efficient ways to do the sibling photos and we will write to you with details when it is confirmed. We are aiming for late September / early October.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Websites and resources that Nicola uses with children in school that you may find useful:

- [St Christopher's Candle Child Bereavement Service](#) offers specific counselling support for children who are bereaved. Call 020 8768 4500.
- [Winston's Wish](#). The UK's first childhood bereavement charity have been supporting grieving children and young people since 1992. Their expert teams offer one-off and ongoing bereavement support and also provide online resources and specialist publications.

Books:

- The Invisible String by Patrice Karst
- The Invisible String Activity Book by Patrice Karst
- Help Me to Say Goodbye by Janis Silverman
- When Dinosaurs Die by Laurie Krasny Brown

Friends of Kilmore News

The FOK AGM is on Wednesday 21st September from 7-9pm

The FOK AGM will take place in the community room or on Zoom ([register here if you would like to join by Zoom](#)). For the meeting to be official, we need twice as many people to attend as there are committee members, so please come if you can! There will be wine and nibbles.

FOK Roles

FOK Committee Roles – FOK is keen to elect some new committee members at the AGM, to replace people who are stepping down. Being part of the committee does involve a time commitment, but it is a fun and rewarding way to give back to the school. Descriptions of the roles are below, or [more detailed information can be found here.](#), or you can visit the website to find out more.

- **Chair/Co-Chair/Deputy-Chair** – Leads meetings, steers the committee and acts as the bridge between FOK and the Kilmore senior leadership team. Sitting in the driving seat, the role holder needs to be highly enthusiastic, proactive, diplomatic and with good leadership skills. Deputy Chair supports the Chair(s) and would suit someone interested in learning the ropes with a view to taking on the Chair role in future.
- **Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer** – The Treasurer is supported by Deputy

Well done to **Butterflies, Ladybirds, & Y5 Ayo** for 100% punctuality 2 weeks running!

Well done to Y3 Elis, Y6 Nora & Simone and Y6 Jo.

Let's aim for Y4 to get your first star next week :)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Y1 Butterflies	98.67	100.00 ★
Y1 Ladybirds	100.00	100.00 ★
Y1 Treefrogs	94.14	98.62
Y2 Sarah C	96.55	99.66
Y2 Shona	98.21	99.64
Y2 Kate	92.41	99.31
Y3 Maria & Jane	97.93	99.66
Y3 Joanna	99.00	99.67
Y3 Elis	95.17	100.00 ★
Y4 Rebecca	98.97	98.28
Y4 Shipra	91.03	99.66
Y4 Sarah R	96.79	99.29
Y5 Vicky	95.33	99.67
Y5 Conor & Simone	96.43	99.64
Y5 Ayo	90.80	100.00 ★
Y6 Dominic	90.00	98.97
Y6 Nora & Simone	97.20	100.00 ★
Y6 Jo	98.89	100.00 ★

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY

Treasurers and together they control the PTA funds in line with committee decisions, charity law and agreed procedures. They set budgets for events, manage costs, handle/count/bank money, make payments and report financial information to the rest of the committee. Suits people who are numerate, methodical and confident handling money.

- **Secretary/Co-Secretary** – The secretary helps ensure that the committee's activities run smoothly, using their communication, organisation and written skills to organise meetings, take minutes/actions and manage correspondence/communications.
- **General Committee Members** – Flexible roles that allow the holder to focus on activities that they enjoy or that play to their skills/experience. For example, creative aspects (planning event themes and decorations), event or stock management, community engagement, social media etc.

Friends Reps 2022/23 – Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be a Friends Rep this year. You can [find the full list here](#). So far, nobody has stepped forward for **Nursery** or **Year 4 Rebecca** - please consider volunteering if your child is in one of these classes.

Community News

Lewisham Junior Orchestra - Lewisham Music

Lewisham Junior Orchestra makes its long awaited return this half term holiday, so come and join Lewisham Music for two days of exciting orchestral music making!

25 October, 9am-3.30pm and 26 October, 9.30am-4pm

Lewisham Junior Orchestra provides a great opportunity for young musicians to develop their instrumental skills and learn new arrangements under the expert leadership of professional cellist, Thibault Blanchard-Dubois, experienced Lewisham Music musicians, and this year we will be joined by some amazing musicians from London Symphony Orchestra.

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 19 September - Bank Holiday** for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. School will be closed.
- **Wednesday 21 Sept 7-9pm** FOK AGM. All welcome.
- **Autumn Enrichment Clubs** start Monday 26 Sept.