

Friday 6th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's **senior leader assembly** was led by Dennis, Esme and Isaias from Year 4. Today (6th October), is World Cerebral Palsy Day. The children spoke about their experiences with Cerebral Palsy, their worries and how other people can help them in and around the school. Both children were fantastic, showing honesty and resilience.

In celebration of **World teacher Day** on Thursday, I ended the assembly with a thank you to our teachers, conveying a few words of thanks that the children wished to share about their teachers.

We have also had **parents' evening** all week. I hope you found the meeting both informative and helpful and do please complete a feedback form as this is always helpful in understanding what is working and ways we can adapt if and where needed.

Further to my newsletter two weeks ago, last Friday, some of our **year 6 girls used their enterprising skills and organised a bake sale**. They raised money to replace old or missing sports equipment (including footballs, goals and cones). The new equipment will help the girls train for their external tournaments - last week they came [2nd in a local schools tournament](#). They raised over £300.

On Wednesday, **Year 2 enjoyed traditional tales from Freshwater Theatre**. It was an interactive session where the children listened to and helped to recreate Anansi stories. The classes explored the morals of these stories, through Ashanti folk tales and creation stories which have a strong storytelling tradition. They encountered characters such as Mmoboro the Hornet; Onini the Python; and Osebo the Leopard. Here are some quotes from the children:

Hao'er – "I liked Arlo's acting because sometimes he used different voices."

Dash – "I liked the part when Anansi found all the different ways of trapping certain special animals."

Yesterday was our **Census Day** and the 'Out of this World' space themed lunch was delicious! I do hope your children enjoyed it.

Next Week:

- **Year 6 go on their residential school journey.** Kate G, Penny, Dominic, Shivani, Kay and Tery will be accompanying them. The children who are not attending the residential have a week of exciting things planned and am sure you will join me in wishing them all a wonderful week.
- **Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day.** We are encouraging children and adults to wear something yellow to school on Tuesday to raise awareness about mental health and show their support. The children will take part in some wellbeing activities on the day, and we are also going to get involved in ITV's Britain Get Talking campaign. They have set a national homework task for all schools to encourage and prompt children to have a proper chat about what's on their mind with an adult at home. We will send them home on Tuesday with a sheet that they can use to write or draw about their worries or fears, which will hopefully help open a conversation with someone at home. We will also be talking to the children about this during Monday's assembly. [Click here if you're interested in finding out more about the campaign.](#)
- Tuesday 10th we are holding a **Parent Phonics workshop** for parents of children in reception and year 1. If you have a child in these year groups, do come along, I am sure you will find it most useful. A letter with a wufoo link was sent outlining details: [reception](#) and [year 1](#).
- We look forward to welcoming our **reception parents for an open morning** on Friday 13th giving parents an opportunity to interact with their child's learning environment. These mornings are a great way to bridge the home-school link. Details of this were sent in the reception weekly learning letter.

On the last Friday of this term, we will be holding a **SEND coffee morning from 09.15 to 09.55.** The theme of the coffee morning is "Dealing with anxiety." Whilst the coffee morning will be led by Dennis and Nicola, it will provide a forum for parents to discuss their experiences and share strategies to support our children and each other. [If you would like to attend, please sign up here.](#)

Call for help: As you may have seen, our 'stage' (the decking area next to the cage) needs renovating. Friends of Kilmorie (FOK) has agreed to fund this project, but for us to get this off the ground we need some support with ideas and costing. If anyone is in the garden / carpentry trade and could help us with ideas and or quotes, do please get in touch via info@ and put 'Kilmorie stage' in the subject line.

Libero from FOK would like to launch a **weekly 90-minute Jam Club for year 5 & 6 children.** Before we proceed any further, we would like to find out interest. If you think your child would be interested, please send an email to friendsofkilmorie@gmail.com with JAM CLUB in the subject line, specifying your child's year group and the instrument they play.

PE Kit Years1-6 – To confirm, you may choose to send your child to school in their kits on PE days, however all children will need to be dressed appropriately **for every PE lesson** in:

- Indoor PE - shorts or leggings, T-shirt.
- Outdoor PE - jogging bottoms, T-shirt, long-sleeved top (in colder weather), trainers or plimsolls.

All jewellery should be removed before arriving at school on PE days and shoulder-length or long hair, for safety reasons, needs to be tied back.

Alternatively, children may choose to bring their PE kit into school on a Monday and pick it up on a Friday to ensure it is available for all PE sessions.

As we are now in autumn, where the mornings are chilly and the afternoons warm; to accommodate this, we are wearing layers. **Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled** so we can make sure it gets back to the right person. Our lost property is already overflowing!

I do hope you all get time to enjoy this rather warm autumnal weather this weekend and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Kind regards
Julie

Celebrations

In this week's Celebration Assembly, we celebrated...

Year 1 - Arlo for being a fantastic role model to all the other children and always showing brilliant learning behaviour.

Year 1 - Daisy for always doing the right thing with a positive, her smiley attitude and always trying her hardest in everything she does.

Year 1 - Wren for always doing the right thing and following the Kilmorie rules.

Year 1 - Esther for always trying her best in every area of her learning.

Year 2 - Fabrizio	for his kind and caring attitude towards other children in the class. He always looks out for others and checks that they are ok. He is great at giving positive feedback to other children about their work. These are lovely qualities to have.
Year 2 - Matlida	for her fantastic work in art; she inspired us all with her continuous line drawings and showed amazing focus and skills when she was drawing her soft toy. She is a super star and shows this fantastic learning attitude in all other areas of her learning.
Year 3 - Hettie	for being a fantastic role model, a brilliant Kilmore learner and for having good manners.
Year 3 - Finn	for being a fantastic role model and demonstrating brilliant Kilmore learning qualities and for having good manners.
Year 3 - Jack	for being a fantastic role model, a brilliant Kilmore learner and for having good manners.
Year 4 - Holly	for showing confidence in her storytelling and when reading aloud.
Year 4 - Reilly	for showing fantastic effort in his learning.
Year 4 - Kim	for role modelling all of the Kilmore qualities and demonstrating excellent learning behaviours.
Year 5 - Scarlett	for her hard work and for helping others.
Year 5 - Khai	for using descriptive language in English.
Year 5 - Lucian	for having an excellent attitude.
Year 5 - Ruben	for having an excellent attitude in all lessons.
Year 6 - Tuppence	for always working hard in lessons and contributing to class discussions.

Year 6 - Otis

for fantastic work especially when he is collaborating with others.

Measles / MMR vaccination - shared on behalf of the Department for Education

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

Please check that your child is up-to-date with their vaccinations.

Reminders

Wraparound care

Reminder - if your child is booked to attend the 1 hour after school club, they need to be collected by 4:30pm.

Collections after 4:30pm will result in late fees being charged.

School website calendar subscription guide. All dates are automatically added to your personal calendar. Please remember to subscribe to 2023-24 year group.

Visit the website page: <https://www.kilmorieschool.co.uk/school-calendar>

Click 'Categories' (above the grid box) – select your child/ren's year group/s

Click the 'Subscribe' button (above the grid box)

Wellbeing & Safeguarding

Optimistic October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today
8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation
15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you
22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?
29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month				

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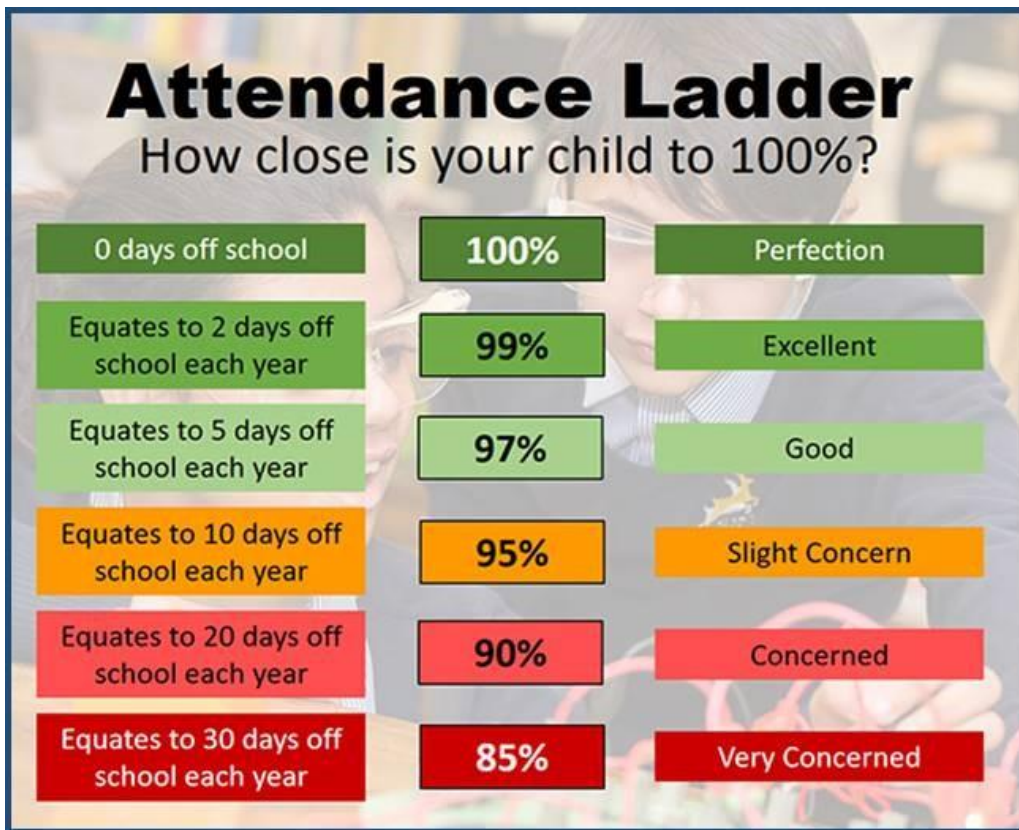
Kooth is a trusted platform for **early intervention and preventative mental health support** that is NHS-funded, clinically safe, and BACP-accredited. Our service is free to use and completely anonymous. [Find out more online.](#)

KoothTalks Monday 6th Nov, [12-1pm](#) or [6-7pm](#): How Kooth promotes and supports staying safe online is a parent and carer workshop.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?



<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Ladybirds	98.89
Treefrogs	95.85
Butterflies	93.10
Sarah C	98.59
Kate M	94.48
Shona	98.67
Elis	97.04
Jo G	94.40
Crystal	96.43
Hannah	94.14

Sarah R	99.00
Rebecca	95.00
Rachel	98.62
Shipra	97.33
Conor	93.93
Dominic	91.72
Penny	97.18
Vicky	96.00

Friends of Kilmore (FoK) News

Firstly, we are pleased to announce **two new committee members** who joined our team on Monday:

Danni - mum of a child in Nursery

Katrina - mum of a child in Reception (Lions)

It's not too late to join our committee, [please contact us by email](#). You can also email us if you would like more information about what we do and how we raise money for the school.

FOK wishlist: As with our previous events, we will be compiling an Amazon wishlist where parents/carers can purchase items for the fair for as little as £5. [Please click on the link which will take you directly to our lists.](#)

Autumn Term - FOK dates for your diary:

- **Kilmorie Christmas Fair**, Sat 25th Nov 1;00pm to 4.00pm: We're delighted to announce that this year's theme will be Star Stories, drawing inspiration from 'Constellation Tales from around the World'. We're looking for festive market stall holders 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.
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- **Festive wreath making** - Kate of By-Me.London has very kindly agreed to run another festive wreath making session at school. This event will be held on Friday November 10th (put it in your diaries now as tickets sell out fast) We will be sending links to purchase tickets soon, please note this is an adult-only event.
- **Christmas trees:** Do you always buy a real Christmas tree? If so, we may just be able to make things a little easier for you this year. We will be selling high quality Nordman Fir trees online with our Christmas shop expected to go live next week. Trees range from 4ft to an amazing 8ft and cost between £40 and £80. The trees will be available for collection from school on Sunday 3rd of December. Not only will you be able to purchase a beautiful tree for the festive period, but you will also be raising money for our school. Huge thanks to Louise Conroy, mum to two Kilmorie children (Year 1 and 4), who has been the driving force behind this project.