

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 08th December 2023

This week in Reception:

We have had another eventful week in Reception as the run up to Christmas continues. I'm sure you'll agree that the children were incredible in our Christmas performances on Thursday! They had practised so much beforehand and were very excited to show you what they had learnt. Even the few children who got stage fright on the day, still enjoyed the preparations and were proud to take part.

To mark the beginning of Hanukkah the children have been learning about the traditions surrounding this holiday. On Tuesday, a parent from Bears class came to Reception to teach the children about the story of Hanukkah and how she celebrates this holiday with her family. The children loved taking part in the Hanukkah story and learning the Hanukkah song.

Back in the classrooms, the children have been creating Christmas and winter crafts including decorations and Christmas cards. We have also been following the misadventures of our visiting cheeky elves, who are here to learn how to make good choices from the children in Reception.... who knows what they'll do next??

Phonics:

This week the children have been consolidating their phonics knowledge. We practiced blending, writing and identifying tricky words. The children have learnt all the phonemes for this term and will continue to review them until Christmas.

Please visit the Kilmore School Website for more information about phonics and follow the link to the Little Wandle site, where you can find lots of parent information about how we teach this programme.

Maths / Number:

This week we have been focusing on the number 8 and the children have enjoyed exploring the different ways this can be split, put back together and recorded. The children were able to show different arrangements of 8 using cubes, beads and counting bears. See if your child can tell you two numbers that can be added together to make 8?

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Reminders:

- At the end of next week, we will be sending the children's spare clothes back for you to review for the new year.
- Please remember to check the spare clothing box outside Tigers class and the spare clothing shed by the Kilmorie Road entrance if your child is missing any items of clothing.
- Last week the children enjoyed the fantastic performance by Catapluf Music. Please can we remind you to make your contribution to this performance by donating £5 through Parent Pay. Photos will be shared in the school newsletter this week.
- From Monday morning next week, we ask that children in Lions and Bears say goodbye at the bottom of their slopes and walk up on their own. The slight change is that the adult for each class will be waiting at the door, not on the slope. Should you need to talk to the staff, please could you either do this after school or call/email your message to the office. There will be exceptions to this, when you urgently need to talk in the morning, but we would like to get all children into class and settled as soon as possible, every day.

School website

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

