



Weekly Learning Letter



Friday 15th December 2023

This week in Nursery:

This week has been all about getting ready for Christmas! The children have been enjoying Christmas-related stories and being Santa's little helpers by making paper chains, decorations and grappling with the complexities of cutting paper and tape to wrap presents. It may come as a surprise to you that these activities not only require huge levels of focus and concentration, but they also support children to develop and strengthen their fine motor skills. Some children continued to develop their music skills as they sang songs learnt from last week's performance whilst they worked!



Cooking was replaced this week with a science focus on plants. The children have been planting daffodil bulbs for flowering in the spring and as you can see that the children loved getting messy and investigating the soil too. Should your child start asking questions about plants or telling you about what plants need to grow now you'll know why!



Things to Note:

- **Last day of term** – please remember we finish on Wednesday 20th December at 1.45pm.
- **Book Amnesty** - Please return any books your child has borrowed from the Nursery before the end of term. We won't be letting any more books home now until the new year.
- **Parent Meetings**



Thank you for signing up for a parent meeting on **Friday 12th January 2024**. Please make a note of the time and arrive promptly on the day as we have a busy line-up! If you're unsure of your time slot please do ask one of the Nursery team. Please note the nursery will be closed on this day.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

- **Starting Primary School in 2024**

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2024, please remember, the deadline for school applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**. If you need any help completing the online application, please do talk to a member of staff.

- **Spring Term Start Date**

Please note that Nursery will reopen on **Monday 15th January 2024**. This is later than the main school, as nursery staff will be attending home visits for the new children during the first week back in January.

- **Stay and Play** – these sessions will take place on Tuesdays in the new year and will re-start on **Tuesday 23rd January 2024**. This will give our new starters a little more time to settle.
- **Our Lovely Liz is Leaving** – From Monday Liz will start telling the children about her imminent departure from Nursery and Kilmorie and we would ask you to gently forewarn your child over the weekend and support them as necessary.
- Liz has specifically asked that we “don’t make a fuss!” ... but the Nursery team can’t let her go without expressing how grateful we are that she has made such a positive contribution to the lives of so many Kilmorie children with her compassionate no-nonsense approach and her fantastic attention to detail. We will miss her and we wish her all the best!

And so, from all of us, what an absolute delight this term has been, from helping to settle your children way back in September, to watching them grow in confidence and independence and also having your support as parents and carers. It really does make a difference. We are very excited for the next installment, but in the meantime, we wish you a very heartfelt and happy festive season.



Take care, stay warm, giggle when you can and if you see a tree, give it a hug. They need them too.

Warmest wishes,

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Liz, Fiona, Tracey, Sophie, and Katrina.

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