



Friday 4th October

Extract from October

BY ROBERT FROST

O hushed October morning mild,

Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;

Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,

Should waste them all.

Dear Kilmorie Primary School Community,

A very busy week. This week saw our first parents' evening. Thank you to all that attended. If you could not book a slot or couldn't attend, please look to schedule an appointment with the class teacher. We have had our fair share of sickness this week; thank you for your understanding in us having to postpone appointments. We will look to reschedule appointments as soon as we can.

My assembly this week launched Black History Month (the theme for Black History Month is Reclaiming Narratives.) I started by telling the children the history of the event. I told them about Carter G Woodson, who started Black History Week in the US in February 1926, to coincide with the births of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. I spoke about the origins in this country and the work of Akyaaba Addai-Sebo in 1984. We will be continuing our work on Black History Month for the rest of the month and throughout the year. I will keep you updated.

Friday 18th October - Show Racism the Red Card - Wear Red Day – Children are invited to wear RED clothes on this day and we ask for a donation for the Show Racism the Red Card Charity. Please see a reading below to help with our community conversations.

READING LIST

Adults

This is Not America: Why We Need a British Conversation about Race - Tomiwa Owolade
The New Age of Empire: How Racism and Colonialism Still Rule the World - Kehinde Andrews
Don't Touch My Hair - Emma Dabiri
Dispatches from the Diaspora: From Nelson Mandela to Black Lives Matter - Gary Younge
What White People Can Do Next: From Allyship to Coalition - Emma Dabiri
Sway: Unravelling Unconscious Bias - Dr Pragya Agarwal
Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People about Race - Reni Eddo-Lodge

Picture Books

Mixed - Arree Chung
Me and My Hair - Kimberley Kinloch
Don't Touch My Hair! - Sharee Miller
All Are Welcome - Alexandra Penfold
We Are All Neighbours - Alexandra Penfold
Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush - Patrice Lawrence
In My Mosque - M.O. Yuksel
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners - Joanna Ho
The Proudest Blue - Ibtihaj Muhammad

Children's Non-Fiction

The Story of Afro Hair - K.N. Chimbiric
First Questions and Answers: What is Racism?
Lift-the-flap Questions and Answers about Refugees
Lift-the-flap Questions and Answers about Racism
Children of the World - Nicola Edwards & Andrea Stegmaier
Stolen History: The truth about the British Empire and how it shaped us - Sathnam Sanghera
Lands of Belonging: A History of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Britain - Donna & Vikesh Amey Bhatt
Black and British: An Illustrated History - David Olusoga

Thursday 10th October - World Mental Health Day - The official theme for WMHD is **'It is time to prioritise mental health in the workplace.'** Children are invited to wear **YELLOW** on the day

Have a wonderful weekend.

Dennis

Trips



We had our first trip of the year with Jo's class visiting Southwark Cathedral. Unfortunately, Jo was off sick, but Sarah stepped in to lead. The class had a great day. They learnt about the role of a bishop, importance of baptism and communion.

They had a guided tour of the cathedral and even saw Hodge the cat. Finally, they looked at the symbolism of the fish in Christianity and created their own fish puppets.



October half-term WRAP Holiday Club

The WRAP half-term holiday club will be available to book on Arbor from Monday 7th October. The club will be running from the 28th October to Friday 1st November.

Celebration

Arna

This week in Ladybirds we celebrated Freya Russell-Lewis for persisting with her writing and Sienna Ha-Eaton for contributing to class discussions by putting her hand up.

Shona

Penny works independently and likes to challenge herself in every subject.

Teddy has a very enthusiastic approach to his writing and finds different ways to engage the reader.

Penny

Khai - for showing he is ready to learn by making extensive notes in science which enabled him to write a clear and detailed explanation of the parts of the eye.

Bo- for her enthusiasm in art when designing her shadow puppet. She labelled her design in detail and happily responded to advice so she will be ready for the next part of the process.

Kilmorie Gardening

Please come to the Cake/Plant/Veg sale on **Monday 7th October** in the Wild Garden, we **would** especially like to invite the new Nursery and Reception parents/carers to meet other people and see some of our garden areas. Year 5 children will be helping on the day, **but** we need donations of cakes, plants or vegetables from allotments to sell, we will also have drinks and other surprise items to buy on the day. We are raising funds for the plants which will become our Living Boundary. We will be creating a hedge along the blue fence on Kilmorie Road this autumn, it's an exciting project in which all children will be involved.

Friends of Kilmorie

There are two opportunities coming up to hear from the Friends of Kilmorie regarding fundraising priorities for our school and how we have used the funds that you helped raise during the 2023/24 for the benefit of the children at Kilmorie.


Our ☕ coffee morning, which will be held in the library on **Tuesday 8th October** straight after drop off, is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people as well as find out how you can support the committee in fundraising for school. Please do come along for a cuppa and a biscuit. Small children welcome and feel free to bring along some home baked goodies ☐☐ please sign up using the list below so we have a rough idea of numbers.

<https://forms.gle/bXJGSfa1izgAEL3XA>



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



At our AGM on **Wednesday 9th October at 7pm**, you will hear reports  from the Chair and the Treasurer; we will also hear from Dennis about his priorities as Headteacher.

As well as the above, we will also be electing the 2024/25 committee. In order to keep the current annual schedule of events going we desperately need some more parents to get involved. The committee is smaller than it has ever been and as a result we have already had to scale back some of our fundraising plans. This means less money for the school. Please do consider

coming along and hearing how you can help. If you would like to hear more before the AGM please email friendsofkilmorie@gmail.com

The FOK committee is re-elected each year and we will be voting for the below roles

- Chair/Co-Chair
- Treasurer/Co-Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer
- Secretary/Co-Secretary
- General Committee Members

This is your chance to find out more about joining the committee as some of the current members will be stepping back/down next year.



Do you always buy a real Christmas tree? If so, why not raise some money for Kilmorie school when doing so?

Once again, Friends of Kilmorie will be selling Fresh cut, high quality Nordman Fir trees from Hole Park Estate in Kent.

Trees range from 4ft to 8ft and will cost between £40 for an 4ft tree and £83 for the 8ft, with all the money raised going to FOK. The trees will be available for collection from school on **Saturday 7th December** (time to be confirmed) More info will follow soon on how to preorder your trees.