

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Dear all,



I hope that you have had a good week. We have had another busy week at school.

My assembly this week focused on the life of James Earl Jones, a hero of mine. Whilst famous for his acting and his wonderful voice (Mufasa and of course Darth Vader), he also lived with trauma induced stammer. I spoke about how he, through the support of a teacher, found strategies to support his speech, showing resilience to become an award-winning actor and the (voice of) the greatest villain in film history (in my opinion).

In the Lower Phase assembly (and in some classes), a parent, Kim, came and read extracts from her book, Me and My Hair – (by Kimberley Kinloch), to celebrate World Afro Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. Thank you Kim.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Dennis

### **Parents Evening**

On Monday (23/9/24) bookings for parents' evening go live on Arbor at 19:00. Please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. These sessions are early in the term so that you can meet your child's new teacher and see how they have settled into their new year group.

If your child is on the SEND Register you will have been contacted separately, please look out for the email.

### **Diversity Meetings**

This week we hosted the first and very successful Kilmorie Community Allies Meetings.

We acknowledged the ways in which our school falls short representing the diversity of our local community and the borough of Lewisham, an important first step and one that is long overdue.

We discussed a three year vision, UNICEF Rights Respecting School Awards, potential parent-led events and the opportunity we have before us to redefine our Kilmorie Culture and begin our Anti-Racist work. Definitions of some key terms were established (please see slides attached), along with reading lists, provided by MOONLANE BOOKS, for children and adults.

Moving forward we will establish a working group for both parents and teachers, alongside a community group for parents to come together. We plan to run these school wide sessions each half term, our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd December at 5pm and Wednesday 4th December at 8am. As we did this week we will provide childcare for the PM session.

Thank you to all who were able to attend this week, we appreciate that the timings are not ideal for everyone, but we are working to make it as accessible as possible for both parents, carers and teachers alike.

Please see the attached minutes to the meeting for the information relating to what was shared this week.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

<https://bit.ly/Communityalliesslides>

## **Year 6 Parents**

A quick reminder about the 'Starting Secondary School' event on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Civic Suite in Catford.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/starting-secondary-school-in-2025-advice-and-support-for-lewisham-parents-tickets-952492489677?aff=oddtcreator>

## **Nuts**

Please can I remind all parents, carers and children to not bring in any foods to school that contain nuts. We do have children in the school who have nut allergies.

## **Celebrating Child's work**

This week we have celebrated the work of:

### **Penny's class**

**Jacob:** a pleasure to teach. He ALWAYS contributes to discussions with sensible and insightful comments and tackles every challenge with enthusiasm.

**Millie:** ALWAYS listens carefully, works hard and takes time to improve her work when necessary (and all with a cheerful smile).

### **Shona's class**

**Cian** wrote a very entertaining "Dear Teacher" letter

**Liseli** has shown great learning behaviour - she is always ready to learn!

### **Sarah R's class**

**Millie:** For her great learning behaviour and demonstrating all of the Kilmorie qualities.

**Victor:** For his positive attitude towards his learning and being a great role model to his peers.

**Onaujae:** Welcomed to the school.

### Jo's class

**Abigail** for producing well thought-out work which is presented beautifully.  
**Freya** for her enthusiasm, having a great attitude to her learning, and giving positive contributions during class discussions.  
Well done to my whole class for having a great start to Year 4!

### Hannah's class

**Jack -**

Well done for starting the year with such beautiful presentation in your books. Keep it up!

**Benjamin -**

Well done for a brilliant effort in English and using lots of interesting adjectives.

**Lana -**

You have really impressed me with your attitude to learning. Thank you for contributing lots of interesting ideas and suggestions.

### Friends of Kilmorie



There is still time to book a space for the Sound Bath this evening, if you would like an evening of relaxation and meditation then book using the link below.

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofkilmorie>

### ASDA cashpot for schools

There is still time to sign up, we currently have just over £60 in the pot, it would be great to make it to at least £100 before the deadline.

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

### **FOK Annual General Meeting AGM - Wednesday 9th October at 7pm**



Please do come along to meet the hardworking committee, hear about our achievements for 2023-24 and find out what we have planned for the upcoming year. There will be wine, beer, soft drinks and nibbles for you to enjoy whilst finding out about our fundraising priorities.

Enjoy your weekend.

### **Wider Community Information**



# WRITE SPARKS

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# FUNDRAISING MUSIC SHOW

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER  
10:45am

Quaker Meeting House, 2 Lawn Terrace, Blackheath, SE3 9LL

Join Anna & our musicians for a Music Fundraiser Show!  
Come and play our instruments and see Anna perform on her Violin and Tony on the Steel Pans! Raising money for Demelza Children's hospice, a charity close to our hearts at Boppin' Bunnies.



**Tickets: £11 per child, £5.50 per sibling**  
Raising money for Demelza Hospice Care for Children  
<https://www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows>

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