

Friday 18th October 2024

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week.

This week my Assembly was based around "Show Racism the Red Card." I spoke about the reason for the charity but I also spoke to the children about racism and its different forms. I spoke of the need to report and challenge racism in society. It has been wonderful to see so much red in school today as we celebrate the work of this charity and the work of other anti-racism charities. Many classes have focused on playing with a range of children and developing positive relationships with one another. Throughout the week and today, the children have been celebrating and studying Black History and anti-racism work. This will continue to be a theme throughout the school year.



We have been collating parental feedback about our recent Parents Evening slots – here are some comments from parents:

***Thank you so much for the teacher's support and looking after my daughter.
A wonderful overview of my daughter's learning & development given within the context
of what is happening in class learning. Running bang on time too! Thank you :)
Very helpful***

***In person meetings are the gold standard! Our daughter is happy and we've seen
progress. Thanks!***

***It was good to meet the teacher in person and obtain positive feedback of my son's
introduction to Year 5 and his progress to date.***

Thank you for a very informative Year 1 session

There was some other feedback we need to consider. Some parents were unhappy about how early in the term the meeting was and say it wasn't helpful because of this. We moved the parents evening too early in the term so that you can meet your child's new teacher, have a measure of how they have settled, any areas that been identified to work on and to pass on any information that would be useful for the teacher as the year progresses. The Spring Parents' evening will give you a more focused look at the progress your child is making.

Several parents did not like that meetings were held in classrooms with other teachers and parents. Many schools that I have worked in have used a similar approach or alternatively had all the meetings in the school hall(s). The reason why we have moved away from individual

meetings in every class is to safeguard teachers so that colleagues can support them if necessary.

Class Assembly



We had our first class assembly of the year. Sarah R's class told us about a book they have been studying called "Snotty Boy" and recreated the Roman invasion of Britain.

Educational Visits

On Wednesday, Sarah's Class (Year 3) went to the Natural History Museum to take part in 'Emergency! Earthquake and Volcano Show.' The show highlighted the awesome power of our planet's natural forces and demonstrated the importance and challenge of natural disaster prediction. Many of the children were inspired to become scientists afterwards! It was a great day out and thank you to all the parent volunteers who made the trip possible.



Half-Term Holiday Camp.

A quick reminder that we are running a Half Term Holiday Camp. There are a few spaces remaining. It costs £35 per child per day. **Opening times Monday -Friday from 28th October to the 1st of November.** The club starts at **8:45am and closes at 5:30pm** (collection can be any time until the close.) Thank you.

Celebrations

Kate (Year 2)

Theo – we were all so impressed with Theo's gymnastic skills this term. He has modelled some great balances, rolls and jumps for the rest of the class with great confidence. Theo is also becoming a very resilient learner who is showing us what he is capable of.

Emmanuelle – is a very supportive and collaborative learning partner, often taking the time to support others before getting on with her own work. She also cares so much about her own learning, really taking the time to understand everything and as a result, produces some impressive work.

Shona (Year 5)

Hadia shows fantastic learning behaviour as she is always ready to learn.

Zak used lovely vocabulary in his creative writing.

Vicky (Year 4)

Andrew: for his hard work in English, especially his descriptive sentences

Greta: For her support of other children when they are struggling. She shows empathy and respect for them.

Outside of School Celebrations

Well done to Rupert in Kate's Year 2 Class who recently completed the 5K Dulwich Park run in 26.35 minutes. What an impressive distance and time!

We would love to hear about your achievements and successes outside of school, sporting or otherwise, please email the office and they will get a mention in our weekly newsletter.

Key Dates

Date	Event	Notes
25.10.24	Shipra's class assembly	09.15
28.10.24-1.11.24	WRAP Holiday Club	Please book on Arbor
11.11.11	Coffee Morning for families with an interest in special educational needs and disabilities(SEND)	
22.11.24	Hannah's class assembly	09.15
23.11.24	Winter Fair	
20.12.24	End of the school term	
6.1.25	Spring term begins	

Safety

Please can you remind your children of how to look after themselves when walking home, especially if they are walking home alone. This afternoon a headteacher, from a nearby school, reported that a child from his school had been approached by a tall, thin, white male and asked to get into his white van. The police have been notified.

Friends of Kilmorie

Help Make a Difference!

We announced at our most recent AGM that Becky Wickes (Chair) Lisa McCrory (Treasurer) and Thracia Perrett (Events lead) will be stepping down from their committee roles early next year.

In order for events to happen at our school, it really is crucial to fill these roles.

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our Committee, dedicated to planning and running fun and impactful events for our school community.

Why Volunteer?

- **Make an Impact:** Your efforts will directly benefit our students and school.
- **Meet New People:** Connect with other parents and staff who share your passion.
- **Skill Development:** Gain valuable experience in event planning and teamwork.

We Need Help With:

- **Chair:** Lead meetings and coordinate efforts.
- **Treasurer:** Manage finances and budgeting.
- **Events Lead:** shop for events, set up bars and stalls, oversee and restock throughout the events.
- **Secretary** - plays a crucial role in ensuring smooth communication and organisation within the committee.

We would love a smooth handover so joining the committee soon would be a real, added bonus.

We will be holding another coffee morning early to mid November to give you another chance to come and chat with us.

Interested? Please contact us at Friendsofkilmorie@gmail.com

Together, we can continue to create amazing events for our school community whilst raising money

Yours sincerely

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