

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally arrived at half term after a very busy but successful one. It has been great to see the progress the children have made since September both academically and socially. I hope that you have a wonderful break, and the children come back rested and ready for the next half term, it is already looking busy.

In this week's assembly, children shared their work from the "Show Racism the Red Card" day. It was good to hear about the work they have done and will do to stamp out racism. I also, briefly, spoke about how we should celebrate our uniqueness and not be worried about our differences to our friends.

### Class Assembly

I was fortunate to teach Shipra's class last week. In the lesson, I introduced their assembly theme – Arabian Nights. It was wonderful to see the performance today and see how the assembly has grown. There were tragic deaths, great singing and wonderful dancing, as well as fantastic story-telling.



### Key Dates

Date	Event	Notes
28.10.24	Half term.	One week
28.10.24-1.11.24	WRAP Holiday Club	
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	
3.12.24	Tackling Racial Bias	5pm
4.12.24	Tackling Racial Bias	8am

20.12.24	End of the school term	
6.1.25	Spring term begins	

## **Educational Visits**

### **Year 2**

On Monday the Y2 classes went to the local Hindu Temple in Honor Oak where they enjoyed a session with the Purohit. The children practised the 'Namaste' greeting and they learned that it can be used to say 'hello' or 'goodbye'. It is an expression of appreciation and respect towards another person, entity or deity. We learned what it means to be a Hindu. The talk focused on the importance of honesty and truthfulness in Hinduism. We also had the chance to walk through the woods and look for habitats. Sarah and her friends were looking for 'The Last Wolf' from the story but they didn't find it.



As we had lunch with the view of the city we talked about the difference between a view, aerial view and map based on our Geography learning.

### **Year 3**

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the National History Museum this week. We participated in a workshop about volcanoes and earthquakes in which we had to use our scientific skills to save a town from geological catastrophe. We learnt about different types of volcanoes and how earthquakes are measured. We were excited to spot some of the fossils found by Mary Anning in one of the galleries.



## **Basketball**

Some of our Yr5/6 children took part in the School Games Basketball Tournament this Monday.

We started the morning in a group of 6 with other Lewisham schools. It was a fast-paced morning of basketball with some lovely technique and skill. The team were brilliantly captained by Luca.

The afternoon was even better as we scored some lovely 3 pointers, with every player managing to get on the score sheet. We even scored 13-0 in one of the games and that clinched our 8th place out of 12 teams.

The team showed great resilience, determination and above all amazing sportsmanship that was noticed by the other coaches.

Well done to all of the children that were involved; we really enjoyed the day! We are looking forward to the next tournament.



## **Celebrations**

### **Sarah R's Class (Year 4)**

The whole class for their amazing assembly.

Ada: She is a great role model to her peers; demonstrating all of the Kilmorie Qualities. Trish enjoys working with her in maths, as Ada always challenges herself and her work is beautifully presented.

Oden: He has been trying hard with his work, especially his writing. He now goes back and edits his work for punctuation mistakes.

Stanley: He has been trying hard with his work. He is showing a more mature attitude towards his learning and thinking about moving away from children that distract him. He has done well with learning to use Clicker for his writing.

### **Elis's Class (Year 2)**

Isabela - Well done for building confidence and resilience to stay focused on learning tasks.

Daniel - Thank you for your contributions to the class learning in Maths. Well done for your enthusiasm for learning new things.

### **Kate's Class (Year 2)**

Abel for the amazing progress he has made with his writing in the past few weeks. I was so impressed with the effort he put into his piece of descriptive writing about the perfect forest. Well done for using all the descriptive phrases in your plan and for making sure you used finger spaces and your best handwriting.

I celebrated Thisbe for her amazing learning behaviour during our trip on Monday. She showed great respect during our visit to the temple, and I was impressed with how calm Thisbe was throughout the whole trip. I am very proud of the more collaborative and independent learner she has become in class as well.

### **School Dinners**

As you will have read in other correspondence our lunch dinner offer is changing after half term – a new menu and a rotating alternating additional option (pasta, jacket potato or baguette). We will also be introducing a wristband system so that the kitchen staff can quickly identify children with allergies or dietary requirements. Thank you for your patience.

### **Consideration for residents.**

As outlined in a previous email, please can parents and carers be mindful of not blocking driveways on local roads.

### **Bake Sale: A huge, big thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who organised and took part in the 'Community Allies' bake sale to raise money for the project. The money raised will ensure promoting equality and the further development of a curriculum relevant and engaging to all pupils at Kilmorie can continue.

I would like to celebrate the wonderful poster that **Raeya** (Tom's y5 class) created to advertise this event. This publicity supported the profile of the Allies work and amazingly brought in an amazing amount of money to support all our staff and children.

### **Black History Month**

See below the list of books, recommended by Moon Lane Books, for us to read this month (Black History Month). They are offering our parents and students a **10% discount** if purchased this month. They will extend the discount for any similar books too. Just quote "Black History At Kilmorie".

### **Children's Books (for a variety of age groups)**

- Black History for Every Day of the Year
- Freedom Braids - picture book. aimed at children aged 4+
- African and Caribbean Folktales, Myths and Legends - collection of short stories, aimed at children aged 8+
- Black and British: An Illustrated History
- Shining Bright, Shining Black : Meet 100 Inspiring Black Icons
- I'm Going to be a Princess - picture book. aimed at children aged 4+
- The Story of Afro Hair
- Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush



### Adult's Books

- An African History of Africa : From the Dawn of Humanity to Independence
- Windrush: 75 Years of Modern Britain
- Black Victorians: Hidden in History
- Freedom Is A Constant Struggle
- Black Poppies: Britain's Black Community and the Great War
- How Europe Underdeveloped Africa
- Black Britain: A Photographic History

### Afro hair workshop



## Afro hair workshop for parents and carers

Come to our workshop and learn how to manage textured and curly hair. Learn to detangle and braid natural hair and with hair extensions. All genders welcome.

**This session will be delivered by @10LoungeUK**

 **Monday 28th October**

 **12.30 pm - 2.30 pm**

 **Bellingham Gateway Youth and Community Centre, 185 Brookehouse Road, London, SE6 3TT**

For more info or to book your place, please email:  
**SeleneR@familylives.org.uk**

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## Gardening – Eva

The next stage of our Living Boundaries Project is to plant a hedge along the blue fence to the left of the main gate. This involves digging a trench for the plants, there is a layer of tarmac that needs to be removed. We are having a session on Sunday 3rd November from 10am to 12pm to start the trench, please come along if you have a pickaxe and are willing to use it, we really need your help. The following week the children will get a chance to help dig the trench, all the children from Reception to Year 6 will get a chance to dig. This week nursery started their part in the project by planting yellow tulips along the fence by the sports cage, this section of the project has already been planted with Jasmine, Holboelia, Budleja and Clematis. These plants were bought using money raised from the cake sale, so another massive thank you again to everyone who donated in any way.

This photo is of the new hedging along the fence by the sports cage.

Another date for the diary is **Saturday 9th November 2pm to 5pm**, this is when we will hopefully finish the trench and plant the new hedge which will be a mixture of Hornbeam and Jasmine. These plants will give us beauty, nature, smells and flowers as they grow, they will also hopefully, be sturdy enough to withstand the children's play activities. Please come along to this Gardening Day, all welcome, a lovely time to meet friends and help make our school a beautiful learning environment. Bring tools if you can and a drink.



## Friends of Kilmoreie

### Key dates for Winter fair and festive activities

	How	Deadline
Purchase tea towels	<a href="https://buytickets.at/friendsofkilmoreie/1433444">https://buytickets.at/friendsofkilmoreie/1433444</a>	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Purchase an item from our wishlist	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk">Amazon.co.uk</a>	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Volunteer at the winter fair	<a href="https://volunteersignup.org/LBELC">https://volunteersignup.org/LBELC</a>	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Visit Santa's grotto at the winter fair	<a href="https://buytickets.at/friendsofkilmoreie/1411642">https://buytickets.at/friendsofkilmoreie/1411642</a> (a small number of tickets available at the fair)	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Chocolate tombola	Donations to class teacher	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Secret gift room	Donations in the blue bin by the gate (No alcohol please)	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Jingle Jars	Filled jars to be put in the blue bin by the gate	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
Raffle tickets	Return to school office with tickets & money in an envelope	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
Christmas trees	<a href="https://www.sumupstore.com">Friends of Kilmoreie (sumupstore.com)</a>	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov

To try and make it a bit lighter to read we have added all the links and key dates into the table above.

Click on the links and it will take you directly to the page.

## **Christmas Activity Updates - Please see relevant links in the table above.**

Year Group Tea towels are now on sale.

Kilmorie shop is now open to purchase your Christmas tree supplied by Hole Farm Gardens.

Tickets for this year's Santa's Grotto can be purchased before the fair.

We will be sending out requests for parents to sign up to volunteer for an hour at this year's Winter Fair.

Raffle Tickets will go out to ALL children the first week after half term

We have added a link to our Amazon wish list, we are always really grateful for any items purchased as this helps keep our costs low and profits high.

We will be sending out more info over the next few weeks.

## **Update on the Kilmorie Library**

There have been lots of recent discussions about how best to fundraise for the new library, a parent kindly set up a collection, but to be able to ensure we maximised our profit target we have now set up a Just Giving campaign so the library team would benefit from 25% gift aid.

Thank you to everybody who donated via the original channel - this money will be directly transferred to the 'Funds for Library' campaign.

Here is the new link for those who would still like to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kilmorielibrary>

Many Thanks for all your support in this project.

We are still looking for the following items

- Good condition books for children and adults
- Plain - A3 , A4 and A5 picture frames
- House plants in good condition with planter/pot (no spider plants as we have plenty)
- People with connections to publishers, authors and free books.

(Dennis – I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Rina and her team who have given up so many hours to this project.)

Here are some 'work in progress'



## Message from Lewisham -

**The UK is developing an online only immigration system.** Physical documents are being replaced with an online record of someone's immigration status. This is known as an **eVisa**. Those affected will need to make this change by **31st December 2024**, otherwise they will find it difficult to prove their immigration status.

The documents being replaced are:

biometric residence permits (BRP)  
biometric residence cards (BRC)  
wet ink stamps in passports  
vignette stickers in passports

Please encourage members of your school community who use the above documents to **apply for eVisa at [www.gov.uk/evisa](http://www.gov.uk/evisa) before 31st December 2024.**

Please **signpost** members of your community to [www.lewisham.gov.uk/evisa](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/evisa) for more information

**Biometric Residence Permits are being replaced by eVisas**

Apply by **31 December** at [gov.uk/evisa](http://gov.uk/evisa)

Support with eVisa application in Lewisham

Drop in sessions:

**LRMN**  
Lewisham Refugee & Migrant Network  
All Saints Hatcham Community Centre  
107 New Cross Rd, London SE14 5FF  
Wednesday, 10:30am-1pm

341 Evelyn Street  
Deptford SE8 5QX  
Thursday and Friday, 10am-1pm  
\*Please ring 020 8694 0323 before attending

**citizens advice** Lewisham

**Leemore Centre**  
33 Clarendon Rise, Lewisham SE13 5ES  
Monday, 9:45-11.45am

**St. John's Church**  
353 Bromley Rd, Downham SE6 2RP  
Wednesday, 12 noon-2pm

**Perry Rise Baptist Church**  
Perry Rise, Forest Hill SE23 2QL  
Thursday, 12 noon-2pm

For more information please see [lewisham.gov.uk/evisa](http://lewisham.gov.uk/evisa)