

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and have avoided the bad weather we have been experiencing. We have had a very busy week, as always. It started with my assembly on Monday – I revisited our school rules of being safe, being ready to learn and being respectful. I also told the children about my meeting of Floella Benjamin and I showed a short video of a retelling of her autobiography, “Coming to England.”

This week our end of term celebrations have begun with our talented musicians performing throughout the week, showcasing their learning this term. Our choir performed on Tuesday at Perry Vale Baptist Church.



Our Year Group performances started today with the Year 6 pupils getting us into the Christmas spirit. We look forward to next week’s events.

On Wednesday we had two meetings of our “Community Allies.” The sessions were run by Emilia from Citizen.co.uk. The sessions were thought-provoking and challenging and will help the school engage with our whole community more fully.

Thank you to all the families that have contributed to both our School Fund Voluntary Contribution and our School Dinner Contribution so promptly.

### **UNICEF – Rights Respecting School**

We have started on our exciting journey to become a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. The first stage of the award is to achieve ‘Bronze: Rights Committed.’ Bronze is the planning stage, where we plan the actions that we are going to take to work towards achieving ‘Silver: Rights Aware’, the second stage of the RRSA. This is the stage where the whole school community will have the opportunity to become involved in the process and where our children and staff will learn about the CRC articles. Children’s rights will be promoted throughout the school and will be weaved into their learning on a regular basis. We will have a section in our newsletter and website where you will find updates on the process and information on how you can support us to create a rights respecting school. For more information see the letter at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a `Christmas Jumper Day` for Save the Children. Whilst it is Christmas Jumper Day for me (and many others) on most days in December, we will be marking the event. On Tuesday a parentpay item will be opened for donations.

## Celebration

### Penny's Class (Year 6)

Oona – for her fantastic work, especially her writing, which is a pleasure to read and shows that she has made good use of all the features we have been learning about.

Isaac – for his tremendous curiosity across the curriculum. His enthusiasm for learning is refreshing. Penny is also grateful to him whenever he politely points out if she has made a mistake in maths.

### Shona's Class (Year 5)

Freddie has shown lovely working behaviour in his maths.

Kei has a positive approach to her learning and likes to challenge herself.

## Christmas Dinner

Don't forget to order your child's festive lunch, being served on **19/12/2024**

There will be Traditional Roast Turkey or Squash, Spinach and Cream Cheese Filo Bake (V), with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Vegetarian Sausage, Stuffing and Gravy, and for dessert a Festive Chocolate and Ginger Bake with Vanilla Ice Cream or Organic Yoghurt and Fresh Fruit.

Please complete the attached form, through the link below, if your child does not normally have school dinners but would like the FESTIVE FEAST or if your child normally has school dinners but does not want the meal.

<https://kilmorie.wufoo.com/forms/p1jzbget0uj3f6z/>



## Term Dates

Date	Event	Notes
12.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day	Donations to Save the Children.
20.12.24	End of the school term	2pm finish
6.1.25	Spring term begins	
31.1.25	Rebecca's class assembly	09.15
7.2.25	Vicky's class assembly	09.15
14.2.25	Shona's class assembly	09.15
17.2.25-21.2.25	Half-term	
21.3.25	Crystal's class assembly	09.15

28.3.25	Elis' class assembly	09.15
4.4.25	End of term	

## **Friends of Kilmorie**

Thank you to everybody who purchased this year's tea towels. We hope you like the new colour. These were handed to the class teachers on Tuesday so hopefully you will have received them.

🎄 Christmas Tree collection is tomorrow! 🎄 (Saturday 7th)

You will be able to collect your tree from the main entrance from 9am until 3pm.

Please do get in touch if you aren't able to collect during these times and we will try to accommodate.

## **Watch this Space!**

We have been holding a number of meetings this past week with perspective new committee members. We are hoping to introduce our new FoK committee in the New Year!

It's not too late to express an interest in joining,

if you'd like to know more please email us at [friendsofkilmorie@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkilmorie@gmail.com)

## **Library 📖 update**

Thank you to Rina and the library team for getting the new shelving units added to our wonderful library.

Here's a sneak preview 😊



## **Parking**

Unfortunately, we have had another complaint from one of our neighbours. If you pick up your child by car, please ensure that you do not block a local residents drive.

# Action for Happiness

## [Do Good December | Action for Happiness](#)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	<b>2</b> Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	<b>3</b> Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	<b>4</b> Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	<b>5</b> Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	<b>6</b> Leave a positive message for someone else to find	<b>7</b> Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
<b>8</b> Do something helpful for a friend or family member	<b>9</b> Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	<b>10</b> Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	<b>11</b> Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	<b>12</b> Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	<b>13</b> See how many different people you can smile at today	<b>14</b> Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
<b>15</b> Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	<b>16</b> Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	<b>17</b> Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	<b>18</b> Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	<b>19</b> Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	<b>20</b> Help others by giving away something that you don't need	<b>21</b> Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
<b>22</b> Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	<b>23</b> Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	<b>24</b> Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	<b>25</b> Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	<b>26</b> Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	<b>27</b> Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	<b>28</b> Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
<b>29</b> Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	<b>30</b> Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	<b>31</b> Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025				

## eVisas

The UK Government is replacing physical immigration documents with eVisas, a digital proof of immigration status.

Parents and guardians of children who are not British or Irish citizens, and whose children have either a biometric residence permit (BRP) card expiring on 31 December 2024, or a passport with an indefinite leave to remain ink stamp or vignette sticker, should take action to [access their eVisa now](#), and do so on behalf of their children too.

An eVisa cannot be lost or stolen and can be accessed online by visa holders at any time to prove their rights in the UK. It's free and their immigration status won't be affected.

You can find a range of shareable eVisa communications materials, including factsheets and social media content in the eVisa [partner pack](#).

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,



## **We are becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School**

Kilmorie Primary School wants to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a Rights Respecting School, an award given to schools on behalf of UNICEF UK.

UNICEF UK works with schools to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The Rights Respecting Schools Award supports schools to put in place a set of standards based on equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. These values stem from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

At Kilmorie pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. You can find out more about the Award here: [unicef.uk/About\\_RRSA](https://www.unicef.uk/About_RRSA)

We really hope that you will support our school on our Rights Respecting journey. On the back of this letter you will find a few frequently asked questions along with more information about UNICEF and the CRC.

Yours sincerely,

Kate McAuliffe  
RRSA Coordinator

## Becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School:

### Questions and Answers

You might ask...	As school leaders we think...
What is a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School?	A UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School is a school that ensures children's rights are taught, understood and lived in school. Rights Respecting schools put in place a set of standards based on equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation based on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. These values are ever-present in a Rights Respecting school, from the classroom to the canteen. As a result, the Rights Respecting Schools Award transforms whole schools into places where children feel safe, nurtured and in control of their futures.
Why is this happening?	A UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together. Read more about the Award at <a href="http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa">www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa</a>
How will becoming a Rights Respecting School benefit my child(ren)?	The RRSA Impact Report demonstrates that children and young people who attend a school that has progressed through the Award are engaged in their education, feel a shared sense of community in school, believe they can change the world for the better, develop self-esteem and value themselves and have a school environment where they feel safe and cared for.
How can I get involved?	We hope you will support the school's journey to become a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School. Please do read about the Convention and UNICEF's work to see what it's all about. Read more: <a href="http://unicef.uk/intro_to_crc">unicef.uk/intro_to_crc</a>
What is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?	<p>In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention recognised that all children have the right to be treated with dignity and fairness, to be protected, to develop to their full potential and to participate. The rights in the Convention describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from.</p> <p>The Convention changed the way children are viewed and treated – in other words, as human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of as passive objects of care and charity. It is the most widely ratified human rights treaty – only the United States has not ratified it. The UK signed up to it in 1991.</p>
What is UNICEF?	<p>UNICEF is the world's leading organisation for children and young people, promoting the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything they do. Together with their partners, UNICEF works in 190 countries to translate that commitment into practical action.</p> <p>UNICEF UK is a registered charity. It raises funds through donations from individuals, organisations and companies and campaigns to keep children safe. UNICEF UK also works with schools, hospitals and local authorities in the UK to put children at the heart of what they do.</p> <p>To find out more about Unicef, go to: <a href="http://www.unicef.org.uk">www.unicef.org.uk</a></p>