

# FRIEND ZONE

4 April 2025



Some of the team!

Welcome to the first ever edition of your new Friends of Kilmorie newsletter, Friend Zone.

Your REGULAR update from Friends of Kilmorie: Working together to raise funds and nurture our amazing school community.

Every half-term, we're planning to send you a shiny update about all things FoK.

We know that not everyone knows what FoK do, so in this edition, we thought we'd start with a quick intro before we get onto the important business: telling you about all the great stuff coming up and reflecting on a fantastic spring term.

Thanks for being part of this incredible community!

*The 2025 FoK Committee*

Emma, Tekie, Ian, Stefan, Claire, Natalie, Isabel, Bethan, Helena, Hayley, Tareena, Kate, Liam, T, Becky, Monika, Libero, Katrina, Sophie, and Emma R.

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## Who are Friends of Kilmorie?

We're your school PTA, aka a bunch of parents who were drawn to Kilmorie Primary School partly due to the vibrant community it's famed for. We work together to organise events and raise funds, on a mission to make sure the very community that attracted us to this unique school stays as warm, buzzy and engaged as possible.

We have a core committee of 20 volunteers and many of us are brand new, joining FoK earlier this term after the heartfelt plea for help before Christmas. Some of us have a specific focus, like events, comms or sustainability (more on this one in our next issue), others are all-rounders.

We're separate from the school itself but we spend a lot of time getting teachers and other staff members engaged with what we're up to and making sure we know what their priorities are and where we can support them via fundraising and events.

All of us are juggling FoK duties around our real-life jobs (among our number are teachers, journalists, police officers and numerous creative and techie types!) which is why we need all the help we can get.

You don't have to be a FoK committee member to pitch in, we also have a "Kilmorie Crew" group who regularly help as and when they have time, whether it's by manning a cake stall or sprucing up a slidedeck. We also rely on our fantastic class reps who kindly spread the word about all things FoK via your class chat.

Oh, and we're all quite nice, not *that* annoying, and are determined to shake off those Motherland stereotypes...

<b>HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH:</b>	<u>INSTAGRAM</u>
<u><a href="mailto:friendsofkilmorie@gmail.com">friendsofkilmorie@gmail.com</a></u>	Or better still... just grab us in the playground!

## Highlights of the Spring Term



### FOR FOK'S SAKE SOARED TO VICTORY

Who came along to our annual quiz last Friday? It was a great night!

Huge congratulations to champions For FoK's Sake who went home with medals, wine and high self-esteem, and heartfelt commiserations to The Fair Dinkum Fact Finders, aka our teacher team, who were at a disadvantage due to still being in nappies on the other side of the world when many of the songs in the music round were released.

The grub from Marchetti was a delicious hit, the drinks were flowing rapidly and hostess Tina Sparkle and superstar DJ Mandy Gettrup kept everyone entertained.

And the great news? Our resident FoK mathletes are still totting up the final total, but it's looking like you all helped raise an extremely healthy sum for your school.

Thank you - it all helps make a huge difference to your kids' Kilmore experience. Same time next year?

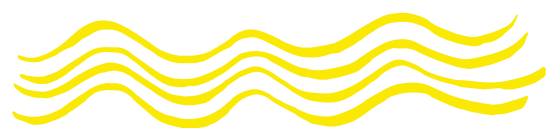


### IT POPPED RIGHT OFF AT THE DISCO...

At the end of February, hundreds of very excited kids put on their gladrags and descended on the lower hall for two school discos: the first for years 3 and 4, and a later one for years 5 and 6.

They danced, they limbo-ed, they bought so much bubble tea that we had to make an emergency dash to the nearest supermarket, and, of course, they raised lots of cash for school projects.

We were exhausted. They were fine.





## Spotlight on: Community Allies

Hopefully you've spotted the Community Allies posters around the school. Better still, perhaps you've been to one of the group's regular meetings. Community Allies are the cultural heart of Kilmore Primary School, led by a group of parents with a focus on antiracist work and celebrating the people in our community.

Most recently, the group launched the Allies Art Club, led by Nadine, Lucy, Sheetal and Kei, which sees children from across the year groups being invited to attend Friday lunchtime art sessions. The current cohort's brilliant work — self-portraits exploring the layers of their identities — is now on display in the ground floor corridor and is well worth a look.

Community Allies have lots lined up for the summer term too. As well as another Global Bake Sale plus special events planned for the Early Years Garden Party, the group will be teaming up with FoK to put together the inaugural Kilmore Carnival of Culture — our all new summer fair. The first ever Kilmore Talks are also in the pipeline, with guest speakers Everyday Racism set to appear — more on this soon!

Community Allies are also really keen to hear from the wider Kilmore community about the work they're doing. The research team have put together a brief survey on perceptions of race equity and anti-racism which you can complete [via this link](#). Thank you!

### *Dates for your diary*

<p>TUESDAY 6TH MAY, 9.15AM COMMUNITY ALLIES CORE MEET-UP</p>	<p>TUESDAY 13TH MAY, 9.15AM GLOBAL MAJORITY MEET-UP</p>
<p>TUESDAY 20 MAY, 5PM WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, 8AM COMMUNITY ALLIES HALF TERMLY SCHOOL UPDATE (childcare provided)</p>	<p>To find out more or to get involved, email <a href="mailto:contact@kilmore-allies.org">contact@kilmore-allies.org</a> <a href="#">Join our Community Allies group</a> <a href="#">Join our Global Majority Meet-up group</a></p>



## A big thank you from our library team

Have you popped your head around the door of the new school library yet?

The library team want to say a huge thank you for the generous donations of both money and books, all of which mean our children now have regular access to a fantastic range of reading material.

So far, all classes from years 2 to 6 have had their first library session, with reception and year 1 visiting after the Easter break.

And, amazingly, a whopping 500 books have made their way from the library into classrooms



## Doing a spring clearout over the Easter holidays?

The library team is always grateful for donations of children's books in good condition. If you find anything suitable in your spring clean, please drop them off after the holidays.

Thank you!



## The World Book Day...

...Book and Bake Sale was a resounding success, raising even more funds for the library and, just as importantly, showing that our children have a huge passion for reading.

They particularly loved getting to meet some real-life authors and we're keen to make more connections in the world of publishing, so if you have an "in" with any children's publishers, illustrators or authors, please get in touch.



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# Who wants more WhatsApp notifications?

If you have a specific interest and want to meet like minded parents, chances are there's a mini Kilmore community for you. And if there isn't? Start one, give us the heads-up and we can spread the word in our next newsletter!



## Kilmore Crew

A gaggle of helpers who pitch in to all things FoK when they have time, particularly in the run-up to big events, but without needing to join the main committee. Bakers, artists, all-round eager beavers... [join here](#).



## Kilmore Runners

Originally founded to assemble a team for The Big Half a few years back, now runners of all abilities chat Achilles tendons, arrange parkrun meet-ups and more. They're looking at planning a running event for the kids too. [Join here](#).



## Hispanoparlantes Kilmore (Spanish Speakers)

A group for our school's small but mighty Spanish speaking community. [Join here](#).



## Kilmore Garden Group

Our green-fingered gang who keep the school grounds looking pretty.

If you know your magnolia from your marigolds, or just don't mind getting your hands dirty, [join here](#).



## Kilmore Makers

The home of our talented creative types, who design and make beautiful things for events, including the school production.

[Join here](#).

## Smartphone Free Kilmore

A group for parents interested in the smartphone-free childhood campaign to discuss smartphones and share experiences. [Join here](#)

## SEND Support & Chat

A friendly community of parents and carers of children (with and without a diagnosis) sharing SEND experiences, advice and resources. [Join here](#).

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Coming soon...

7-21 April



## Join our Easter egg hunt

If you are looking for a fun activity to do with the kids this Easter Break, join our Easter Egg Hunt!

A bunch of our volunteers will be displaying beautiful Easter egg artwork in their windows around the streets near Kilmore - all you have to do is count them up! Be sure to send [friendsofkilmore@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkilmore@gmail.com) a photo of your family on the trail, and the kids will go into the draw to win a prize (which will probably consist of chocolate!).

We'll be sending more information (and the map) via the Class WhatsApp groups, so keep your eye out! .

It's free to take part, but if you fancy it, you can make a voluntary donation to FoK.

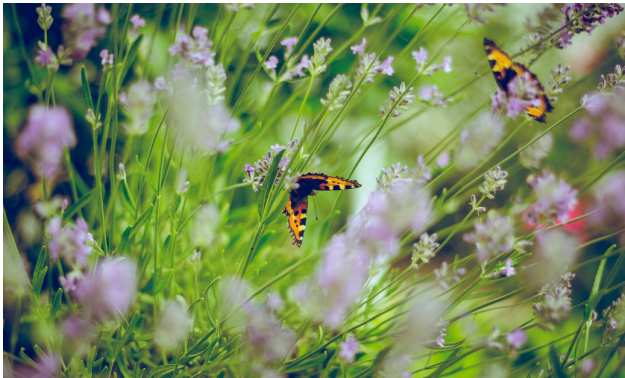
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## Get your hands dirty

Join the Gardening team for their spring gardening session, and help them get our Garden ready to show off to everyone in late April.





## Important dates for your diaries

Sunday 27th April: 10am-12pm:

### **Open garden day**

Guided garden tours, cakes, drinks, performances and more.

Friday 4th July, after school:

### **Pride picnic and social**

More info soon

Saturday 10th May, 11am-2pm:

### **Early Years Garden Party**

More info coming soon - we'll be looking for donations of toys, games and cuddly toys. Plus, for the first time, this year's event will feature a petting zoo!

Saturday 12th July:

### **Carnival of Culture**

(aka the summer fair)

More info soon



## Keep in touch!

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter break ahead of an action-packed summer term.

We'll send out your next newsletter at the end of May, so just let us know if there is anything you would like us to include.

And thank you for all the fantastic support!