

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 26th September 2025

This week in Nursery

Another very warm welcome to the children and families that have joined us this week. We can't quite believe how well all of the children are settling into nursery already. It feels like we've been together for months rather than just a few weeks. The children have been enjoying both the inside and outside areas and making the most of the sunnier days. They have been cooking up a storm in the mud kitchen, climbing, balancing, and carefully navigating the space as children play games and master the bikes. Believe it or not, they also love to clean - washing the cars, the equipment, the toys...so you never know, they might even do some at home!

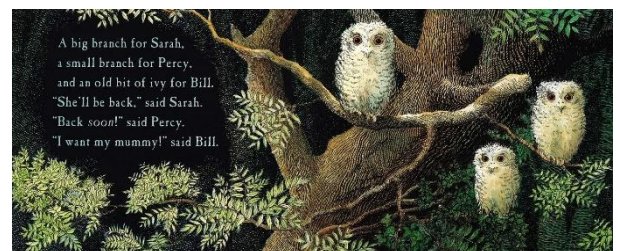


The children continue to be fascinated by our new fish and love to while away the time watching them swim and just talking about what they notice. It is a lovely way for the children to enjoy a moment of calm and engage in conversation with each other. Also, our fish are still nameless! Please pass on any suggestions to us and we will do a grand draw with the children next week to decide their names.

In other areas, the children have been very busy getting creative, making bracelets and Owl Baby puppets. Threading and cutting are excellent for developing children's fine motor skills as well as their attention and focus.



This week we have started to read and explore '**Owl Babies**'. It is a beautiful story about a family of owls and so we will be talking alongside children about the importance of family and friends and being kind to each other. The children have really enjoyed listening to the story and next week we will start to 'act' out the different parts using our resident owl soft toys. Also, thank you for all the donations we have already received for our forthcoming nest building activities!



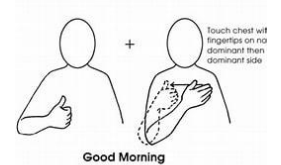
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Things to Note:

Makaton

Makaton is a communication method that combines symbols, signs and spoken language to support people with communication difficulties. It is designed to help develop skills such as attention, listening and expression by using gestures, facial expression and body language alongside speech.

In nursery we love to talk! However, we also know that as adults we often use too many words when working with younger children which can be both overwhelming and over stimulating, resulting in a breakdown of communication. Subsequently, this year we will be starting to use simple Makaton and introducing a new sign/ each week for the children to learn and use if they so wish. This will also help communication with those children who already sign in nursery. This week we introduced 'good morning' and 'thank you.'



Cooking

Next week we will be starting our Thursday cooking sessions, which will take place once in the morning and in the afternoon. **Only if you are able to**, we would welcome any donations to help with the costs. These donations also go towards other 'cooking' based activities such as playdough and salt dough. A suggested donation is: £4.00 half termly or £8 termly. Information & envelopes will be handed out over the coming week.



Stay and Play

The first Stay and Play session will be on **Wednesday 22nd October**. It is a lovely weekly session for parents to stay with their children at drop off for 45 minutes. It is a great opportunity to see your children in the Nursery environment and meet other parents. The timings are:

- 8.45am – 9.30am
- 12.30pm - 1.15pm

Family Photos

Thank you for the lovely photos for our 'We are Family' wall. If you have not yet had the chance, please email or drop in a photo of your family. Email: nursery@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk



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Library

If you're getting a little tired of reading the books at home for the 100th time, the children are very welcome to take a book home from nursery. Once finished, please return and take another! Happy reading!

Starting primary school in 2026

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2026, please remember, the deadline for school applications is **Thursday 15th January 2026**. If you need any help completing the online application, please do talk to a member of staff.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and if you don't have any plans, on Sunday, celebrate the annual wheat harvest and the histories and crafts of milling and artisan bread making at Brixton's Windmill's [family-friendly harvest festival](#). Children can take part in baking and corn dolly making workshops, with live music and stalls to browse too. **FREE, 1pm-5pm**

Enjoy!

Tracey, Fiona, Zindzi, Amy and Katrina