

Friday 10th October 2025

This week in Nursery

This week is all about our emotions! We have introduced the story, 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. It tells the story of a confused monster with mixed up feelings. His friend helps him to understand his different feelings using colour. Over this term, we will be exploring a variety of emotions with the children, using lots of interactive and fun activities.



We will particularly focus on the colours blue, green and red, which reflect elements of Kilmorie's 'Zones of Regulation', the school's approach to supporting children around their feelings. The children amazingly, have already started to share, using these zones, saying things like 'I'm in the blue zone – I'm a bit tired.' One child even introduced their own colour, 'Pink, that's for love'.



Meet our very own Colour Monster and ask your child which zone they might be in today or share with them how you might be feeling.

In other areas of Nursery, the children have been thoroughly enjoying our box play. It never ceases to surprise us just how much joy and learning the children get from playing with cardboard boxes. They've made houses, robots and journeyed by train - their imaginations just brimming with ideas.



At Kilmorie's Chef School, we baked Jamaican ginger cake and what a hit it was. Lots of measuring and mixing and talking about what happens to the ingredients once in the oven and what and where Jamaica is. We also asked the question, 'What came first, the chicken or the egg?' When the children answered chicken, we then asked them where the egg came from.... the answer – 'Sainsburys'. So now the mystery has been solved!



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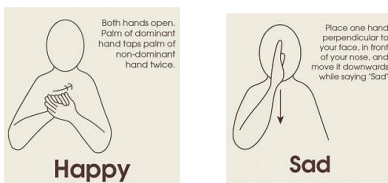
If you have any simple recipes that are special to you, please send them and we'll give them a try.

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.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be introducing Makaton signs for different feelings. This week we are focusing on:



At the beginning of each carpet session, the children also sign, 'good looking, good listening and good sitting', to help us get ready for our story. We continue to learn the song '5 Little Monkeys' using Makaton. Here is the link if you want to learn it too.

[Makaton - FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS SWINGING IN A TREE - Singing Hands](#)

Proud Cloud

As part of Nursery Children's Charter, from next week we will be introducing our 'Proud Cloud' system, in which we recognise little achievements made by the children. The achievement will go onto a little cloud and put up on our balloon wall and celebrated during one of the carpet sessions. It could be for anything and especially relevant to that individual child. Being proud of little achievements is an important element of developing a sense of self and likewise, being pleased for our friends. Watch out for new clouds appearing on our Children's Charter wall.

Big Foot Theatre Company

The Big Foot Theatre Company will be running a half hour workshop for Nursery and Reception on **Friday 17th October** in celebration of Black History Month. It will celebrate the power of story, rhythm and community through a journey of traditional tales – Tafari and the Talking Drum, Queen Yaa and the Golden Stool, and Taiwo and Kehinde, the Kola Nut Twins. Through vibrant characters and interactive drama, the children will be a part of bringing these stories to life.



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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's a great opportunity to see your child in the Nursery environment and meet other parents. The timings are:

- **8.45am – 9.30am**
- **12.30pm - 1.15pm**

We hope you can join us.

Library Visit

On **Wednesday 12th November**, Paul Nash from Lewisham Libraries will be visiting Kilmorie Nursery during our two stay and play sessions. He will hold a story telling session with the children, but will also be available to talk with adults about the services provided by Lewisham libraries. He will also be able to set up memberships for children on the day. Please come along if you want to find out more.

Starting primary school in 2026

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2024, 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.

Evidence Me

To support the children's learning in nursery, we use an App called Evidence Me. It is a digital platform created for teachers, schools, and childminders. It allows staff to record children's learning quickly and clearly and uses photos, videos, and written notes to capture evidence of progress and their experiences. Everything is stored securely in one place and can be accessed anytime. The platform also connects parents with their child's education. This makes learning more transparent and collaborative. Each term, we will email you at least 3 observations of your child's learning. Before the end of term, you will receive a link to join the Evidence Me platform. This will allow you to also upload photos of your child's learning if you so choose.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and if you have nothing planned, check out the London Water Lantern Festival at Clapham Common this Saturday and Sunday. Children aged 7 and under go free! [Water Lantern Festival - London - Tickets | Fever](#)

Katrina, Amy, Zindzi, Tracey and Fiona