KILMORIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nursery

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 23rd October 2026

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term! We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children and are so proud of how well they have settled into nursery. It feels as though they have been with us for years already.



As the weather has become cooler and autumn has finally arrived, our learning this week has taken on a wonderful autumn and of course, Halloween theme. The children have embraced all of the seasonal activities, enjoying stories, creating witches' hats and spiders, exploring our pumpkin sensory tray and dancing along to the *Monster Mash*.



One of the highlights of the week was opening up real pumpkins and investigating what was inside. Armed with magnifying glasses, the children carefully explored the textures, seeds and patterns they discovered. Their language and observations were fantastic: "Looks like your ribs!", "Looks like spider webs", "It's bumpy and webby" and "The seeds feel like slime and it's green and healthy." We were impressed with how they described what they saw and listened and shared their ideas with each other. The Halloween theme has also inspired lots of conversations about the children's plans for Halloween, again, sharing experiences, taking turns in conversation and listening to one another – all important skills that we continue to nurture every day.

The children enjoyed making our spicy, pumpkin-coloured playdough. They loved helping with the process, adding cinnamon and other delicious-smelling spices, and talking about what was happening as the ingredients were mixed together. Afterwards, they were able to recall many of the ingredients we had used.



At Kilmorie Chef school, Madame Fou Fou tasked the children with making



cheesy magic wands. They worked hard to crumble the butter and flour together before rolling out the dough and using cutters to make star-shaped wand tops. This was excellent practice for developing their fine motor skills and strengthening the muscles needed for later writing. Of course, once the wands were baked, we used them to cast a few magic spells during story time before gobbling them all up!

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We were also delighted to welcome our Year 6 work experience helpers this week. The children enjoyed listening to stories, playing games and working alongside them to create papier-mâché globes for our Black History Month display, celebrating the many places around the world that our families originate from. This has provided a lovely opportunity for the children to build relationships with older pupils and develop their confidence when interacting with others in the wider school community.



In maths, we have continued learning about the digit **2** and have started practising how to write it. This proved a little trickier than last week's learning, but the children worked incredibly hard and did a fantastic job. We also enjoyed a number hunt around nursery, searching for the digit 2 and playing number games using blocks.



During music, the children took part in parachute games, moving the parachute to the beat of the drum, matching different tempos and following instructions such as red for stop and green for go. Not only are these sessions great for their listening and attention, but also for their physical development, using larger movements and working together as a group.



This week we also introduced **Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle**, an exciting approach that supports early writing development. The programme helps children develop the gross and fine motor skills and brain-body connections needed for confident mark making and handwriting. Using music, ribbons and movement, the children learned a range of actions including circles and squiggles. As time moves on, these movements will then be transferred to marks on paper, with the ultimate aim of children starting to see the connections between these movements and the shapes that form letters and numbers.

As we come to the end of this half term, we would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support. We are incredibly grateful for your feedback and encouragement and your friendly faces at drop off and pick up. A lovely way to bookend each day.

Please do keep asking questions, sharing updates and reading the learning letter. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful half-term break with your families. And finally, don't forget that the clocks go back this weekend... *Spring forward, Fall back!* ⏰

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in November. See you soon!

Fiona, Tracey, Amy, Katrina and Marina

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Things to Note:

Wild Garden

Our wild garden sessions will start on **Friday 6th November.** A separate email has been sent to parents and carers providing more details. Any questions, please ask a member of staff.

Family Photos

We are creating a wonderful wall of all of our nursery families. If you have not yet had the chance, please email or drop in a photo of your family. Email: nursery@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk



Half Term

We return to nursery on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026.**

School website:

Please do visit our website, you can find details of forthcoming events on the calendar (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the photo gallery, read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the school news section and much, much more!

Please remember to let the school office know, before 2.30pm if someone else is collecting your child.