KILMORIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nursery

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 13th November 2026

What a wonderfully busy and enriching week we've had in nursery! From celebrating special festivals to exploring nature, cooking delicious food and developing new skills, the children have been fully immersed in a wide range of exciting learning experiences.



This week, the children have been learning all about **Diwali**, the Hindu Festival of Lights, which was celebrated on Sunday 8th November. We explored the story behind this special celebration and enjoyed a variety of creative activities linked to it. The children carefully made their own Diya lamps from salt dough, decorating them with bright paints and plenty of sparkles. They also created beautiful Rangoli patterns, both large and small, and experimented with designing their own Mehndi-inspired hand patterns. Through these activities, the children were developing their creativity, exploring different cultures and traditions and expressing their own ideas and designs.







Our young chefs were very busy in the kitchen with Madam Foo Foo this week too! The children worked together to make a delicious vegetable curry, carefully chopping onions, peppers, mushrooms and garlic before helping to sauté the vegetables and add spices and tomatoes. They demonstrated fantastic listening skills, concentration and growing independence whilst following instructions and using t ools safely. The curry was serv ed with rice and, although it wasn't everyone's favourite, most of the children were very proud to taste their creation! While looking at a map to discover where curry originates from, one child confidently announced, "It's from Curryeoke!" Whilst not quite right, we all agreed it would make an excellent name for a restaurant! We always love cooking food that takes us to different places and enjoyed looking at a map to see where curry does actually originate from!









This week we also marked **Armistice Day** and spent time talking about the importance of remembering those who have helped and continue to help keep us safe. The children had some thoughtful discussions about the people in their own lives who care for and protect them, both within their families and in the wider community. They created beautiful poppies for themselves and their friends and watched the child-friendly animation *Poppies* to help deepen their understanding of Remembrance Day. Here is the link if you would like to watch it. https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b04p4zsl/poppies.

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Our autumn adventures have continued to inspire lots of curiosity and exploration. The children have been enjoying making autumn-scented playdough, using it to press leaves and create leaf prints. They were fascinated by the intricate vein patterns revealed in the dough, which sparked plenty of discussion, observation and questioning.

In mathematics, we have been focusing on the digit 3, exploring what quantities represent this number and practising how to write it. The children have enjoyed spotting groups of three and making connections between numerals and quantities. Why not see how many number 3s you can find when you're out and about this week?

We have also introduced **Playdough Disco**, which has quickly become a firm favourite! During these short whole-group sessions, the children manipulate playdough in different ways whilst moving along to music. Squashing, rolling, pinching and stretching the dough helps to strengthen the small muscles in children's hands and fingers, supporting the development of the fine motor skills needed for future writing.

Finally, our visit to the **wild garden** last week was a huge success. The children relished the opportunity to explore the natural environment, climb trees, dig for bugs, transport logs, collect leaves and work together to create a beautiful leaf mandala. Outdoor experiences such as these provide endless opportunities for problem-solving, teamwork, physical development and imaginative play. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating resilience, curiosity and creativity throughout their adventures.









As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy hearing about the children's learning and look forward to another exciting week ahead!

As the temperature starts to drop, we hope you have a warm and cosy weekend.

Katrina, Marina, Tracey, Amy and Fiona

Things to Note:

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Donation for a Decoration

On **Wednesday 2nd December,** we will be holding our annual 'Donation for a Decoration' event. This is a great opportunity for you to come to our weekly stay and play and enjoy creating a donation or two with your child that you can then place on the nursery Christmas tree (and one for home). It's a really lovely event to start the festive season and one we hope you can attend with your child. **If you are able to make a small donation, please do bring some cash. All proceeds will go to resources for the Nursery.**

Nursery Christmas Performance

This will be held on **Wednesday 9th December and will start at 2.30pm.** After the performance we would like to invite you to stay for a festive mince pie and a chat. We hope you can make it!

Starting primary school in 2027

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2027, please remember that the deadline for school applications is **Friday 15th January 2027**. If you need any help completing the online application, please do talk to a member of staff.

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.