



Dear Parents and Carers,

WORLD BOOK DAY (WBD): It was great to see both the staff and children all in character yesterday, there was a lovely buzz in the air and much talk about favourite books. We all met in the playground and discussed why we have WBD and both the importance and love of reading, which was finished off with each class doing a parade so we could all see each other's costumes. All the children were given their WBD voucher, do make sure they spend them – most book shops accept them. The book sale organised by FOK after school also raised a fantastic £200 in donations – the money will go towards the purchase of curriculum books.

Assemblies this week: On Tuesday we had our Kilmorie Qualities Assembly. We did this virtually so everyone from years 1-6 could take part. We celebrated all the nominees and then the class teacher of the child who won, said a few words about them and why they felt they had a particular strength in the specific quality. It was really lovely to hear the teachers talk about the children and highlighted to us all why each of the Kilmorie qualities (respectful, curious, innovating, resilient, independent, empathetic, collaborative, honest) are indeed very important.

I do love a class assembly. Today was Sarah & Fiona's class. I thought I had stepped back in time as they took us through the stone age with two lovely songs. It was great to see the wealth of knowledge they had acquired, the collaboration with performing and the confidence with the parts they played. Do have a look at the pictures on page 2 - Well done year 3.

Ukraine crisis/info sent home: As Ukraine continues to be at the forefront of the news, naturally we are all asking if there is anything we can do. Children have been asking questions, teachers have been supporting their classes though holding discussions and watching Newsround and some classes have come up with ways they would like to support which we are looking into. Nicola has also organised for donations to be dropped at school (please see page two for details of what is needed). We are also receiving lots of helpful suggestions on ways you can support your children. Now more than ever, our children need to be given access to trustworthy, non-sensationalised news especially curated and written for them. Katie, mother of Francesca and Isabella works at First News and has forwarded the link to a special report on Ukraine. It's free for all children anywhere. <http://first.news/ukraineissue>. The links sent via email are also on page two for anyone who missed them.

Contact details: If any details have changed (mobile numbers, emergency contact details etc) please can you make sure you update the school office – it is essential we hold the correct up to date information at all times, you never know when we may need them.

The Gardening day scheduled for the 19th February, was unfortunately the day after the storm, which was poor weather too. Sadly, it was only Eva, her husband Keith and Grace from year 6 who made the gardening day. They must have worked incredibly hard to make our playground and gardens look so good, especially as we had quite a bit of storm damage. A huge thank you to the three. We will be pencilling another gardening day and will share details nearer the time.

This week has been our **Parent evenings**. I hope you have found these to be useful. If you missed the appointment, do please contact your child's class teacher via info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk to arrange an alternative / suitable time

Pupil Absence requests. Attendance is a key factor in a child's success at school. It is recognised that there may be times a child cannot attend school such as when they are sick, or have an appointment (evidence is required to authorise these absences) and taking this into consideration, it is deemed any attendance over 96% is good. The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. If an absence in term time is required, permission must be sought in advance and evidence is required. Absence is only allowed to be authorised in exceptional circumstances and understand that for some can cause frustration. All children's attendance is monitored both by the school and the local authority as it is important children are at school where possible.

A Goodbye and a Welcome: This week Sarah N in year 3 has started her maternity leave, I am sure you will join me in wishing her a swift delivery and thoroughly enjoyable time with her new-born when he arrives. We also have a couple of new members of staff who are working with children on an individual basis, Amirah joined us in late January and Karen will be joining us next week. If you see them around, do please wish them a warm welcome.

Wishing All our families a lovely weekend

Julie

KEEPING KILMORIE CHILDREN SAFE Keeping children safe when using their mobile phones is important. It is our responsibilities as parents to monitor what they access, what they play and who they talk to. It is really easy for children to make comments and be unkind when using their phones. Before they know it the message has been sent, sometimes to multiple people. This can have an impact on children's mental health and wellbeing and friendships. Take a look at this guide to [Whats app](#) from the Online Safety Company.



THE WINNERS OF THE KILMORIE CHILD QUALITIES ARE:

- Collaboration - Shola Year 6
- Curiosity - Zach Y3
- Empathy - Grace Y6
- Honesty - Logan Y4
- Independence - Ben Y5
- Innovative - Dylan Y6

- Resilience - Rosie Y4 and Polly Y6 (joint winners)
- Respectfulness - David Y4

Congratulations to all our worthy winners and well done to all nominee

REMINDER: The photographer is in school on **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March** for individual photographs. (There will be no sibling photos).

Tips on talking to your children about the news - here are the links again which were emailed midweek. For the DfE Education Hub useful suggestions and approaches [click here](#). For The First News helpful ways to approach conversations [click here](#) and the tips can be found [here](#).

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY
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Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Y1 Butterflies	92.28	99.52
Y1 Ladybirds	95.48	99.78
Y1 Treefrogs	92.97	99.67
Y2 Elis	94.61	99.69
Y2 Sarah C	93.48	99.43
Y2 Alan	94.09	99.48
Y3 Sarah & Fiona	94.51	99.98
Y3 Shona	94.76	99.51
Y3 Josh	93.56	99.63
Y4 Kate M	93.02	99.57
Y4 Shipra	95.07	99.86
Y4 Heidi	93.61	99.69
Y5 Maria	93.01	99.93
Y5 Conor	92.01	98.98
Y5 Dominic	94.14	99.93
Y6 Sarah R	94.59	99.33
Y6 Martha/Nora	94.02	99.59
Y6 Jo	92.03	99.86

Winkworth Easter Art Competition – Winkworth Estate Agents in Forest Hill are FOK's sponsor for 2021/22 and they are inviting Kilmorie children to take part in an Easter themed art competition. Children can draw or paint an Easter bunny on A4 landscape or A3 portrait paper.



There will be a winner for **Nursery to Year 2 and Year 3 to Year 6** - both will receive a £25 gift voucher and have their entries displayed in Winkworth's Forest Hill branch. Please hand entries to class teachers by **Wednesday 23rd March** with the child's name, class and parent/carer's email/ phone number on the back. The winner will be announced before the Easter holidays.

SARAH, FIONA & NYASHIA'S CLASS ASSEMBLY



To view the **SPRING PERFORMANCE** diary [click here](#)

NURSERY PARENT/CARER MEETINGS : Don't forget Nursery will be closed on **Wed 23rd March** for parent/carer meetings. You can book your morning or afternoon slot using this [link](#) but needs to be done by **Wed 9th March**.

UKRAINE CRISIS We are collecting donations for Ukrainian refugees in Poland in conjunction with the Lewisham Polish Centre (based on Waldram Park Rd). Donation boxes will be at the main gate and Nursery gate all next week. If you are able to help, Items that are needed urgently are:

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| sanitary products | shower gel | breakfast cereal | all kinds of instant |
| toothpaste | wet wipes | energy bars | foods (i.e instant |
| Toothbrushes | nappies | dried fruit | soup made with |
| Deodorant | Creams | pasta | hot water) |
- Special request for any food items you can donate for people with allergies**

Thank you for your kindness at this time.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT CLUBS – details will be on our website on Thursday, 10th March.

Online application opens: Wednesday, 16th March

Application deadline: Tuesday 22nd March midday

Club places confirmed: Thursday, 24th March

Payment confirming places due by: Tuesday, 29th March midday

Clubs Start from: Monday, 25th April

Bank holiday: Monday, 2nd May

Half Term: w/b Monday 30th May

Clubs End: Monday, 11th July

