

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class

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Nursery Interests

Over the past couple of weeks we have been focusing on our 'food' interest. The children have enjoyed tasting a variety of foods from the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" along with foods from different countries. Please keep looking at our floorbook and your child's online learning journal to see what other activities the children have been doing and how our nursery interest is being developed.

Nursery Trip

We have organised the end of term Nursery Trip. We shall be visiting Blair Drummond Safari Park. This replaces our normal nursery sessions on the day. The bus will leave prompt at 9.15am and return to the school for 3.00pm. Parent helpers are required for this trip as we are taking 1 adult per 2 children. Staff will take a list of names from parents and staff will work out parent helpers based on children's needs. Please see Mrs Gall if you wish to volunteer. Letters with dates and prices have been emailed to all Nursery Parents..

Health Checks

Please remember it is Falkirk Council Policy that a child should not return to school or nursery until they are 48 hours clear of any sickness / diarrhoea illness.

Regular checks for Head Lice are always recommended.



Nursery Floorbooks

After receiving feedback from Parents regarding ideas to improve your interaction with the floorbooks, staff have arranged for the Parent's Room (outside the nursery) to be open on a Monday from 11.00-11.30 and 2.45-3.15. This will give parents and carers the opportunity to look through the floorbooks to see what your child has been up to in nursery. Please feel free to leave comments in our floorbooks.

Our Growing Nursery

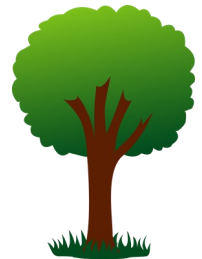
As some of you may be aware our nursery class is increasing again. We currently take 55 children a day, 30 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon. After the Easter holidays we are increasing to 60 children, 30 in the morning and 30 in the afternoon.

We are pleased to tell you that Mrs Kaczmarek will be with us until after the Christmas holidays.

Forest Friday

Due to unforeseen circumstances staff have sadly had to cancel our visits to the forest.

We ask that children are always dressed appropriately for outdoor play especially on a Friday, as when safe ratio's allow, staff will be visiting the Orphan Land with the children.



Nursery Garden

The nursery garden is currently being developed. We are getting artificial grass and are hoping to develop this over the next few months. Staff will consult with children, parent's and colleagues about any ideas they may have.

Please write down any ideas and pass this to a member of staff as your contributions and ideas are always valued.

Adverse Weather

We would like to thank our Parents/Carers for their understanding whilst the nursery was closed during the recent bad weather.

We would also like to thank everyone who came out on Sunday the 4th of March to help us clear the snow so we could get the nursery open again on the Monday. Your help was very much appreciated. Thank you!



Parent Consultations

Staff have arranged dates for parent consultations. These are as follows;

Blue group: **Thursday 10th May**

Green Group: **Thursday 17th May**

Red group: **Thursday 24th May**

These will be held throughout the session and staff will put out a sheet with time slots after the Easter break to book appointments. If this is not suitable staff will rearrange another time or date for you.

Transition

As you are aware our children take part in joint play times with the school and attend assemblies where appropriate, along with other school events, as part of our transition programme. After the Easter holidays children will be given more opportunities to take part in planned transition activities.

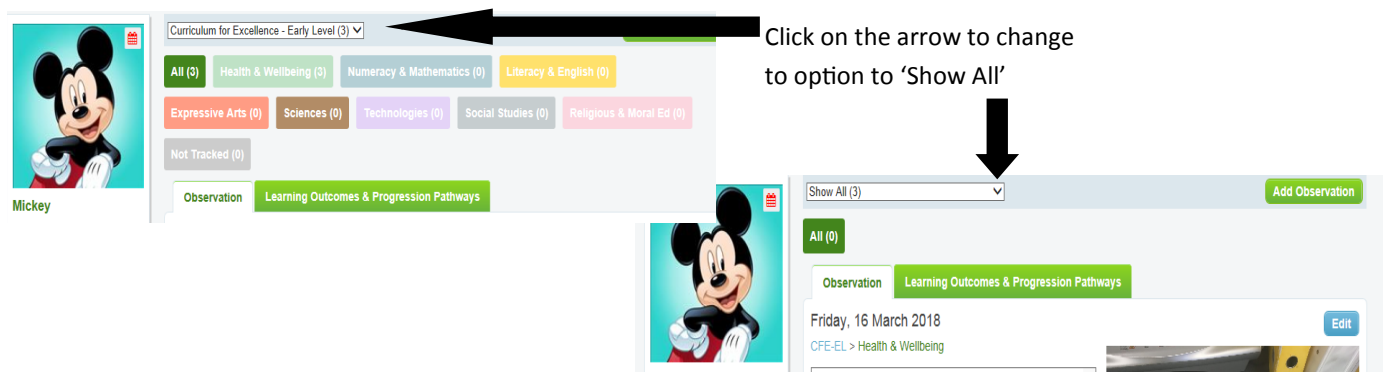
Online Learning Journals

Please speak to a member of staff if you are having trouble logging into your account.

Please feel free to upload any experiences at home onto your child's online learning journal.

Any feedback of the learning journals would be greatly appreciated.

When viewing the observations please change the drop down menu to 'Show All' rather than the 'Curriculum for Excellence—Early Level'. This will allow you to view all observations on your child's learning journal.



Click on the arrow to change to option to 'Show All'

Dates for your diary

Thursday 29th March—Nursery closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 16th April—Nursery re-opens

Friday 4th May— Staff development day (nursery closed)

Monday 7th May —Public holiday (nursery closed)

Friday 15th June—Nursery Sports Day

Friday 22nd June—Nursery Graduation



Learning Taking Place

Children have been exploring various 2D and 3D shapes recently! We have been learning the names of 3D shapes and doing experiments to see what 3D shapes roll!! We have enjoyed listening to Jack Hartman's songs on his YouTube channel.



We have also been retelling popular stories such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar, ask your child to share their version of the story with you.



To expand our knowledge on stories children have been predicting endings to unfamiliar stories such as 'Small' and 'An Itch to Scratch'. Children have enjoyed sharing their opinions with their peers.

