

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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Nursery Interests

We will continue to develop our nursery plans through the interest of the children. The children voted and have chosen 'under the sea' as our new context for learning. Please keep looking at our floorbooks and your child's online learning journal to see all the fantastic work we have been doing!

Parent Consultations

There will be the opportunity to meet with your child's keyworker for a 10 minute appointment to discuss your child's nursery experience so far.

Mrs Gall will meet with **Blue Group** parents on **Thursday 9th November**.

Mrs Salutous will meet with **Red Group** parents on **Thursday 23rd November**.

Mrs Kinnaird will meet with **Green Group** parents on **Thursday 30th November**.

Consultations will take place during the nursery session. Please select your time allocation on the sheets on the children's sign in tables in the cloakroom. If you can't make these dates please inform a member of staff so alternative arrangements can be made.

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.

Forest Friday

The woodland session dates for this term as are follows;

- **27th October**
- **3rd November (Red Group)**
- **10th November (Blue Group)**
- **17th November (Green Group) PM children to visit Orphan Land**
- **24th November (All Groups)**

We will attend the woodlands in all weather conditions but will inform you via text message or class Dojo if the woodlands session was to be cancelled at short notice. This would only occur if the weather was too slippery underfoot or if there were exceptionally high winds. Please ensure your mobile contact details are kept up to date.

Staff will be waiting at the drop off area to collect your child and will return them to this point at the end of the session. Session times for the morning children are **8.35am - 11.20am**. Staff will wait at the drop off area until just after **9am**. We will be back at the collection point for **11.15am** onwards. The afternoon session times are **12.30pm - 3.15pm**. Staff will wait at the drop off area until just after **12.45pm**. We will be back at the collection point for **3.05pm** onwards.

The woodland site can be muddy so old clothes and wellington boots are highly recommended. The nursery do have **some** waterproof trousers and jackets which can be borrowed on arrival. Please ensure your child is sufficiently wrapped up warm.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the woodlands and if you wish to do so please add your name to the rota located in the nursery reception.

Nursery Nativity Play

This year our Nativity will take place on **Friday 8th December**. The show will take place in the school hall. For the morning children the doors will open at **10.15am** with the show beginning at **10.30am**. For the afternoon children the doors will open at **1.45pm** with the show beginning at **2.00pm**.

There will be an opportunity at the end of the performance to take photographs of your child. Please be mindful that posting photographs of other children on social media should be discouraged without prior consent from other parents. Immediately after each performance children will be taken back to nursery to have costumes taken off and will be returned to you in the hall to enjoy post performance refreshments. After this you are free to leave with your child. Any donations of home baking will be most welcome on the day.



Nursery Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on **Friday 15th December**. There will be a special visitor at the party! More details will be provided in the next news letter.



Christmas Pantomime

Staff are hoping to arrange an outing to a Christmas pantomime. Further information regarding this shall be sent out in a separate letter.

Class Dojo

Parents should be reminded that staff do not check Class Dojo outwith nursery session times. If your message is urgent please phone the nursery directly as at times the nursery session is extremely busy and staff do not always have time to check messages on Class Dojo.

St. Bernadette's Primary School are working with the nursery to implement a new positive behaviour strategy. Individual points are no longer given out via Class Dojo as we have adopted a whole class reward system. Children are rewarded with gems for a jar and once the jar is filled the full class will receive a reward.

Children will still receive stickers and certificates on a daily/weekly basis.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th November - Blue group parent consultations

Thursday 23rd November - Red group parent consultations

Thursday 30th November - Green group parent consultations

Friday 8th December - Nursery Nativity

Friday 15th December - Nursery party

Friday 22nd December - Last day of term

Monday 8th January - Nursery resumes

Wednesday 10th January—Primary 1 enrolments

Two Stars and a Wish

You will find a 'two stars and a wish' sheet in your child's tray. This sheet should be used to comment on current nursery practice. Once completed, these sheets should be returned to nursery.

The 'two stars' is something you feel our nursery are currently good at and the 'wish' is something you feel our nursery could be improving.

We value your views and any suggestions/comments are always welcome.



For your information

Self-Evaluation

Staff are currently evaluating Quality Indicator 1.1 of the How Good is Our Early Learning and Childcare. This is an evaluation tool that staff use to evaluate the current practice and the impacts of this on the children.

Listed below are two of the areas the nursery feel we are doing well in:

- New initiatives have been researched and evaluated such as Growth Mindset. We are establishing this in the nursery in line with local, national and international research.
- St Bernadette's nursery works with Falkirk Council to show examples of good practice through helping other nurseries set up floorbooks, forest visits and planning.