

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class

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Nursery Interests

Children have voted for their new interest which will be 'growing'.

Please keep looking at our floorbook to see what activities the children have been doing and how our nursery interest is being developed. Please remember that the floorbooks can be viewed on a Monday in the Parents Room between 11.00-11.30am and 2.45-3.15pm.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Brown, our new Modern Apprentice, who will be with us on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the foreseeable future.

Miss Rooney is our Nursery Teacher, who is usually in the nursery on a Thursday and Friday.



Mrs Gall is our Senior Early Years Officer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Kinnaird takes the senior role on a Wednesday and is an Early Years Officer (EYO) the rest of the week.

Mrs Kaczmarek is an EYO and has taken over the red group to cover maternity leave.

Miss Leishman is an EYO on a Tuesday morning, Thursday morning and Friday morning.

Ms Trimmer is a Peripatetic EYO who works on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Ms Trimmer covers an area to allow staff to get their paperwork time.

Miss Rollo is a Peripatetic EYO who works on a Wednesday Morning.

Due to the nature of the nursery and our job role we continually have students in for block placements which can be anything from days to weeks. All children are introduced to new staff and we appreciate that there may be faces who you are not familiar with but please be confident that any student in the nursery is always under full supervision of the staff.

Nursery Trip

We have organised the end of term Nursery Trip for Tuesday the 26th June. We shall be visiting Blair Drummond Safari Park. This replaces our normal nursery sessions on the day. The bus will leave promptly 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.

The cost of this trip is £8.50 per child and £11.50 for each adult. We would appreciate it if you could bring the money to the nursery before Friday the 18th May. Please only pay children's money in the first instance, staff will inform you if you are a parent helper over the next few weeks.

Transition

Our transition programme from nursery to primary 1 will continue with activities such as shared playtimes on a weekly basis, classroom visits and attending other school events where appropriate.



Warmer Weather

It is against Falkirk Council Policy for staff to administer sun cream. If sunnier climates return, please ensure your child is adequately prepared before the session.

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.



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

Nursery Sports Day

Nursery Sports Day will take place on Friday 15th June at **10.30am and 2.00pm** at the **Muga Pitch** or in the **gym hall (weather dependent)**. Please dress your child in comfortable clothing suitable for sporting activities.



Nursery sessions will start at the normal time and if you wish to support your child, please return at the starting time outlined above.

Graduation Ceremony

We would like to invite you to this nursery celebration on Friday 22nd June at **10.30am and 2.00pm** in the school hall. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony and if you wish to donate baking, this will be gratefully received when you drop your child off at the beginning of the nursery session.



Toys to Nursery

Please encourage your child to leave all toys at home. We have lots of toys for your children to play with in the nursery and sometimes toys can be mistaken for nursery toys or other children's toys and staff cannot be held responsible if your child's toys go missing.

Nursery Snack and Activity Money

Snack and Activity Money is **£2.50** a week. The **£2** goes towards buying weekly snacks, craft materials, new nursery resources and outings/trips.

The remaining **50p** goes towards the Little Tiger Cubs Programme that the children take part in every Monday with Miss Risk.

You will find your child's money bag with their name on it in their nursery bag in the cloak room. Once you have put the money in the money bag we ask that you put it in the **black box** which is kept in the cloakroom where you sign your child in.

Please remember that we can no longer accept paper ten pound notes.

Parent Consultations

Optional parent consultation will be available throughout the session on the following dates ;

Blue group: **Thursday 10th May**

Green Group: **Thursday 17th May**

Red group: **Thursday 24th May**

This parent consultation is **only if you have any concerns** about your child that you wish to discuss with your child's key worker. If you require general feedback, staff are happy to discuss this with you at drop off or pick up times.

Cloakroom

As our nursery numbers have increased the cloakroom is now extremely busy. We ask that all children have their names on their belongings especially their shoes and jumpers to stop any confusion. Please speak to Mrs Kinnaird if you wish your child's name to be written on their nursery shoes.

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in their nursery bag as our spare clothes supply is running low.

The nursery can become very busy during drop off and pick up times and for your child's safety we ask that **all** siblings remain in the cloakroom area during these busy times.

It's a boy!

Mrs Salutous gave birth to a baby boy named Luke Andrew George Salutous on the 25th of March. Both Mum and baby are well and have been in to see all the nursery children!



Forest Friday

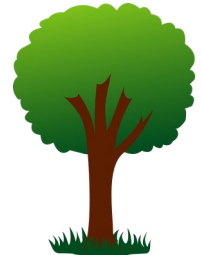
As you will be aware from our last newsletter, staff sadly had to cancel our visits to the forest, however, staff have managed to get a date of Friday 11th May for all children to visit the forest.

We will attend the woodlands in all weather conditions but will inform you via text message or e-mail 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. Please adhere to the pick up times as stated above.

Staff will allow you access via the turning circle by moving the cones. Please do not move these cones yourself. If there is no member of staff please use the drop off point at accident and emergency which is agreed with the hospital.

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.



Dates for your diary

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

Monday 7th May —Public holiday (**nursery closed**)

Blue group Parent Consultations - Thursday 10th May

Forest Friday - Friday 11th May

Green Group Parent Consultations - Thursday 17th May

Red group Parent Consultations - Thursday 24th May

Friday 15th June—Nursery Sports Day

Friday 22nd June—Nursery Graduation

Tuesday 26th June—Nursery Safari Trip



Learning Taking Place

Here are some pictures of us busy last month celebrating Easter!



Mrs Kaczmarska is a qualified French teacher and will be teaching the children French until the summer. She introduced Camembear who will help us learn some French! Très bien !