

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 are voting on a daily basis to choose their 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 **Monday 5th November am only**.

Mrs Kaczmarek will meet with **Red Group** parents on **Monday 5th November pm only**.

Mrs MacLean will meet with **Green Group** parents on **Tuesday 6th November am only**.

Mrs Honeyman will meet with **Orange Group** parents on **Tuesday 6th November pm only**.

Ms Trimmer will meet with **Purple Group** parents on **Wednesday 7th November am only**.

Miss McArdle will meet with **Purple Group** parents on **Wednesday 7th November pm only**.

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.

Trekking Thursday

The woodland session dates for this term as are follows;

- **25th October , 29th November (Blue group)**
- **1st November, 6th December (Red Group)**
- **8th November, 13th December (Green Group)**
- **15th November, 17th January (Purple Group)**
- **22nd November, 24th January (Orange group)**

We will attend the woodlands in all weather conditions . If woodland sessions were to be cancelled at short notice, we would keep the children in nursery as normal. 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.

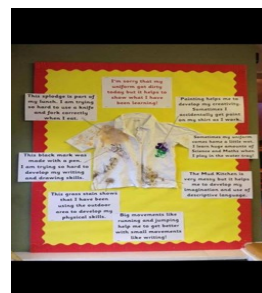
The woodland site can be muddy so old clothes and wellington boots are highly recommended. The nursery do have **some** waterproof trousers and jackets which can be borrowed on arrival. Please ensure your child is sufficiently wrapped up warm.

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 Expectations

Please bring your child to nursery dressed in appropriate old nursery clothing which can get dirty. Although staff try to ensure children wear aprons for painting and gluing sometimes getting paint on their clothes can be unavoidable. This also applies to outdoor clothing eg jackets ,hats, scarves as these can get mucky and wet also.

This display can be seen in the nursery cloakroom. Please take the time to read it and understand the principles behind it.



Nursery Nativity Play

This year our Nativity will take place on **Friday 7th December**. The show will take place in the school hall. The doors will open at **1.30pm** with the show beginning at **1.45pm**. 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 14th December**. From 9am till 10.30am. 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.

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th October - 19th October– October week holiday (inclusive)

Monday 22nd October– Staff in-service day-Nursery Closed

Monday 5th November - Blue group and Red group parent consultations

Tuesday 6th November - Green group and Orange group parent consultation

Wednesday 7th November - Purple group parent consultations

Friday 7th December - Nursery Nativity

Friday 14th December - Nursery party

Friday 21st December - Last day of term

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 and emotionworks. 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.