

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class

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Nursery Interests

Over the past couple of weeks we have been focusing on our 'Around the World' interest. The children have enjoyed tasting a variety of foods from China, Poland and are continuously voting on Counties they would like to learn about. Please keep looking at our floor-book 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.

Our Developing Nursery

Through self-evaluation we are looking at our lunchtime routine.

We are working in consultation with the children and dinner ladies we have come up with ideas to make it more homely and inviting. **We are looking for donations of teapots, milk jugs, small pot plants, small picture frames and artificial flowers.** Please speak to a member of nursery staff if you are unsure or we can help in any way.

Nursery Trip

We are looking to organise our Nursery Trip soon and are looking for suggestions from parents. We will also be asking the children where they would like to go. Our suggestions so far are:

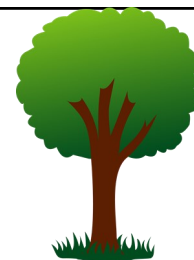
Blair Drummond Safari Park

Almond Valley Heritage Centre

Forest Days

Children will continue to visit the Forest on a weekly basis within their groups.

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



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 idea's to improve your interaction with the floorbooks, staff have arranged for the Parent's Room (outside the nursery) to be open on at the beginning of the session on a Tuesday. 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.

You said....We did.....

Through our consultations we have taken on board suggestions and comments regarding the new 9-3 sessions. We thank all parents/carers for their valued input and having looked at the session and have listened and are looking at ways to improve the service for our families.

1. St Bernadette's Nursery Class will now have free flow drop off and pick up where children can come anytime between the hours of 9am and 3pm. There is **no** expectation that children need to be here at 9am. This was a result of parents/carers feeling the cloakroom was very busy at 9am and they did not get a chance to speak to staff.
2. If you would like to come into the nursery to see your child's Art work, pictures, etc, please collect your child and then let a member of staff know. We have 2 staff on the doors at all times for the safety of all our children. We have an **open door** policy and you can ask to speak to a member of staff at any time.

Children's Observations

Staff have a guideline of 3 observations on average per child per month. These observations are recorded and available via the online learning journals, floorbooks, Twitter, wall displays, nursery cloakroom and the children's personal learning journeys. (kept in nursery). Twitter is updated almost daily. Our current learning is in the floorbooks. Our cloakroom wall displays our month by month reflections on learning.

This can be in the form of pictures, quotes, drawings, scribbles, staff, child, and parent comments. Please let us know of any achievements or learning children are doing at home that we can

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.

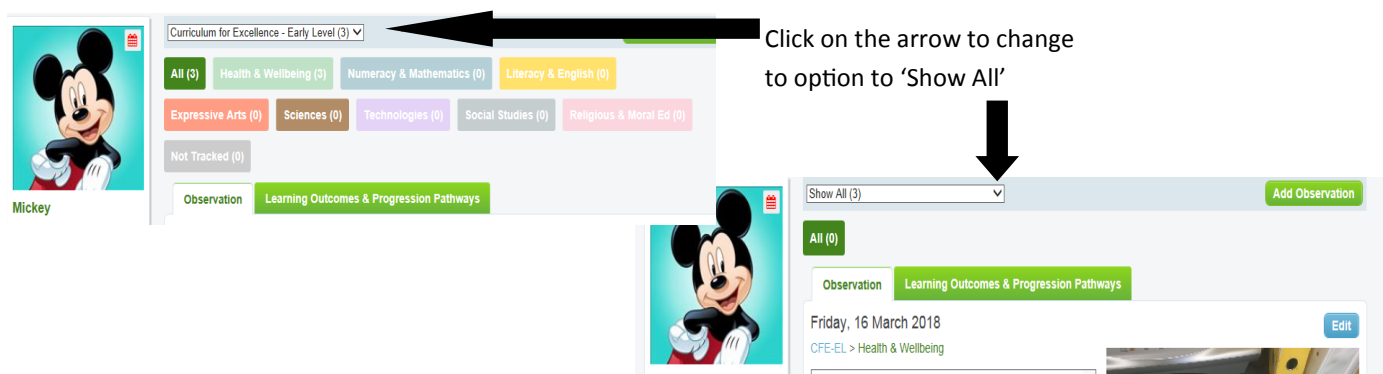
Online Learning Journals

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

Monday 1st April—Nursery closed for Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April—Nursery re-opens

Friday 19th April— Good Friday (nursery closed)

Monday 22nd April —Easter Monday (nursery closed)

Friday 3rd May—Staff Development day

Friday 14th June- Nursery Sports Day

Friday 21st June—Nursery Graduation

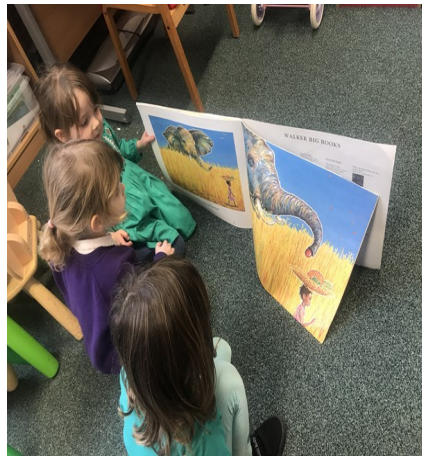
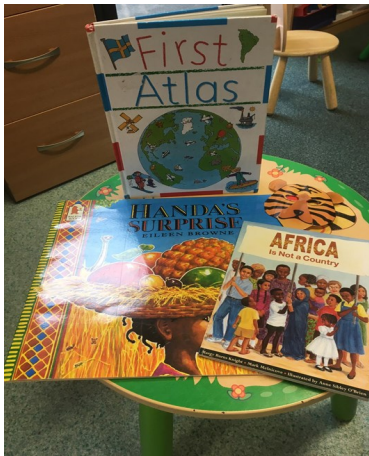


Learning Taking Place

Children have been exploring various countries recently! We have been learning the types of food in different countries and the way they live. We have enjoyed watching many videos about different country's cultures and traditions especially the Chinese dragon dance!



We have also been reading Handa's Surprise as part of our around the world interest.



To expand our knowledge we have been taking part in a 'Little Big Maths Challenge' this activity only lasts for approximately 2-3 minutes once everyday which can be at any time. Our theme tune 'Ghostbusters' is played and all the children come to the middle of the nursery. They dance for a few minutes then get ready for the challenge. The children have been loving this.

