

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class

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Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely summer break !

We would like to welcome our returning children back for their pre-school year along with our new boys and girls who will be starting over the next couple of weeks.

Nursery Interests

Over the past few weeks our new and returning children have been settling into nursery and getting to know our children and staff.

The children have been expressing their interests and together we voted for our new topic that they wanted to learn about; fairy tales.

Nursery Photographs

Can all parents/carers please hand in a photograph of your child and their family to a member of staff. We have purchased a photo album so children can look at pictures of their families while they spend time in the home corner of our nursery. If you prefer you can email a photograph into the nursery instead.

Staff

Just a little reminder of our nursery staff team

- Mrs Gall— Senior EYO and Blue Group
- Mrs Kinnaird—SEYO (Wed) and EYO (M, T, Th, F) Red Group
- Mrs Honeyman—Orange Group
- Mrs McLean—Green Group
- Ms Trimmer—(Mon-Wed AM) Purple Group
- Miss McArdle—(Wed PM-Fri) Purple Group
- Miss Watson—Modern Apprentice

We have two Childcare Assistants working 11am-2pm.

Mrs Murphy and Miss McNaughton

Waterproof clothing

At St. Bernadette's Nursery Class we pride ourselves on being an outdoor nursery and try to have our children outdoors for at least half of the session. We ask that all children have appropriate outdoor clothing as we are out in **ALL** weathers. (wellington boots, waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers.)

If any parents or carers have any waterproof clothing that their child has outgrown the nursery would be happy to take them. We used to have full sets along with waterproof trousers but unfortunately some of these have gone missing.



Nursery Times

The nursery doors will open for drop off at 9am when the school bell rings. The doors will then open for pick up at 2:45pm and all children must be **picked up by 3pm at the latest.**

If you are picking any children up from the school, can you please pick up nursery children first to make sure they are picked up by 3pm.

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.

If your child is unwell the best place for them is at home. We cannot ensure children stay inside when recovering from illness as we are an outdoor nursery and children spend a large part of their day outdoors.

Staff Training

Staff have completed Child Protection Training and Fire Safety Training during the in-service days.

Staff also attended a course called 'Re-Imaging Pedagogy' during the in-service days.

Mrs Gall and Mrs Kinnaird are still attending Glasgow University part time to complete their BA in Childhood Practice.

Children's choice

The children in St Bernadette's Nursery Class are valued and respected through giving them the choice in their learning. They choose where they play both indoors and outdoors. They choose when they come for snack. They make decisions on the resources they would like to use that day/week which includes colours of paints, collage materials, the books they are read. This enables the children to be creative and take ownership of their learning. Each week children make choices on the snacks they would like to have the following week and staff allow children to phone our supplier of fruit and vegetables to order in the fruit they would like. This provides children with skills for life, learning and work.



Developing the garden

In the next few months our emphasis is on developing our nursery garden. Any parents who could come in and help us paint tyres, make resources and have any ideas/suggestions please let a member of staff know. Please click the link attached for ideas on the resources we require and if you have any of these we would be extremely grateful!

<http://www.playscotland.org/parents-families/loose-parts-play/>

Important dates 2019/2020

- **School Photographs**—Friday 6th September
- **September weekend**— Monday 9th September (nursery closed)
- **October holidays**—Monday 15th – Friday 19th
- **In-service day**—Monday 21st October (nursery closed)
- **Nursery Nativity**—Friday 6th December
- **Nursery Christmas Party**— Friday 13th December
- **Christmas holidays**— Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January
- **In-service day**—Tuesday 6th January (nursery closed)
- **Public holiday**—Friday 14th February and Monday 15th February
- **In-service day**— Tuesday 18th February (nursery closed)
- **Easter holidays**—Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April
- **In-service day**—Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May (nursery closed)
- **May holiday**—Friday 8th May



Learning Taking Place



Our new children met Mrs Savage, our Headteacher, and Mrs Heeps, the Clerical Assistant.



We have been listening to our friends tell their own stories using puppets!



Our returning children have been showing our new children around the nursery



We have been developing our gross motor skills at Tiger Cubs with Miss Risk

