

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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Stay and Play

Thank you to those of you who came for our stay and play visits in the nursery. All the staff were so glad to finally be able to welcome parents and carers back into our playroom. We are planning more for throughout the year so we will keep you informed.

Students

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.

Our students for the year are as follows;

Miss Ritchie—Monday and Tuesday

Miss McIntyre—Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Richford—Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Brown—Tuesday only

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.

If your child is not well enough to go outdoors, then they should not be in nursery.



Appropriate Clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for nursery. As the weather is getting colder over the next couple of months, we ask that you provide your child with a hat and gloves which can be kept at nursery.



We also ask that your child has their own pair of wellie boots and waterproofs which can be kept at nursery.

We understand that the cost of living is increasing at the moment so if you are unable to provide these items to be kept in nursery, please speak to Mrs Kinnaird.

Please make sure your child's name is on these items. It would also be helpful if you could make sure there is at least one change of clothes in your child's nursery bag.

If your child borrows nursery clothes, could these please be returned once your child has finished with them.

Nursery door

The door opens at 9.00am for drop off and then 2.45pm for collection. All children **must** be collected by 3.00pm.

Please remember to sign your child in and write who is collecting your child at the end of the day, along with what time they are getting collected at.

Activities in Nursery

Every Monday we have Miss Risk from Tiger Cubs who comes in to teach us Taekwon-Do.

Every Thursday morning the children have Under the Tree's at the Orphan Land.

Every Thursday afternoon the children have singing time with Kirsty from Youth Music Initiative (YMI).

Toys to Nursery

Please try and discourage your child from bringing toys to nursery. These can be lost by accident and children can get extremely upset if staff can't find these items.

Children should not bring any food or sweeties into nursery either.

Woodland Walks with Under the Trees

Under The Trees are a charity providing Environmental Education to all age groups and abilities and have chosen to work with our nursery for the year!

We will be visiting the Orphan Land on a Thursday, which is a short walk from nursery.

We will attend the Orphan Land in all weather conditions. If an Under the Tree's 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.

The Orphan Land 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 to nursery should you forget. Please ensure your child is sufficiently wrapped up.

At the moment all our returning children will be attending the Orphan Land every week, and once our new children have settled into the nursery environment, they will attend the Orphan Land too.

On the scrounge...

If you have any of the following items lying around in the house that you no longer want please feel free to hand them into the nursery.

- Toy cars
- Toy animals
- Hostess/drinks trolley
- Scales
- Jewellery
- Dolls clothes
- Small dressing table
- Picnic basket/bag
- Fairy lights

Busy Things

We have renewed our account with Busy Things.

This is a website that we use on a daily basis in the nursery with a variety of educational games.

www.busthings.co.uk

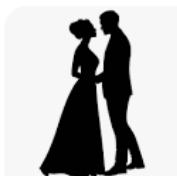
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Shhhh...

Miss Anderson is getting married in November!

We are planning to have a little surprise afternoon tea party for her in the nursery on Wednesday the 23rd of November.



If you would like to donate any afternoon tea items we could use we would really appreciate this.

Important dates

Monday 10th October—Nursery closes for 2 weeks for holiday



Friday 25th November—Nursery closed for in-service day

Thursday 22nd December—Nursery closes for Christmas holidays

Monday 9th January—Nursery reopens

Friday 10th February—Nursery closed for holiday

Monday 13th February—Nursery closed for holiday

Tuesday 14th February—Nursery closed for in-service day

SHANARRI Friends

Thank you so much for your wonderful name suggestions for our SHANARRI friends! It was a very hard decision but we hope you like the ones we chose from your suggestions.



Safe Sam



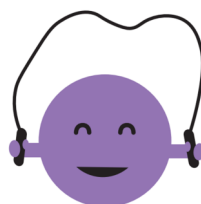
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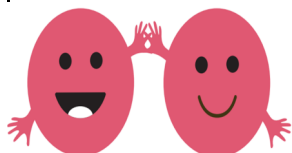
Achieving Annie



Nurturing Nancy



Active Andy



Respectful Rio



Responsible Robbie



Included Izzy

Staff are always on the lookout for ways in which the children are being one of the SHANARRI Friends and are giving out certificates to encourage this amongst the children.

Halloween Party

The children have asked to have a Halloween Party in Nursery! Children are invited to dress up in their costumes to come to nursery on Monday the 31st of October.



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 Morrison-Love will meet with **Red Group** parents on **Monday 21st November am only**.

Miss Anderson will meet with **Blue Group** parents on **Monday 21st November pm only**.

Mrs MacLean will meet with **Green Group** parents on **Tuesday 22nd November am only**.

Mrs Honeyman will meet with **Orange Group** parents on **Tuesday 22nd November pm only**.

Ms Trimmer will meet with **Purple Group** parents on **Wednesday 23rd November am 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.

Meet our team...



**Mrs Kinnaird—Senior Early
Years Officer**



**Mrs Mac Lean—Early Years
Officer**



**Miss Trimmer— Early
Years Officer**



**Mrs Honeyman—Early Years
Officer**



**Mrs Morrison Love—Early
Years Officer**



**Miss Anderson —Early Years
Officer**



**Mrs Armstrong—Support for
Learning Assistant**



**Miss Kemp —Childcare
Assistant**