



Saint Ninian's Nursery Class Newsletter

"Where adventure, nurture and learning go hand in hand."



Our Nursery Values are: Friendship, Happiness, Kindness and Love

Well, we are ever hopeful that Spring is on its way. We did see some snowdrops and crocus buds on our Welly Walk this week so fingers crossed the better weather is coming! It has been a busy month since we last spoke to you all. Our learners have been helping us redesign our environment and displays, watch out for pictures on the online journals. It has been great to see the children engaging with some of our new resources, with more on their way to us this month! I have been spending one full day a week in nursery and I hope to continue this in the month of March. It has been a pleasure to be with the children and join in with their play experiences, even when it means I'm covered in mud or paint! Seeing the learning through the eyes of a child is one of those magical moments!

Mrs Roy – Depute Head teacher (Acting)

Wellbeing Indicator of the month – RESPONSIBLE

Over the next 4 weeks we will be discussing this indicator with the children in nursery and in school. Please talk with your child at home about what being 'RESPONSIBLE' means and ask them about what they have been learning.

As part of our focus on being responsible we are encouraging children to be responsible and hang their own coats on their peg, put their hats/scarfs in their bag and put their outdoor shoes in their box. As we support your child with this it would be helpful if all clothing/footwear was labelled.



Value of the Month

Each month we will choose 1 of our Nursery Values to focus on with the children.

During the month of March we will be focusing on:

Happiness



Please share any home learning with us via your child's online journal. It would be great to see!

PEEP

Miss McNeil will be leading PEEP sessions this year for us. Hopefully many of you got the chance to speak to her on Thursday or Friday and collect your information pack. These sessions will be run on Fridays; we will confirm the dates/times shortly. If you are interested in attending, please complete the survey from the pack or speak to Miss McNeil.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Children have the option to dress up as a book character on this day if they wish.



Music Workshops

From 21st February-28th March our nursery learners will be joined every Monday for a music workshop led by Star Harmonies. Week 1 was a huge success with all children singing along and playing an instrument. Keep an eye on Twitter for some photographs.

P1 Transition

It will soon be time to start our P1 transition with our pre-school aged children.

We understand that this may be an anxious time for some of you but rest assured that our nursery and school team will be here to support you and your child.

Miss Fraser has spoken with the current P1 team already and behind the scenes they are thinking of a creative and supportive transition program. We will be in touch once we have finalised the program to share this with you.

COVID reminders

We are awaiting new and updated guidance on COVID mitigations from the local authority and Scottish Government. We expect to have this very soon so we will keep you posted of any changes to the current guidance. Fingers crossed that we can all get together in person in the near future!

Weekly News

We have decided to try a new way of informing parents & carers about our weekly learning in nursery.

Instead of our weekly SWAY we will upload a weekly update to your child's online journal as a story. We hope this change will allow more parents access to the update and allow you to leave comments for the staff team.



Nursery Natter

Thank you to the parents who attended our last Natter. It was great to see and hear some familiar faces/voices. We are hopeful that one day soon we can meet in person but for now we will continue meeting virtually.

Our next Nursery Natter is on Friday 11th March at 10.30am.

<https://meet.lync.com/glowscotland/wlkayleigh.fraser/SSAPH1CS>

What's happening in March:

Every Monday – Big Bedtime Read Borrow Box
Every Tuesday-Fitness Fun – comfortable clothes
Every Tuesday – Math's Sacks available
Every Wednesday-Welly walk-warm clothing and wellies

Thursday 3rd March- World Book Day celebrations

Friday 11th March-Nursery Natter-virtual on Skype- 10.30am

Friday 1st April-Can all book bags and math's sacks be returned to nursery to allow staff to refresh these?

NURSERY CLOSED – 15th and 18th April for Easter weekend



Ways to keep in touch

Follow us on Twitter @ninian_s and on our website

<https://stniniansprimary.westlothian.org.uk/article/15719/Nursery>

We also have a school app that you can download to a device.

You can also get in touch by calling us on 01506 414612 or emailing the school office or Miss Fraser –

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