



# Saint Ninian's Nursery Class Newsletter-January

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

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



### A message from the Staff Team

It has been great to welcome everyone back to nursery after the Christmas break and hear about all the festive stories. We have also been delighted to welcome some new families and children to our nursery, we look forward to getting to know you all and supporting you and your child as you start this exciting chapter!

At the start of a new term we take time to reflect on our shared nursery vision with our learners, staff and families – **"Where adventure, nurture and learning go hand in hand"** and our 4 shared values of **Friendship, Happiness, Kindness and Love**. During these first few weeks back we will be setting you some challenges to help you reflect on them at home! Here is a short SWAY to help you learn more about our vision and values <https://sway.office.com/h4ra5cedBCthvs5H?ref=Link>

Our family calendar will also be sent home soon with an overview for the term ahead and some important dates for your diaries. We have some new family events planned with more information to follow.

### Value of the month

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

During the month of January we will be focusing on:

Friendship



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

### Wellbeing Indicator of the month – Active Ashley



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

As part of our focus on **ACTIVE** some of the things we will be discussing and encouraging are: *I can exercise, play, dance, take part in games and go on outdoor adventures*. To help us with this we will be introducing **'Big Movement Time'** for all our little learners. This will be a dedicated time in the school gym hall or outdoor spaces to participate in some big movement activities. Our **AM session will be on a Friday and our PM session will be on a Monday**. We would encourage children to be wearing comfortable clothing/footwear to help them move freely during these sessions.

### St Ninian's Nursery Rhyme of the Month - 5 little Speckled Frogs

Click on the link to watch a video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtX8yVEF0-w>

Have fun at home practising this little rhyme-we'd love to see some videos/photo's on your child's journal! We'll be joining in too at nursery!!

FIVE little speckled frogs,  
Sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!  
One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were FOUR speckled frogs - glug, glug!

THREE little speckled frogs,  
Sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!  
One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were TWO speckled frogs - glug, glug!

ONE little speckled frog,  
Sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!  
He jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were NO speckled frogs.

FOUR little speckled frogs,  
Sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!  
One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were THREE speckled frogs - glug, glug!

TWO little speckled frogs,  
Sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!  
One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Then there was ONE speckled frog - glug, glug!



### Ways to keep in touch



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## Ordering lunches

As you enter the nursery we would encourage you to support your child in self-selecting their lunch choice for the day using our interactive display as this encourages your child's independence skills and express their personal preferences/choices. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions and offer support.

## Meals Provision-PM sessions

From January 2023, our PM children are now entitled to a free hot meal in replace of their soup and sandwich which they have been receiving since August 2022. This has been a huge success so far with our afternoon children, lunches are being served daily in nursery from 12.30pm-1.00pm. The children have been developing their independence, table manners and developing social skills during their lunch time experience. If for any reason you do not wish your child to have a meal, please let a member of staff at the nursery know and provide a packed lunch for your child.



## Update on our Nursery Improvement Plan Priorities

Our focus for October -December was to

- create a quiet, calm indoor sensory space for learners linked to the Zones of Regulation to support emotional wellbeing. *This is now established in the space which used to be our nursery staff room/office area. The space has now been transformed with some sensory toys, books, soft lighting, a teepee, soft furnishings and some interactive walls.*
- introduce a rhyme of the month to help learners listen and identify rhyming words. *Each month in our newsletter we share the chosen rhyme with families, display this in the nursery environment, use QR codes for learners to hear the rhyme and say the rhyme together during our nursery day.*
- gather parents/carers views on how we share wider achievements. *We are in the process of creating a display in our cloakroom area where we will be sharing some photos of our learner's wider achievements. These can be sent in via your child's online journal or by completing this GLOW form <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKUUJtWlsuqRBnLXAhPCP5CRUMVU4NzQ3SDFKQUVJOEs0R0hHVIFCRktVMC4u>*
- planning our family PEEP sessions. *Miss McNeil led 2 successful PEEP blocks for some families prior to Christmas and will shortly be announcing the next blocks. Keep an eye on the parent noticeboard for new dates*

### Our next steps:

- Continue daily wellbeing check ins looking at new ways to approach this, eg. Digital check in on promethean board, use of wellbeing characters, Together Time.
- Provide daily experiences, resources and interactions to promote number sense in the indoor and outdoor spaces with a particular focus on subitising
- Create opportunities for woodwork for all learners making connections to the world of work and local community.



## A reminder of what's happening in January:

Big Movement Time – PM session (Mondays) AM sessions (Fridays)

Weekly Welly Wednesdays –wrap up warmly (gloves/hats/waterproof suits)

w/b 16<sup>th</sup> – Vision & Values Week

24<sup>th</sup> – Pre school NHS eye tests

27<sup>th</sup> – 11am Nursery Natter with Miss Fraser – come along for a chat & a cuppa

w/b 30<sup>th</sup> – Languages week activities

