



Saint Ninian's Nursery Class Newsletter-May



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

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

HM Inspectors from Education Scotland will be visiting us to conduct an inspection during the week commencing **15th May 2023**. As part of the inspection, Inspectors gather the views of nursery parents via an online survey which is available from <https://forms.education.gov.scot/tag/03?seed=5511224&cs=CS2003016165&t=1>. We would really appreciate your time and support to complete this survey. Inspectors will also be meeting with groups of parents during the inspection so to be part of that discussion you should complete the survey with additional links provided to indicate your interest in taking part.

With thanks for your continued support,

Lisamaria Purdie - Head Teacher

You should complete the survey by **5th May** for your child. You can find out more about inspection, from the [Inspection and review documentation](#) pages of Education Scotland's website.

Value of the month

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

During the month of May we will be focusing on:

Happiness



HOME LEARNING

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

Wellbeing Indicator of the month – Included



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 'INCLUDED' means and ask them about what they have been learning.

As part of our focus on being included some of the things we will be discussing and encouraging are: including others in their play, sharing our opinions and ideas in our floorbooks.

HOME LEARNING - Can you think of a new character name for Included? Let us know if you have any ideas.

St Ninian's Nursery Rhyme of the Month

Baa Baa Black Sheep

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-baa-baa-black-sheep/znbbpg8>

HOME LEARNING *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. Keep an eye on our Weekly SWAY for some home learning ideas.*

Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.
One for the master, one for the dame,
And one for the little boy who lives down the lane.

**Baa, baa,
black sheep**



Celebrating Achievements

As we know, recognising achievement is an integral part of our curriculum and benefits all children. We want to give our children the recognition they deserve for their achievements and for the skills for learning, life, and work that they have developed through this achievement.

Please use the link below to share wider achievements with us so we can celebrate these in nursery. If you have a photograph you wish to share, this can be uploaded to your child's online journal.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKUUJtWlsuqRBnLXAhPCP5CRUMVU4NzQ3SDFKQUVJJOEs0R0hHVIFCRktVMC4u>

Thanks for your continued support and participation.

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Update on our Nursery Improvement Plan Priorities

Our focus for January-March was to

- 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
 - Children have had the opportunity to check in daily on arrival at nursery in a number of ways. Staff have used check in baskets linked to the characters from Inside Out – children have identified their name and then put it in the basket with the emotion they are feeling. Recently we have introduced a digital wellbeing check in as part of our digital journey of improvement– children use the Promethean panel to find and drag their name to the emotion they are feeling. This has been well received by the children and provides an instant visual for staff to identify anyone who is feeling sad or worried on arrival at nursery.
- Provide daily experiences, resources and interactions to promote number sense in the indoor and outdoor spaces with a particular focus on subitising
 - Staff have been working hard to refresh our numeracy indoor area and looking at ways to incorporate numeracy and maths in our outdoor spaces. New visuals are on display for children to refer to. This week we also launch our Skills Time with a focus on promoting numeracy sense and use of mathematical language. There will be 3 activities led by staff twice a week which children can opt into.
- Create opportunities for woodwork for all learners making connections to the world of work and local community.
 - We have set up a woodwork bench in our indoor environment for children to access as part of their play experiences. This has been popular and already we are starting to see some interesting creations. This will continue to be a focus this term as we try to source new resources/materials to enhance this area of the setting. If you have any balsa or offcuts of wood you would be willing to donate we would gladly take them.

Our next steps:

- Embed UNCRC articles - Right of the Month- Article 24 – Right to clean water and food
- PEEP sessions with a focus on transition
- Spring time planting
- Continue to increase children's engagement with wellbeing characters, eg, renaming characters for May and June
- Skills time with a focus on mathematical language and subitising



DATES TO REMEMBER

1 st May GIRFEC Value of the Month: Happiness Rhyme of month: Baa, Baa Black Sheep Right of Month: Pupil choice	HOLIDAY	Skills time-AM Session 11.15am		Tree-mendous Thursday Skills time-PM Session 2pm	PEEP 9-10am Nursery Natter with Miss Fraser-11-11.45am
8 th May Mental Health and Mindfulness	HOLIDAY (King's Coronation)	Skills time-AM Session 11.15am		Big Bedtime Read Mrs Murray Tree-mendous Thursday Skills time-PM Session 2pm	PEEP 9-10am Big Bedtime Read Mrs Webster
15 th May Computing Science Week		Skills time-AM Session 11.15am	National Numeracy Day Welly Wednesday	Library visit Skills time-PM Session 2pm	Block 2 PEEP 9-10am
22 nd May Diversity	Skills time-AM Session 11.15am	Tree-mendous Tuesday 4pm New P1 Parent Meeting		Big Bedtime Read Mrs Murray ELC Transition Meetings Skills time-PM Session 2pm	PEEP 9-10am Reports to preschool parents Big Bedtime Read Mrs Webster
29 th May Stay, Play and Learn (STEM theme)			Welly Wednesday		PEEP 9-10am Parent's consultations 11.50-12.50pm

Ways to keep in touch



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