

St. Ninian's Primary School Weekly News - 01.09.23

1st September 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful week in school. Our children are settling back into their learning routines and the staff team have been so impressed with them.

Our House Captains have chosen and launched September's **value of the month - Family**. They explained the importance of looking after each other in our St Ninian's family and helping everyone belong here.

We hope that you can all join us for **Family Chatter Time on Wednesday 13th September from 6-7pm**.

This will be an informal evening to meet the team, see your child's classroom and take part in some learning tasks with your child. A great way to come together as the St. Ninian's family.

We continue to receive lovely cards and letters from the community in recognition of our very positive inspection report. Please see the attached **special letter from Archbishop Cushley** congratulating everyone in our school family.

Have a wonderful weekend
Lisamaria Purdie
Head Teacher



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Next Week's Diary.**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION - coming very soon!**

Monday - House Winners Extra Break - see below for details

Tuesday - Choir

Tuesday - P4 NYCOS (music) inputs

Tuesday - P1-3 Music

Tuesday - Mrs Purdie to Civic Centre to present the Inspection Report to the Education Committee

Wednesday - P6 and P7 Cross Country After School Club - 3.00 -3.45pm

Thursday - Mrs Purdie at St Margaret's Academy this morning for a HT meeting

Friday - P4-7 Assembly led by Primary 7 today

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SAFE UPDATE

The eight wellbeing indicators are the 'golden thread' through children's entire experience in our school. Each month we focus on a different wellbeing indicator to help our children understand and articulate the importance of the indicator in their daily lives.



During September we all focus on the indicator of feeling SAFE. We started this week with a successful fire drill to make sure every child knows what to do in the event of an emergency. Our whole school and nursery managed to evacuate the building in 3 minutes 29 seconds. Great job!

During our inspection, ALL P4-7 children reported that they felt safe in our school which is brilliant to hear. We regularly review our approaches to make sure our children know and feel safe, especially when they encounter experiences that may test this.

Are there any aspects of safety you think we should explore with the children?

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Home Learning

Next week, teachers will be introducing home learning for children. The content and activities will vary across the school depending on your child's stage. Every child will bring home a reading book and we would encourage parents to read with their child/listen to their child read every day. Reading really is the key to success.

We will focus on literacy and numeracy tasks to support and reinforce learning. Some classes will send home **weekly** literacy and numeracy tasks, others will alternate each week. We plan to keep a record of who completes home learning to monitor any impact on learning. The research is mixed and home learning is optional for families. Please do not allow any home learning to cause stress for you or your child. We will gather your feedback in four weeks time to find out how home learning is going and what you feel could be improved. Changes we are making must be manageable for children, families and teachers too.

Some new home learning themes will include:

- * A balance of written and online activities
- * Introducing weekly handwriting home learning tasks to improve presentation and target core literacy
- * Introducing some written numeracy tasks



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Article of the Week

We are working towards achieving our re-accreditation for the Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award. We have a strong rights based approach in St Ninian's with children's voice at the heart of everything we do.

We will focus on one article each week to ensure our school family know and understand the rights.

This week the focus is on Article 12 - Respect for Children's Views. We talked about this at Chatter Time today. Article 12 says that **every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.** We also learned that it does not mean that we always get what we want!

Chatter Time task: I have asked each class to create an Article 12 Box for their classroom so that children can share ideas, worries or views with pictures or words.

How can you help at home?

Use the language of Article 12 when helping your child make decisions in their daily life and help them to respect the views of others too.



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House Point Winners

House Captains will be counting the house points every fortnight and the winning house will enjoy an extra playtime as a reward.

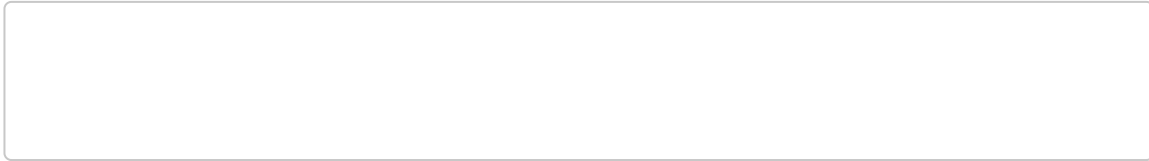
Congratulations to this week's winners - **GALLOWAY!**

Galloway - 223 points

Calder - 196 points

Whithorn - 183 points

Glasserton - 163



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Celebrating Achievements

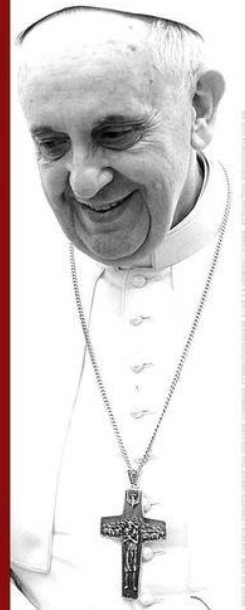
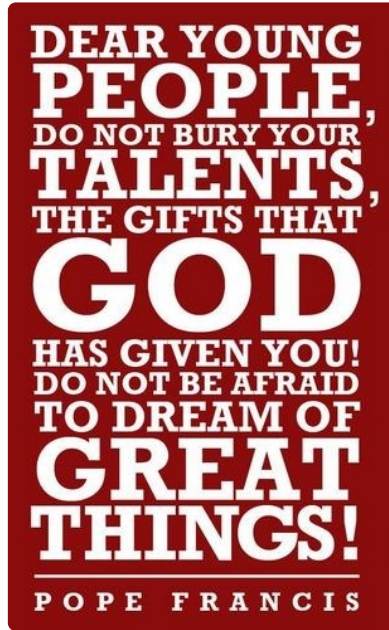
We love to celebrate your child's achievements in school.

Please use the link below to share your child's achievements with us.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQctawUZKUUJtWlsugRBnLXAhPCP5CRUMVU4NzQ3SDFKQUVJOEs0R0hHVIFCRktVMC4u>

If you have a photograph you wish to share, this can be uploaded to seesaw or sent via email. All achievements are welcome, we want to celebrate YOUR unique child!

#StNiniansKidsCan



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Communication Update

Thank you to the group of parents who volunteered to try our new communication tool. I will be in touch with you at the start of next week.

I am interested to see how many parents this newsletter reaches. To help me, please answer the question below about your child/ren's class. Thanks.

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Please select your child's year group. If you have more than one child, select the year groups that apply.

Primary 1

Primary 2

Primary 3

Primary 4

Primary 5

Primary 6

Primary 7

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