

## **BACKGROUND**

St. Patrick's is situated in central west Glasgow and is a culturally rich and diverse school with a plethora of languages spoken. We wanted to increase family learning opportunities in a safe and welcoming environment for our families, and were aware that Families Connect is an evidence-based programme with proven impact. We wanted to improve parental engagement in their child's learning, as well as strengthen parental/carer-school relationships.

## **METHOD/PROCESS**

We launched Families Connect in September 2024 with a coffee and doughnuts afternoon, a short presentation, and a previous Families Connect parent. Our two facilitators were Joanne Tait and Fatemeh Doost. In consultation with families, Thursday afternoons were agreed as most suitable. 11 families attended almost every week of the 8-week programme. We partnered with Tesco who provided healthy snacks each week.

## **OUTCOME**

Improved outcomes for our children, including improved speech, emotion regulation, and confidence.  
Improved outcomes for our parents/carers, including improved knowledge, confidence, and skills in supporting their child's learning and development at home.  
Improved outcomes for our school, including strengthened parental/carer engagement and involvement.

## **FAMILIES CONNECT SAINT PATRICK'S PRIMARY**



## **AIMS**

- To strengthen home, school, and community learning opportunities.
- To engage parents/carers in the eight-week Families Connect programme, specifically focusing on social and emotional development, as well as literacy and numeracy support.
- Provide a supportive and inclusive environment where parents/carers are equipped with confidence to support learning at home.
- Promote and integrate cultural diversity.

## **IMPACT**

- Families reported increased confidence in supporting their child at home and are continuing to use the Families Connect resources.
- Families signed up for further initiatives including the Family Book Club and Nourish.
- Families appreciate the importance of the home-school relationship, are engaged with school life, and are keen to maintain these links.
- Families have reported that friendships formed in Families Connect sessions have continued afterwards in the community.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue to build upon the success of the Families Connect programme through offering more family learning initiatives. Liaise with Fatemeh Doost to promote this.
- Two Support for Learning Workers attending Families Connect training in May 2025 to build staff capacity.
- Continue to build upon our successful Tesco partnership to support with future family learning initiatives.





FAMILIES CONNECT WEEK 1



FAMILIES CONNECT WEEK 2



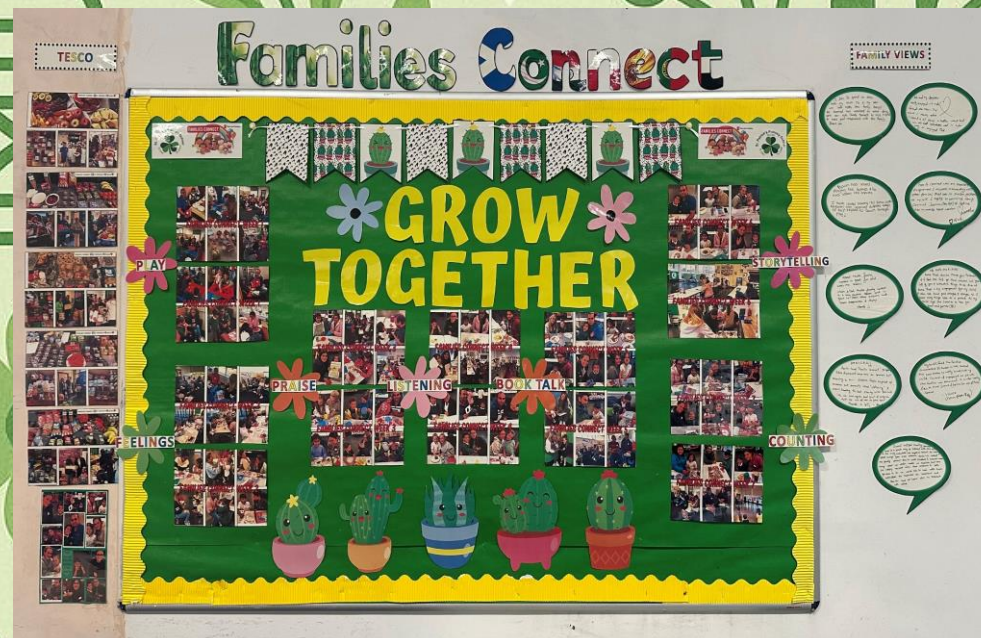
FAMILIES CONNECT WEEK 3



FAMILIES CONNECT WEEK 4



FAMILIES CONNECT WEEK 5



## PARENT/CARER VIEWS

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"Amazing! Really loved the Families Connect programme. Topics discussed here are so common, but the meaning is so much deeper. Made us feel all us parents are on the 'same boat'"
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"We loved these sessions, and our bond has just gotten stronger. The fun and games were just so engaging."
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"These sessions really gave lots of practical tips and pointers to engage with my child. The connection with other families was phenomenal, and we loved coming every week."
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"I really adored these sessions. I learned a lot about being a mother and what I can do in a fun way. We made so many new friends, too."
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"Families Connect is an excellent programme, and I really enjoyed interacting with families who are in a similar position to myself. I would absolutely recommend Families Connect to other families."
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"I loved the one-to-one time with my son, and learning how best to support him at home, especially with reading and numbers."
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"It was a very positive experience and great to meet other families."