



## Learning & Teaching in St Ninian's



Our school motto *Teach with Love & Learn with Pride* is one which we are very proud of. It's what we do. All of us. This is the St Ninian's Way. Our motto ensures we promote consistency throughout the school in the way we teach and the way we learn.

In our warm, supportive faith community we provide our children with the best learning experiences whilst challenging them to be the very best they can be through developing and applying skills for learning, life and work in Inverclyde and beyond.

We promote positive relationships throughout our school community and look for ways to build resilience encouraging children to remain positive, learn from experiences, connect with people through healthy relationships and embrace change. Through this we help to shape a Mentally Healthy School.











## What does Recovery look like in our school?



We have created a **REACH Team (Realising Equity And Climbing Higher)** who work alongside class teachers and support staff to provide challenge and support to our learners. The REACH team include Mrs Janine Munro, Mrs Gillian Chalmers, Mrs Siobhan Currie.

This team of very skilled practitioners are timetabled to plan, deliver, assess and evaluate learning and teaching throughout the school.

### What does this look like?

- Each class will have at least 4 teachers working with children throughout the week including the class teacher who is responsible for planning learning and teaching and assessment for the class.
- To allow time for planning a Reduced Class Contact Teacher (RCCT) will deliver Health and Wellbeing to each class
- REACH team members are timetabled to work alongside with the class teacher teaching Literacy & Numeracy in every class
- All staff will work collaboratively to plan effectively to ensure the highest level of challenge and support to all of our learners.



- Pupils Support Assistants have been timetabled to deliver targeted interventions and work closely alongside class teachers offering support to learners
- Regular assessments inform next steps in learning
- Progress and Achievement is tracked regularly through class progress meetings with the Senior Management Team











## Improving Our Classrooms



**Improving Our Classrooms** provides a programme of high-quality professional learning placing classroom practitioners at the heart of school improvement. It has a clear focus on high quality self-evaluation at classroom level leading to improved learning and teaching, data informed targeted interventions, improved attainment and achievement with a relentless focus on equity and excellence for all children and young people.

We are delighted to be part of the Whole School Model for Improving Our Classrooms working alongside schools within the West Partnership. This initiative hosted by Glasgow City Council is led by Mrs

Chalmers and Mrs Munro and provides professional learning opportunities for all our teachers to engage in a series of webinars and development sessions.

We hope this programme will help us to provide consistent high quality learning experiences for our pupils throughout their learning journey here at St Ninian's Primary.













## Learning for Sustainability



As a Laudato Si School our children learn to make a CHANGE FOR GOOD in our school, homes, parishes and community.

- They learn about the challenges we are facing in the world because of poverty, consumption of goods and disrespecting the earth and those who live in it;
- They pray to live in harmony with God, with others, with nature and ourselves
- They act as ambassadors for nature, seeking justice for the poor and having a commitment to society and building peace

As a Silver Rights Respecting School we continue on our journey to achieve Gold. As a result of working to becoming a Gold Rights Respecting School our children and young people:

- have improved respect for themselves and others
- are more engaged in their learning
- develop positive relationships
- demonstrate positive attitudes towards diversity in society and overcoming prejudices
- feel empowered to respect the rights of others locally, nationally and globally, and to uphold their own rights

Pupils in St Ninian's are empowered to lead and challenge our school community to be the best they can be in our school, at home and beyond. Our Pupil Voice groups are involved in deciding what is going well and what could be better. They also help us to identify the actions we need to take to keep improving. It is important that we hear the voices of all of the children in our school, therefore each class have taken on the responsibility of leading Pupil Voice. Through the Curriculum the children learn and lead in the following ways:

- Primary 4 - Health Group
- Primary 5 and Primary 3 - Rights Respecting Group
- Primary 6 and Primary 2 - Eco Group
- Primary 7 and Primary 1 - Ethical Trading Group

















## Independent Learning and Digital Skills



***'The greatest skill we can teach young people is to find the most creative solutions and seek new opportunities to build and grow skills.'*** World Economic Forum (weforum.org) Oct 2020

Through active learning opportunities here at St Ninian's, children develop learning strategies, problem solving skills, critical thinking and analysis skills, creativity, originality and initiative. Skills which will equip them for their future in the workplace.

Digital technology is a central consideration in all areas of curriculum. Our staff continue to develop the skills and confidence in the appropriate and effective use of digital technology to support learning and teaching. We strive to improve access to digital technology for all our learners

During Lockdown we understood the importance of digital technology in ensuring the children continued to learn even when they couldn't attend school. This year each class has set up TEAMS to ensure continuity of learning if children are absent from school due to self isolation. Home Learning Tasks/Homework can be taken from the TASK MAP for the week. The children will have an opportunity within the class to showcase their homework/home learning.

We realise that many of our families have commitments to clubs and organisations after school or in the evening and time for homework can be an issue. We understand the value that these activities have for children and the skills for life they develop, therefore please don't find yourself in a stressful situation where your child is tired and relationships are strained. There are many ways you can engage in your child's learning and through our class Twitter pages we hope to provide opportunities for you and your child to discuss their learning for the week.



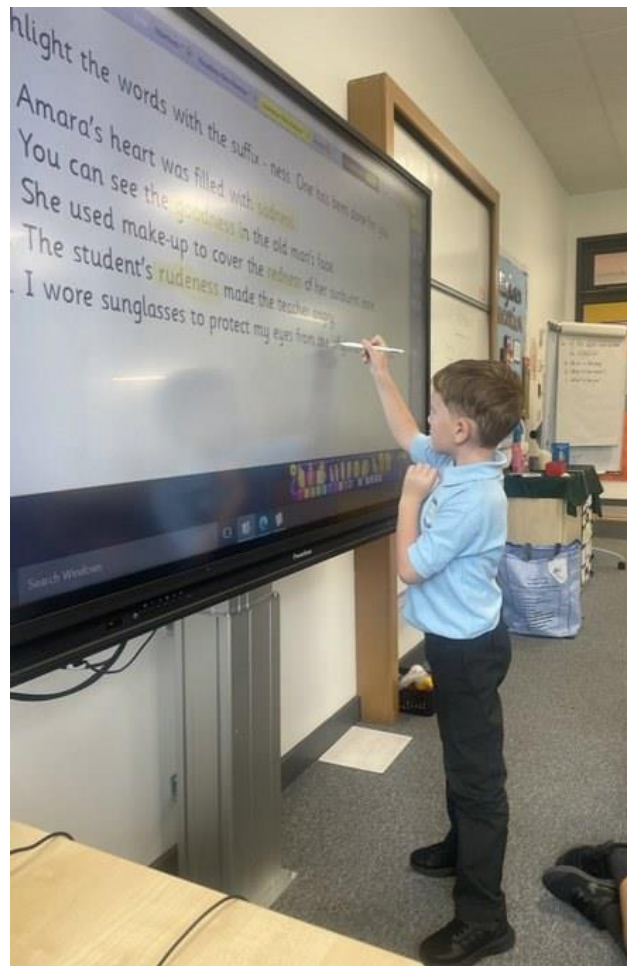














## Becoming a Reading School















**In St Ninian's we love to read! Reading Schools is an accreditation programme for schools that are committed to building a culture of reading for their learners and communities. It is brought to us by Scottish Book Trust.**

**By becoming a Reading School we are committed to:**

- Providing relaxing reading areas and use our displays to promote reading throughout the school
- Looking for ways to generate excitement around reading through participation in events such as Book Week Scotland and National Poetry Day
- Providing up to date reading materials for our children, regularly updating our books and reading materials ensuring diversity and relevance to our children's needs and interests
- Providing opportunities to visit and join local libraries to access more books
- Providing regular opportunities to read for pleasure
- Reading aloud to our children
- Providing opportunities for our children to respond to what they are reading through book reviews, blogs etc
- Involving our families in building a reading culture
- Recognising the reading achievements of our children
- Tracking the progress of our children and monitoring the impact of our Reading School's programme

**You can help us on our journey to become a Reading School by regularly reading to and with your child.**