



St. Andrew's Primary and Nursery Class

Newsletter December 2018 - January 2019



Reflection

November was a particularly busy month in nursery. The children and staff enjoyed the topic 'The Wonder of Space'. Children had opportunities to learn about the 8 planets including Earth where we live. They also explored day and night and road safety where the children had opportunities to practice crossing the road safely with the nursery staff.

Communication

Good communication with parents and cares is vital. We do all we can to ensure you are kept up to date with events in the nursery. Please keep up to date with all school and nursery events by following us on twitter [@saintandrews3](https://twitter.com/saintandrews3) and by visiting our school website: glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/. We would strongly encourage all parents to download our StAndrewAirdrie App from either Google Play or the App store. We will be looking to use this as an aleternative to paper communication in the near future.

Welcome

Welcome to all our new children. They have settled well into nursery and we look forward to getting to know them more over the coming months. We would ask that you let the nursery staff know when your child is absent from nursery. Keep up to date with all our events by downloading the new Saint Andrew's App and search 'St. Andrew's Airdrie' or you can follow us on twitter [@saintandrews3](https://twitter.com/saintandrews3) and by visiting our school website: glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/

Our Learning Focus



During the month of December the nursery learning focus will be all about Christmas and the season of winter. This will give the children an opportunity learn about the story of Christmas and also to look at the changes in the season. In January we will be learning 'Healthy Me' and continuing with the season of winter.



Sportathon Sponsored Nursery Event

A huge 'thank you' to all the children who took part in our recent Sportathon Event. Together, we raised £906.00 so far. The money raised will be used to provide opportunities to enhance outdoor learning and sport. If you have not already handed in your sponsor money, please do so before the 14th December 2018. Thank you to everyone who sponsored this event, the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed taking part.



Christmas Parties

The nursery parties will be on Wednesday, 12th December. The morning children will be visited by Santa at 11am, parents are welcome to come along and listen to your children sing some Christmas songs and receive a present from Santa. Afternoon parents are welcome to come along at 2.45pm.

Enterprise Week

The nursery children have been busy making bags of Reindeer Dust which will be on sale in the nursery on Tuesday, 18th December at 11.30am and 3pm. Bags will cost £1.50.

Christmas Pantomime

In order to encourage good attendance and treat our children we have booked the 'In House' pantomime; 'Cinderella'. This will present to all children in school and nursery on the final day of term: Friday 21st December 2018 9:30am.

As the school closes at 2:30pm we encourage all Nursery afternoon children to attend the morning session instead. There will be extra staffing available to accommodate. This will be a lovely opportunity for all pre school children to mix together before finishing at 11:40am for the Christmas holiday (morning session 8:40-11:40am). Nursery staff will speak to all parents about this to ensure it suits.

Thank you to the parent council who have agreed to direct funding at this and offset the (approximate) 6500 cost of this Pantomime.

The theatre group performing have an excellent reputation so we are confident the children will have a great time!



Primary 1 School Enrolment

Any child reaching the age of 4 before the last day in February will be eligible to enrol for school starting in August 2019. If you are unsure of your catchment area, please ask a member of staff. Please let your child's keyworker know what school your child will be attending.



Reminder

Where possible, £2.00 should be given each week to cover the cost of snack and other opportunities for your child. Staff would be grateful if this could be paid every Monday.



December - January Birthdays

We send huge big Happy Birthday wishes to:



December:

Sofi
Oliver
Zak
Lori
Jordan
Josh



January:

Skye
Jas
Sophie
Ashton
Gracie
Kianna



Diary Dates

Date	Details
Christmas Parties, Carols and Santa Visit	Wednesday, 12 th December
Reindeer Dust for sale	Tuesday, 18 th December (11.30am / 3.30pm)
Cinderlla, Christmas Pantomime	Friday, 21 st December (a.m)
Christmas Holidays	School closes Friday 21 st December and re-opens on Monday, 7 th January 2019
Primary 1 School Enrolement	January, 2019
Speech and Language Drop In	1 st Monday of Every Month Within Airdrie Community Health Centre, Speech and Language Therapy Department (2 - 4pm)
Winter Walk	Wednesday, 16 th January 2019
Wear Tartan Day	Friday, 25 th January 2019

Christmas Message From Mrs. Flanagan & Nursery Staff

Headteacher, Mrs. Flanagan and all the staff would like to wish all the children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January.

