



# St. Andrew's Primary and Nursery Class

## Newsletter April - June 2019

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### Message From Head Teacher

Welcome back after the Spring break and we hope you're looking forward to the Easter Holiday weekend. The children and staff are all looking forward to the term ahead. With only 10 weeks until the summer holidays we have lots to focus on to prepare the children for the transition to their next stage. We have a full diary to keep us all busy!

Remember it's really important to have our 'St Andrews Airdrie' App downloaded to keep up with news and events. This will soon completely replace our paper newsletter communication.

Please keep up to date with all school events by following us on twitter **@saintandrews3** and by visiting our school website: [glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/](http://glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/)

Mrs. J. Flanagan (Head Teacher)

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### Our Nursery Learning Focus

Our Parent Learning Overview will be sent home on 29<sup>th</sup> April as well as being available online. Please take time to look over this and use it in conversation to discuss what your child is learning in nursery with them. We know children achieve better when parents participate and talk to them about their learning.

The themes being explored this term are: Easter, Making Choices, Bears, Down on the Farm and transitions e.g 'going to school'.

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### Personal Learning Plans

Your child's key worker is constantly working on your child's personal learning plan with them and will be meeting with you this term to discuss progress and next steps. Remember you can ask to look at your child's learning log and assessment folder anytime. If you have any concerns do not hesitate to ask your staff for an appointment to discuss.

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### Parent Partnership Forest Learning

We are so excited to begin our Outdoor Forest Learning Parent Partnership programme. All information was sent home via letter and is available on our App.

Nursery staff will discuss the learning and plans with parents first and then the children will love working with their parent or guardian in our Forest next to our nursery.

# St. Andrew's Primary School

## How Good is Our Nursery?



Your  
Opinion  
Matters!

### Parental Consultation Results - March 2019

Below are the results of our recent 'How Good Is Our Nursery' questionnaire. 14 questionnaire were returned from our 49 families; a 20% return rate. We can only assume those parents and guardians who did not return the forms are happy with our school. We always encourage returns via reminders and incentives like winning a vouchers. The results and comments will be used to directly inform change and improvements to our nursery.

No.	QI	Leadership and Management I feel:	Yes	No	Unsure
1	1.1	comfortable approaching the nursery and feel my opinions and views are valued.	14		
2	1.2	the nursery look for opportunities to make learning relevant and in real life context eg trips, topics, outdoor learning and world of work week.	14		
3	1.3	The nursery is well led; that there is a shared vision, values and aims relevant to St. Andrew's that ensure continuous improvement.	13		1
4	1.4	the nursery staff know my child well.	14		
5	1.5	the nursery looks welcoming with a positive environment for learning.	14		
No.	QI	Learning Provision I feel:	Yes	No	Unsure
5	2.1	my child likes and feels safe being at St. Andrew's nursery.	14		
7	2.2	my child enjoys a variety of learning context in nursery.	14		
8	2.3	I am kept well informed about my child's progress and attainment via, parent evenings, stay and play, learning books, report cards, assessment files, learning overviews, wall display twitter, new App etc.	14		
9	2.4	my child's learning is progressing well and they are encouraged and stretched to work to the best of his/her ability.	14		
10	2.5	that the nursery makes efforts to work with families and communicates well.	13		1
11	2.6	progression for children and their families is supported by transition arrangements e.g home to nursery and nursery-primary.	13		1
12	2.7	the nursery has a good profile in the community and strong partnership links are fostered with the community that impacts on learning. For example visits from vets, nurses and other professionals, using our community for outdoor learning.	13		1
No.	QI	Successes & Achievements I feel:	Yes	No	Unsure
13	3.1	that generally positive behaviour is encouraged and rewarded.	12		2
14	3.2	that the nursery has helped my child grow in confidence	14		
15	3.3	that the nursery creates opportunities to equip the children with skills for creativity, life and work. For example relevant topics, visits from specialists, dress and role play, creative tasks, philosophy sessions and snack prep etc	14		

We have decided to focus on areas where 90% or less people have chosen 'Yes' (the most positive outcome of questioning). See highlighted areas.

# How Good is Our Nursery?

## Parental Consultation Results - March 2019

A summary of some of the additional comments made have been listed below and posted to our website as well as school response.

You can also see our response on our 'We Asked, You Said, We Did' wall display in our Parent Partnership board. Your opinion matters to us and we are doing all we can to make St. Andrew's Primary and Nursery an excellent place to work learn and achieve.

Relating to	Positive Comments Noted
2.3	"Always informed"
General	"Very pleased with all aspects of the nursery routine. Teachers are friendly and helpful."
General	"I had some issues with my child, I spoke to staff and within a few days support was put in place"
General	"My child's love nursery and the staff are brilliant"
General	"Application of the curriculum to different environments i.e. outdoor learning is invaluable."

Relating to	Parental Suggestions/Comments Noted	School Response
General	"Maybe more trips outside the nursery"	We agree. This is why we have started developing our forest learning and fostering links with the community for example the local Care home and shops. We will also try to build on our Christmas and Summer Outings.
2.3	"I would like to see the nursery more in the school app e.g. diary dates."	We agree. Staff have been trained in the use of the app and are starting to add more information to the nursery App. Dates and information can still be found on our webpage and lots of great updates on twitter.
3.3	"I would like to see more rewards, a trophy, paper rewards or stickers. Something for my child to be proud of, to encourage kindness, good behaviour etc"	A great idea to build on. We have developed more awards and purchased more stickers. Hopefully parents will be seeing more achievements being celebrated and their children growing even further in confidence.

We would like to thank parents for their continued support to the nursery.

## Links with Skye View Care Home

We are delighted to have fostered a link with the local Care Home. This means children are able to walk to the care home in small groups. Here they enjoy the nice garden and work with some of the the elderly and staff. We plan to have the children take games bags and the nursery and care home staff along with some of the elderly will help them with jigsaws, games and drawings. They will also perform their nursery songs and entertain. This has great benefits to both the children and the elderly residents.

### Term 4 Diary Date Reminders

Date	Details
17.4.19	Easter Bunny Visit Parents Welcome for Songs and Egg Hunt!
18.4.19	Parents/guardians of Yellow Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - Literacy focus
18.4.19	Nursery Closes for Easter Weekend
23.4.19	Nursery Returns from Easter Weekend
25.4.19	Parents/guardians of Green Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - Literacy focus
29.4.19	Parent Learning Information for Term 4 Updated online
29.4.19	Parents/guardians of Yellow Group (pm) on Outdoor Learning - Literacy focus
2.5.19	Parents/guardians of Red Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - Literacy focus
6.5.19	Nursery May holiday
7.5.19	INSET day children not in nursery
8.5.19	Parent Evening (appointments sent home)
9.5.19	Parents/guardians of Yellow Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - Maths focus
13.5.19	Mindset Monday activities
13.5.19	Parents/guardians of Green Group (pm) on Outdoor Learning - Literacy focus
13.5.19	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
16.5.19	Parents/guardians of Green Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - Maths focus
20.5.19	Parents/guardians of Yellow Group (pm) on Outdoor Learning - Maths focus
23.5.19	Parents/guardians of Red Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - Maths focus
24 - 27.5.19	May Holiday
28.5.19	P1 transition Lunch and HWB lesson see letter
3.6.19	Parents/guardians of Green (pm) on Outdoor Learning - Maths focus
4.5.19	P1 transition day Maths see letter
5.6.19	SPORTS Day weather permitting
6.6.19	Parents/guardians of Yellow Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - HWB focus
10.6.19	Parents/guardians of Yellow Group (pm) on Outdoor Learning - HWB focus
11.6.19	P1 Transition day Literacy - see letter
13.6.19	Parents/guardians of Green Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - HWB focus
17.6.19	Parents/guardians of Green Group (pm) on Outdoor Learning - HWB focus
19.6.19	Nursery Graduation am & pm together at 10am
20.6.19	Parents/guardians of Red Group (am) on Outdoor Learning - HWB focus
25.6.19	P7 treat trip
26.6.19	Nursery Transition day Meet new teacher
28.6.19	Fun day Last day of term all children welcome to morning session