



St. Augustine's Nursery Class



The nursery team would like to welcome our children and families back to nursery following our Summer break. We hope you had a lovely time! We would also like to welcome our new children and families. We have really enjoyed meeting you and look forward to sharing together your new nursery adventure!

We have been so busy having lots of fun already!



STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A huge congratulations to Mrs Collinson who has given birth to a baby boy. We send our warmest wishes to her family and look forward to her return to The Butterflies next year.

Mrs Truesdale has moved onto her promoted key worker post. We wish her the best of luck in the next step of her nursery journey and say thanks for all her dedication in supporting our children.

We are delighted to announce that we have three new members of staff that have joined our team. Mrs Laird who will take care of the Butterfly Group, Mrs King who will support the Dragonfly group and Miss Davis who will support the Busy Bee group.



Mrs Laird



Mrs King



Miss Davis

STAFF TEAM

Mrs Dunn	Lead Early Learning Practitioner
Mrs Baillie	Early Learning Practitioner
Miss Chisholm	Key Worker
Mrs Laird	Key worker
Mrs Turner	Support Assistant
Miss Davis	Support Assistant
Mrs King	Support Assistant

SNACKS/LUNCH

Children will enjoy lunch and a healthy snack each day. Lunch menu will follow the NLC Nursery menu which is posted weekly on the school blog and twitter page.

We appreciate there are times when children will not like what hot food is on offer and would like to reassure you that staff strive to encourage your child to try new things while explaining the importance of eating a hot lunch. Please be sure however that if your child does not eat the hot option there is always a choice of sandwich therefore there is no need to supply a packed lunch.

Please let your key worker know of any dietary requirements and fill in the appropriate paperwork where applicable

To ensure the safety of all children in relation to food allergies and intolerances, we ask that children do not have food or sweets in pockets when attending nursery. Thank you.



CURRICULAR LEARNING

The children are now settled in their nursery environment and are becoming more familiar with their nursery routines. The staff have observed how children are beginning to form new friendships and will continue to support this throughout their play. Children have shown a keen interest in sorting and matching which staff will facilitate through using a variety of interesting resources to encourage their interest.



We will soon be learning all about our new season of Autumn, please support us by chatting about Autumn and looking out for seasonal changes in the environment. Here is a fun Autumn activity to do at home.

Jump in a pile of leaves

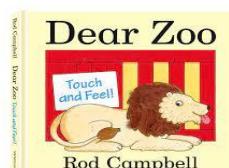


Sometimes it's the simple things that bring the most fun, like jumping in a crisp pile of autumn leaves! Head to your local park, or even your back garden, to create your own leaf piles.

The leaves can then be collected to make a picture, all you need is paper and a glue stick!

THREE READ

Mrs Baillie our Literacy Coach will carry forward our Three read Programme primarily with pre-school children, which will focus on developing our listening skills and waiting our turn. The children will also have an opportunity to explore new words and phrases while sharing their own thoughts and feelings about the story. The first book we will focus on is Dear Zoo. Look out for your child's three read sticker.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

The nursery garden continues to be a development priority and is featured in our school improvement plan.



OUTDOOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

September- Mud kitchen fundraiser



Pamper Hamper Raffle

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 20th September costing £1 a strip, raffle will be drawn on Thursday 23rd September. Please see staff at drop off and collection times.

October – Climbing Frame fundraiser



Sponsored Autumn Walk

Children will take part in a wellbeing walk while exploring the local community and looking out to spot seasonal changes. Children will receive their sponsor sheet on Monday 4th October.

Please also lookout for tokens in Tesco's to vote for our school and nursery to win outdoors funding

HALLOWEEN

We will celebrate Halloween on Friday 29th October. Your child is welcome to attend nursery in a fancy- dress costume. We look forward to some fun spooky learning experiences.

Please remember that scary masks or costumes are prohibited as some children may find them upsetting.

TOILETTING

The staff will support children in using the toilet if necessary, ensuring they comply with Health Protection Scotland guidance for hygiene etc. whilst also encouraging independence skills. Good hygiene practices including handwashing will be encouraged throughout the nursery session.

If your child requires additional support in using the toilet, please let us know. We will support your child's needs including a shared approach to toilet training when you feel your child is ready. Please follow the link for support and guidance,



[How to potty train - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

NURSERY FUND

We would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support in donating your nursery snack and toy fund. Funds have supported the purchasing of daily snack, birthday treats and resources to enhance curricular learning based on children's current interests

Our nursery snack and toy donation is 50p per day. Parents and carers are welcome to pay daily, weekly or monthly!



COVID GUIDELINES

We thank you for your continued support in following COVID 19 guidelines which are as follows: -

- Face coverings must be worn by adults at drop off and collection times.
- Please ensure you maintain a two- metre distance from adults at all times.
- Parents are prohibited in entering nursery playroom out-with enrolment day.
- Please be aware of COVID 19 symptoms and book a PCR test if your child or anyone in your household is presenting symptoms (High temperature, Continuous Cough, Loss of taste or smell).
- Please remember that all household members require a PCR test on the event that one person has COVID 19 symptoms. Household Isolation is required while waiting on results, your child can return to nursery following a negative PCR if feeling well.
- If your child is presenting with COVID 19 symptom please do not attend nursery and notify the nursery via phone call. If your child becomes unwell presenting COVID-19 symptoms while at nursery, you will be contacted to collect them. Your child can return to nursery if well enough following a negative test result or within ten days of receiving a positive test result.

We appreciate your understanding in these challenging times.

NURSERY BAGS

Could we remind parents and carers that children have their own nursery bags on their peg therefore are not required to bring a bag to nursery. If your child needs another spare change of clothes staff will inform you at collection times.

COMMUNICATION

We will continue to provide various methods of communication to keep you up to date with all of our latest news. Please look out for our next St. Augustine's Nursery Class Newsletter. We will continue to use St. Augustine's Twitter page to share photographs of the children enjoying fun learning experiences. If you have any queries that cannot be shared at drop off and collection times, please contact the nursery via telephone where a member of staff will be happy to help.

Contact Details

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School Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/staugustines>

Dates to Remember

W.B Monday 20 th September	Outdoor Learning Fundraiser/Raffle
Friday 24 th -Monday 27 th September	Nursery Closed/September Weekend
W.B Monday 4 th October	Outdoor Learning Fundraiser/ Sponsored walk.
Monday 11 to Friday 15 October 2021 (inclusive)	Nursery Closed/ October Week
Friday 29 th October	Halloween Party

The nursery team thank you for your continued support.

Vicki Dunn

Lead Early Learning Practitioner

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