



St. Augustine's



Nursery Class

A warm welcome back to our children and families following our Easter break, we hope you had a lovely, restful time.



Staff Team

Mrs Dunn	Lead Early Learning Practitioner	Dragonflies
Mrs Baillie	Early Learning Practitioner	Ladybirds
Miss Chisholm	Key Worker	Caterpillars
Mrs Laird	Key worker	Butterflies
Miss Davis	Key worker	Busy Bees
Mrs King	Support Worker	Dragonflies
Mrs Turner	Support Worker	
Miss Johnson	Support Worker	
Miss Toor	Early Learning & Childcare Student	

COVID 19

We are delighted to announce that we are no longer operating in bubbles from Monday 2nd May. It has been lovely to see the children making full access of the playroom and renewing old friendships.

COVID Guidelines

The New Staying at Home Guidance states that:

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or **slight** cough, who are otherwise well, do not need to stay at home and can continue to attend education settings.

Children and young people should stay at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature. They can return to nursery when they no longer have a fever and they feel well enough to attend.

Sponsored Wheelie

A massive thank you to our generous families! We managed to raise a whopping

£755.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will allow the children to benefit from so much fun and new learning in our planting and growing area. THANK YOU!

Health & Wellbeing

The children have enjoyed a variety of learning experiences that have enabled them to discover positive things about building new friendships and relationships.

These experiences have supported and promoted a selection of skills, including communicating feelings and emotions and an awareness of how our emotions can affect others.



Mathematics and Numeracy

Following our interests of role play the children have had lots of fun taking on the role of shopkeeper, hairdresser and beautician. In response to this interest, we have extended our learning by enjoying a variety of learning experiences that has developed our awareness of how money is used and our recognition of a selection of coins.



Staff Announcements

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Collinson will return to Saint Augustine's Nursery Class prior to our summer break following her maternity leave. Mrs Collinson will commence her role in the Butterfly Group.

Outdoor learning

We just love enjoying the wonderful outdoors and have been busy getting prepared for our new Season of Spring. Planting and growing in our garden offers opportunities to discover the life cycle of plants and how living things depend on each other.



The children have also enjoyed exploring a variety of expressive learning experiences to consolidate their learning of our new season of spring.



School Transition

Following an update to our COVID 19 guidelines, all children will now have the opportunity to spend time in a primary one class room each Friday. This opportunity will offer children the valuable experience of spending time in a school environment while becoming familiar with what is expected from them. The children have responded very well and love going to 'The big school!'

Transitions will also be supported in our nursery environment through a variety of curricular learning experiences that support a child's transition to school.

Such learning experiences will include the wellbeing of our children in relation to how they are feeling about the big change that is happening in their lives. This will be supported by the implementation of The Everywhere Bear story to enable children to explore and make sense of their feelings and emotions.

Graduation

Friday 17th June

As you know we are fast approaching the end of term and we are now planning for graduation celebrations. We are delighted to announce that this year parents and carers will be able to come along and enjoy the end of term show!

We must however adhere to risk assessments therefore a maximum of two tickets will be allowed for each child to attend the ceremony.

Following parent feedback our nursery provision will take place over two sessions this day. Returning children will enjoy a party in the morning and graduating children will enjoy their celebrations in the afternoon.

Morning Session	9.45am -12.00pm
Afternoon Session	12.15pm -3.00pm
Doors will open to parents & carers (Main School Entrance)	1.45pm
Graduation Show (School Gym Hall)	2.00pm

As part of our show we would like to showcase a photograph of each child when they were a baby. If you would like to take part please email a baby photo to as soon as possible to Mrs King at nlkingt1@northlan.org.uk

Nursery Sports Day

On Wednesday 8th June the children will take part in our Sports day! Events will include lots of physical fun including running, climbing and jumping. We ask that your child is suitably dressed in something that is comfortable.

Tombola

To support our end of term celebrations, a tombola stand will be on display at drop off and collection times, on week beginning the 6th of June Tickets will cost £1.00 per strip of five tickets.

Toothbrushing Programme

Our tooth brushing programme is now implemented into our daily routine in partnership with our dental health team. The children are supported once a day following their lunch to brush their teeth and are doing a fantastic job.



Spare Change of clothes

As you know nursery life can be a messy business! To support this, could we ask all parents and carers to ensure your child has a spare change of clothes that will be kept in their nursery bag. We would also be very grateful if you have any clothes (trousers, leggings, t-shirts etc.) you no longer need to keep in our spare change box. Thank you.

Toileting

The staff will continue to 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)



Sun Cream

Since our return to Nursery after the Easter Break the weather has been improving and as a consequence of this, we have started our sun care programme with the children. We would appreciate your support by applying sun cream to your child before they come to nursery so that we only need to apply a top up throughout the day.

Should your child require specialist sun cream please ensure it is brought to nursery and staff are advised.



Nursery Fund

We would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support in donating to the Nursery Snack and Toy fund. Funds continue to support the purchase of daily snacks; 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!



Bringing Toys to Nursery

The staff would like to ask parents and carers to ensure that children do not bring their own toys to nursery. We understand that children enjoy this experience however we have encountered issues where toys are lost which is very upsetting for the child. Personal belongings such as toys can also

be very distracting to children. If your child benefits from a comforter to support them then please discuss this with staff. We thank you for your support.

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.



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Dates to Remember

May day Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
In-service day	Thursday 5 th May
Parent Consultations (Staff will be collecting appointment dates at drop off and collection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 18th May – Butterflies • Thursday 19th May- Ladybirds • Friday 20th May- Caterpillars • Wednesday 23rd May Dragonflies • Thursday 26th May Busybees
May Weekend Holiday	Friday 27 th May
Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations	Thursday 2 nd June Friday 3 rd June
Nursery Sports Day & Tombola Fundraiser	Wednesday 8 th June
Nursery Graduation	Friday 17 th June
Last day of term	Wednesday 29 th June Nursery Closes at 1.00 pm

Vicki Dunn

Lead Early Learning Practitioner

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