



Inspire Showcase



Shining a light on digital teaching and learning in Scottish Borders

St Margaret's RC ELC, Galashiels

★ Digital Learning Through Play in ELC Award ★

★ Equitable Creative Coding Award for Early Years ★

★ Digital Schools Wellbeing Award ★

St Margaret's RC ELC in Galashiels celebrated an outstanding achievement in June 2025, being recognised for their commitment to nurturing digital confidence, creativity, and inclusion from the earliest years. Through purposeful play and innovative use of technology, staff have created meaningful learning experiences that support every child's wellbeing and development. Their success highlights how even the youngest learners can thrive in a digital world — and shows what's possible for other schools and early years settings working towards Digital Schools Award Scotland recognition.



What Made this Possible?

1

STRONG VISION AND LEADERSHIP

A clear commitment from staff to embed digital learning meaningfully across everyday play and learning experiences.

2

INCLUSIVE AND CREATIVE PRACTICE

Innovative use of technology to ensure all children can explore, create, and express themselves in ways that suit their individual needs and interests.

3

COLLABORATIVE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

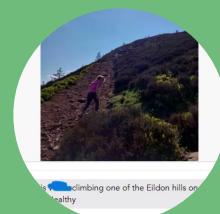
Ongoing staff engagement with the Inspire Learning programme and sharing of effective digital practice within and beyond the setting.

Coding Skills



Children developed coding skills through Indi challenges led by Digital Leaders, building problem-solving, creativity, and road safety awareness.

Communicating with Parents/Carers



A dedicated Showbie Parent Group page where parents can comment, share children's achievements, and receive weekly updates.

Using Apps Safely & Securely



Apps are valuable learning tools, but it's essential to use them safely.

Voices from the School

“St Margaret’s staff and pupils exude a strong sense of the value of digital technologies in enhancing and supporting learning and teaching, whilst remaining safe online.” Dr

Katharine Jewitt, Assessor for Digital Schools Awards Scotland

“The children are becoming more confident when using programmable toys, such as the Indies and Beebots.” EYO, St Margaret’s RC ELC

“Technology deployment is growing across the nursery. There was a clear sense that the children were involved in their own learning, making connections between the home and the school through online technologies.” Dr Katharine

Jewitt, Assessor for Digital Schools Awards Scotland



Staff develop new iPad skills through shared experiences and collaborative discussions.

Impact

Earning these awards has had a positive impact across the whole St Margaret’s RC ELC community. Pupils are developing greater confidence, creativity, and problem-solving skills through play-based digital learning experiences. Staff feel empowered and inspired to use technology in innovative ways that enhance learning and inclusion. The wider community benefits from stronger partnerships and pride in a setting that celebrates digital wellbeing, equity, and creativity from the earliest years.



NEXT STEPS/LEARN MORE

Interested in working towards any of these Digital Awards?

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🌐 Visit [Digital Schools Award](#) for more details about the specific awards.

🔗 [St Margaret’s ELC Sway Evidence](#)

