



The Junior Duke Award

A life skills award for children



Dear Parents,

To encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation, St. Ninian's is taking part in an Award Scheme called the *Junior Duke Award*. This includes the Micro Duke, Mini Duke, Junior Duke and now also the Senior Duke Awards and is aimed at helping children from the age of 5 to 13 to learn and practice a large variety of life skills.

Each of these levels has a selection of challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish a set number of these successfully. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Eco awareness, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair. The children will be given some of the necessary skills in school, but most of the challenges will require time and effort out with school with friends and family.

We have used some of our Pupil Equity Funding this year to purchase a Junior Duke Booklet for every child in the school so that this can be a whole school approach to celebrating and recognising our children's achievements. We will keep a record in school of each child's progress with the award and set some friendly competition amongst the House Teams too.

On completion of a level, a well-earned certificate and badge will be awarded. There is no set time for your child to complete the level this year as this is the first year we have taken part in the scheme.

Your child has brought home their Booklet today for you to look over and decide on your child's first challenge to attempt. Please ensure your child brings their Booklet to school EVERY Friday as part of their home learning. Your child can write or draw in their booklet, add photographs or upload photos/videos to SeeSaw when they have completed their challenge. [Please see the SWAY link on the school app for more information.](#)

Please also be aware that Junior Duke takes no responsibility for injury or accident sustained throughout the Award (e.g. burns when cooking, injury through sport etc.)

Good luck to our children taking on this new challenge - #stninianskidscan!

