



# St. Joseph's Nursery Class



## Education Resources

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## March News Update

### Return to Nursery

A huge congratulations to all of our nursery children who have made a very positive return to nursery life. The children have settled quickly to learning and are re-establishing and forming friendships. The children are listening and responding well to safety guidance.



### 'Looking on the Bright Side' Display

During the period of remote learning, we asked our parents to send us photographs of their child learning at home. We are now continuing this invitation in order to create a 'Looking on the Bright Side Display'. If you have a 'happy' photo of your child showing a proud moment, new learning experience or achievement during the time of remote learning that you would like to share, please email it directly to Mrs Keenan at [gw14keenanclaire@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14keenanclaire@glow.sch.uk). If you have previously sent photographs of your child during remote learning to Mrs Keenan, there is no requirement to re-send as we have these photographs saved. Many thanks for helping the nursery to celebrate the children's wider achievements.

### Entry/Exit to Nursery Grounds

Thank you for co-operation at drop off/pick up times. Please remember to maintain a 2m distance from other families and wear a mask, unless medically exempt. Nursery parents with a pram should use the gate at the nursery side and not the gate at the side of the school at the kitchen area. This gate is only for children with scooters or bikes.



### SLC Beat the Street Initiative

Blantyre is being transformed into a giant community-wide challenge, to get families active and out and about the town. Beat the Street is a game developed by doctors and experts in physical health. The game has been carefully planned alongside Hamilton and Blantyre's public Health advisors to ensure COVID safety. Every nursery child and one parent/carer will be issued with a 'Beat the Street' card that can be used to earn points, get active and win prizes in this fun, free, six week walking, running, cycling and scooting game. Every family will also be issued with an information pack on how to register, how to play the game as well as a map showing the location of 'Beat Boxes' within the local area. The game will start on Wednesday 17th March and end on the 28th April 2021. Resources will be issued to families during Week Beginning Monday 15th March.

## Timeline March 2021

- 15.03.21

Beat the Street Resources issued

- 17.03.21

Beat the Street begins

- 19.03.21

St. Joseph's Feast Day Celebration

- 22.03.21

Parental Phone calls begin

- 23.03.21

Parent Council 7pm—Google Meet

- 01.04..21

Nursery Closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break

- 02.04..21—18.04.21

Spring Break Holiday

- 19.04..21

Nursery Re-opens—Children Return

- 28.04..21

Beat the Street ends



## Puddle Suits

The nursery recently purchased new puddle suits for our children. Each child now has their own puddle suit to wear if it is raining outside. Each 'Pod' has their own box to store the suits in and their own rack to hang them when they require to 'drip dry'. The rain will not keep us in and the new investment in Puddle Suits will ensure our children are kept warm and cosy while engaging in learning experiences in the great outdoors!



## Monthly 'Pod' Newsletter

The nursery also recently purchased new I pads for every 'Pod'. Every 'Pod' now has their own Ipad to capture photographs of the children engaging in learning. Our Monthly 'Pod' Newsletter will be issued in April after the Spring Break. We hope the Newsletters provide you with a 'snapshot' of your child's learning as well as the friendships they are developing.

## Partnership with Parents

In the current COVID climate we are unable to have as many face to face opportunities to talk with our parents. To ensure we can continue to build these very important relationships we have arranged that during week beginning 22nd March, Keyworkers will make telephone calls to all the parent/carers of children within their pod. The purpose of the call will be to provide an update on your child's learning and set new targets for this term. It will also provide an opportunity for an informal chat to continue to make links.

Telephone calls will take place between 3.30-4.30pm on the following dates:

Monday 22nd March —Busy Bees

Tuesday 23rd March—Growing Giraffes

Wednesday 24th March—Striped Zebras

Thursday 25th March—Cheeky Monkeys

Monday 29th March—Colourful Caterpillars



Your child will be allocated a day and time for their telephone call and the call may appear as a private/withheld number. If you are unable to make the allocated time, please inform the Team Leader in the Bubble and an alternative date and time will be arranged.

**Please follow NHS Inform, Test and Protect and Contact Tracing Guidance!**

**Please do not attend nursery if your child or member of your household is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been advised by contact tracers to self-isolate. At least 2m distance must be maintained between adults and children of different households.**

**All adults must wear face coverings on the nursery grounds unless medically exempt.**

The whole staff team would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for your ongoing support, flexibility and understanding during these challenging times. We hope to continue to work in partnership with our whole school and nursery community to provide nurture, care and quality learning experiences for all of our children.

Yours Sincerely,

Claire-Louise Mullen  
Depute Head Teacher