



ST NICHOLAS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BROXBURN

SCHOOL NEWS

JAN/FEB 2019

Diary Dates-

January-

- Mon 14th Vertical Learning Groups
- Mon 14th Reading group to the Old Folks' Home
- Tue 15th St Nicholas Reading and Writing Competition Winners Lunch
- Tue 22nd P4 Parents Sacramento Meeting, 6pm, Church
- Fri 25th Burns Day
- Sun 27th P3 Rite of Illumination, Church
- Mon 28th Parent Council Meeting, 6.30pm
- Tue 29th Storytelling Event, all classes

February -

- Sun 3rd P4 Rite of Enrolment, at Church
- Mon 4th P6 Trip – Bannockburn and Stirling Castle
- Tues 5th Chinese New Year
- Fri 8th Mass, 11am
- Mon 11th P5 Handball Festival
- Tue 12th Visit by Archbishop Leo Cushley
- Fri 15th P3 Assembly, 11.15am
- Mon 18th School Holiday
- Tue 19th School Holiday (Teachers Resume)
- Wed 20th Children back
- Wed 20th Generation Science – P3
- Fri 22nd Curriculum Café, 11am-12noon
- Sun 23rd P4 Rite – Presentation of Our Father, Church
- Mon 25th Vertical Learning Groups
- Mon 25th Dental Inspections P1 and P7



A Very Happy New Year from St Nicholas!

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and a very Happy New Year to you all. Our children are back looking refreshed and excited for the term ahead.

Firstly, let me thank all children, staff and parents for their support and help in all our Christmas events: Christmas Fairs, nativities, carol concerts, community events, craft afternoons and movie nights. A great time was had by all.

It's now back to business and all children are back to the routines of school and to working and playing hard. As always, the children will be encouraged to reach their full potential and to aspire to achieve in all they do.

Our new school app is working very successfully and over 360 parents have downloaded it so far. If you haven't got it yet, search for 'PSA' in your app store. Remember to keep supporting all our learning events in school, like our Curriculum Café on Friday the 22nd February. Your child's learning profile will soon be available to you (via your child's glow account) but we will keep you fully updated about this. We look forward to welcoming you to St Nicholas again in the coming weeks.

Warm regards,

Karen Brown – Head Teacher

Don't forget to follow us on our blog, Facebook and Twitter, to see what we've been up to.

- Blog** bit.ly/StNicholasPS
- Facebook** facebook.com/StNicholasRCPrimarySchool
- Twitter** [@WLSaintNicholas](https://twitter.com/WLSaintNicholas)

Or, scan these QR codes to see our social media pages :

Facebook



Twitter



Blog



Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat

Another St Nicholas Community Night Out is planned for Thursday the 21st of March to see Joseph at the Playhouse in Edinburgh. The school has managed to secure a discounted rate for these tickets which are available on a first come, first served basis. Our last community night out to see Shrek was a huge success. Please see the letter that has been sent out or check our social media channels for more information.

Families Connect

We will be running this exciting family learning opportunity again this year for parents of children in Nursery and P1. Learn how to make a real impact to your child's literacy and numeracy in a fun and relaxed environment – pick up skills and tips and lots of games and resources to take away with you. Please contact the school office for more information.

Children's learning profiles

As we are no longer using Class Dojo, we will soon be encouraging our children to share their learning profiles with you through their glow accounts instead and we will keep you updated about this.



Condolences

Our sincerest condolences go to our parish priest, Fr Jeremy, whose father passed away on Christmas Eve. Please remember Fr Jeremy, and his dad, in your prayers.

St Nicholas Writing Competition

A huge well to our winners:

Early Level (Nursery to P1):

1st - Harvey Lamb; 2nd - Mateusz Roganski; 3rd - Arriana Liddell

First Level (P2 to P4):

1st - Lovisa Rova; 2nd - Tavia Bergman; 3rd - Owen Bruce

Second Level (P5 to P7):

1st - Natalia Lewandowska; 2nd - Christy Donnelly; 3rd - Cameron Hay

Social Studies Curriculum in St Nicholas

As part of this year's improvement plan, we are celebrating our Scottish heritage and the uniqueness of Broxburn within West Lothian and Scotland. You might have noticed that many of our topics this year have taken a more local perspective: Local Houses and Homes, Mining in West Lothian and the Union Canal were just some of the topics children studied last term. We are very lucky to have such a rich Scottish heritage and a wealth of local resources and we use these to our children's advantage.



Building a Reading Culture The St Nicholas Reading Competition

Our 'reading for pleasure' champions who have read widely and with great understanding are:

Early Level (Nursery to P1):

1st - Emily Smith; 2nd - Ellis Clements; 3rd - Ben Strachan

First Level (P2 to P4):

1st - Justyna Koci; 2nd - Lucia Buchanan; 3rd - Joshua Panetta

Second Level (P5 to P7):

1st - Maya Lesniak; 2nd - Blanca Espinosa; 3rd - Szymon Palczewski

Parent Council.

We work closely with our Parent Council to ensure parents are more actively and effectively involved in their children's learning. The next parent council meeting is on Monday the 28th of January at 6.30pm. We would be delighted to see some new faces. Or contact us on:

parentcouncil.stnicholasps@gmail.com

