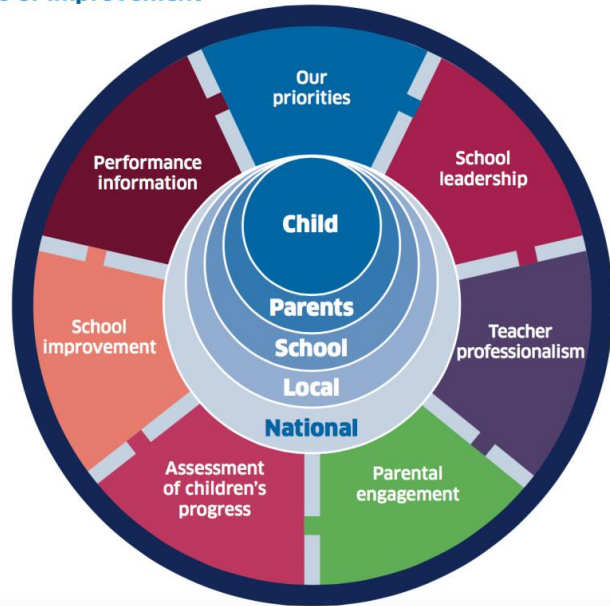


At St Nicholas Primary School, we use the all National Improvement Framework's key drivers of improvement to shape our progress and future plans for improvement.

Key drivers of improvement



A copy of our latest School Improvement Plan (2019-2020) can be found on our website. There is also a copy to view in our entrance hallway, including a child friendly version. If you have any questions relating to our improvement process, please contact Karen Brown, Head Teacher at St Nicholas Primary School.

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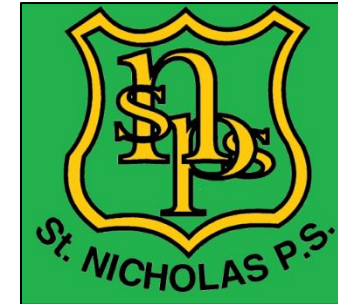


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St Nicholas Primary School

Broxburn



Report on Progress and Achievement

2018-2019

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St Nicholas Primary School in the Community

St Nicholas RC primary school serves the communities of Broxburn, Uphall, Dechmont and Uphall Station. As a Roman Catholic school, our vision and ethos are based on strong Gospel values. We are fully supported in our mission statement by our local parish of SS John Cantius and Nicholas RC Church, Broxburn. Our school provides a welcoming, happy, secure and inspiring learning environment. Our curriculum is underpinned by our core values of friendship, fairness, respect, kindness, honesty and trust. Strong partnership links exist with our cluster high school, St Margaret's Academy, and its feeder primary schools, as well as our geographic cluster of Broxburn Academy and its local primary schools.

Our children are confident, respectful and caring young people, who are a credit to our school and the community. We value our excellent partnership working with all our stakeholders. The school roll is currently 394 across 15 classes. Our nursery classes have capacity for 50/50 morning and afternoon places and we offer full day placements as a flexible option for parents. Our school continues to attract large P1 cohort with a consistently high demand for places.

The school is led by the head teacher, depute head teacher and two principal teachers. Our specialist staff this session includes two PE specialists, a music specialist and two instrumental tutors. We are supported by partner agencies including WLC Education Psychology Services, Hearing and Visually Impaired service and Speech and Language Therapy. Together we strive to meet the needs of all pupils.



Other Achievements This Year

We have had a very successful year at St Nicholas Here are some of our achievements:

- Maintaining a very high standard of attainment in all areas of the curriculum and across all stages.
- Achieved Gold Sports Award Scotland.
- Successful development of the One-Trusted-Adult programme, which was identified as excellent practice, and praised and shared by Education Scotland.
- Achieved Digital Schools Award Scotland.
- Successful development of Digital Learning across the school, which was again identified as excellent practice and praised by Education Scotland. Director Alan Armstrong visited to discuss our development and gather ideas for further development across Scotland.
- Our Number Talks programme has been further embedded successfully across the school and has resulted in visits from colleagues across Scotland.
- Family learning programmes run for parents by parents.
- Increased uptake in after school club participation for all learners.
- Successful partnership working with Broxburn United Sports Club to promote equality and equity.
- Won 2nd in Gala Day Parade Float.
- Won the Civic Week Sports Prize.
- First cohort of children achieved Pope Francis Faith Award.
- Successful extra-curricular school-community social events, including St Patricks night dance, visit to theatre in Edinburgh to see Joseph, movie nights, Christmas fayre, Christmas carol concert, visits to and from local Old Folks Homes.
- Intergenerational reading programme.
- Continued successful Curriculum Café's for pupils to share their learning
- Early Years achieved excellent in their Care Inspectorate Report

“Be ambitious for the higher gifts.” Corinthians 12:31-13:8

Aspiring At St Nicholas

We aspire to the very best for our children in terms of them fulfilling their potential by recognising and nurturing their individual talents and skills.

A	S	P	I	R	E
Achieving	Successful	Persevering	Independent	Resilient	Excellence and Equity
We strive to ensure that every child achieves their full potential.	We want all our children to experience success throughout and beyond the curriculum	We encourage our children to work hard and never give up	We motivate our children to be independent in their learning, to be confident and resourceful	We help give our children the skills to be able to bounce back from life's inevitable challenges	We strive for excellence for all our children and we take steps to ensure that this happens for all

At St Nicholas Primary School, we look inwards, outwards and forwards as we continuously strive to improve outcomes for our children:



Our aims for 2018-2019 were:

Raising Attainment in Literacy & Numeracy:

- To raise attainment in literacy by building a culture of reading across the nursery and school, and promoting reading for enjoyment.
- To continue to build on excellent practice in numeracy.

Improving Health and Wellbeing: To focus on and develop mental and emotional wellbeing and develop resilience for all pupils.

Improve Digital Learning: To further develop digital learning across the curriculum.

How Did We Do?

Raising Attainment in Literacy & Numeracy

- We've raised the profile of reading and writing through the whole school
- We continued to embed the CPA approach in all classes for numeracy
- We've raised attainment in literacy and numeracy year on year

Health and Wellbeing

- Achieved Gold Sports Award Scotland
- Introduced, developed and embedded the One-Trusted Adult programme (our development of this has been identified and praised by Education Scotland)
- Introduced regular wellbeing check-ins for all pupils

Digital Learning

- Achieved Digital Award Scotland
- Our development of Digital Learning has been identified and praised by Education Scotland Director Alan Armstrong
- Development of BYOD for P5-7 has been a great success, with pupils using devices to support and enhance learning across the curriculum

Priorities for 2019-2020

Raising Attainment for All

- To improve school's ability to demonstrate learners' participation, improving pupils' engagement and leadership in learning
- Continue to provide support for learning and EAL support across the school
- Family learning programmes across the school with a focus on early years to continue to ensure equality for all

Improving Literacy & Numeracy

- Further develop and implement St Nicholas literacy and numeracy strategies
- Explore creative and innovative real-life contexts for promoting literacy across the curriculum
- Pupil participation in planning and peer assessing across literacy and numeracy
- Continue to embed Number Talks, CPA and SEAL strategies in all classes

Improving Health and Wellbeing

- Continue to develop and strengthen our One Trusted Adult approach for all learners, to build resilience
- Develop pupil choice in leading school and personal health and wellbeing journey

Improving employability skills

- Pupil leadership developed at all levels through junior leadership groups, digital leaders, walking ambassadors, JRSO leaders and many other opportunities.
- Further develop outdoor learning
- Focus on developing the young workforce (DYWF)
- Continue to develop digital literacy across learning