

T.A.S.C



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Welcome back

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and all at T.A.S.C would like to wish you all a Happy New Year 2016. The staff would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your gifts and cash donations for the staff night out.

School closure

February Mid Term break and In-Service day. Schools will be closed on Monday 15th Tuesday 16th Wednesday 17th February. We will be offering a full day service in the St Ninians Unit. The service opens from 8am – 5.45pm at a cost of £24. Places are allocated on a first come basis, so if you need childcare on these days please see your unit manager to book a space. Payment is required at booking and children should bring a health cold pack-lunch.

Late Pick Up and Fees

If due to unforeseen circumstances you are going to be late picking up your child please contact us as soon as possible. If you collect your child after 5.45pm the charge is £5.00 and it continues to rise thereafter at £10.00 for every 15 minute interval. Please note that we do not have a let for the school after our closing time and the school gets locked up. Persistent late coming can result in you losing your place at the service.

AGM

This will take place during February in the St Ninians Unit the date is still to be confirmed. Refreshments will be served at the meeting. All parents are welcome to join us and we hope to see many of you there.

LGBT

Resources have been bought for all the units. If you wish to see the books or find out more about the LGBT Charter please ask your unit manager.

Forthcoming Celebrations

Over January & February we will be celebrating Burns Day, Chinese New Year & Valentines Day as well as LGBT month. There is also a fantastic Chinese New Year Celebrations for all the family in Georges Square from 12am on Sunday 7th February.

GIRFEC

Every unit follows GIRFEC Guidelines. Alison has produced a sheet explaining how all our activities and practice within our

services supports GIRFEC. This is displayed in every unit. If you require a copy please ask a staff member. Each unit will be focusing on specific areas within the SHANARRI WHEEL, planning and consulting with the children on activities that will promote GIRFEC.

This is what each unit is focusing on this month.



Antonine

Following consultation with the children, this month Antonine are focusing on the SHANARRI indicator 'responsible'. One of the main ways this is being achieved is through eco friendly activities. The children are sorting out and taking all their rubbish to the local recycling point.

All the leftover food from snack time is now being used to create a compost heap in the school. Within these activities the children are learning how to delegate roles and responsibilities and how they can be active within their local community. The children are gathering photographic evidence of themselves being helpful citizens, which will be displayed in the units GIRFEC folder. At the end of the month children will receive certificates for their achievements.

Knightswood



The main focus this month is the SHANARRI indicator 'safe'. Lynda has purchased reflector belts for all children. Small groups are being taken out with their reflector belts and learning about road safety in the dark. The children are also participating in different active games within the gym and playground in the dark using their reflector belts. The children have also been watching YouTube videos on road safety.

St Clares/Camstradden



The children in this service recently completed a questionnaire on how their needs are being met in line with SHANARRI. Their responses have been evaluated and are available from our website. In response to the findings that the majority of children like to be active and use the gym as often as possible, the service now offers weekly music and dance sessions. Circle time has also been

introduced at St Clares this month to promote 'Children's Rights' and the SHANARRI indicators 'responsible' and 'respected' encouraging positive behavior. Our nurture experienced staff Maria and Rosie are leading circle time.



St Ninians

This unit is focusing on the SHANARRI indicator 'nurtured' and 'healthy'. Children in this service have been split into groups with each group being given a plant to look after. They have the responsibility of ensuring that their plant thrives and grows. This has led to discussions taking place on thriving and the importance of looking after yourself so that you grow up to be strong and healthy. Opportunities have arisen from this to discuss healthy eating, dental hygiene and being physically active for good health.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require further information on any of our services or any of the activities then please ask any of the staff or managers. Please also log on to our website www.tascafterschoolcare.org.uk

or follow us on



for all the latest information and dates for your diary.

Please note that [St Ninians](#) - now offer a book lending library so that the children can borrow books.

Please feel to browse the extensive library and help your child to select a book.

Christina