



## St Machan's Primary Curriculum Rationale

Revised and updated June 2024

in consultation with children, staff and parents of St Machan's Primary

# St. Machans Primary School

## Our Curriculum is shaped by our Vision, Values and Aims

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Succeeding	Together		Motivating	Achieving	Caring	Happy	and	Nurturing	School
Children at St Machan's are encouraged to become Successful Learners by developing skills for Learning, Life and work. We celebrate success across the curriculum as well as personal achievements.	Pupils, staff and parents work together, creating a welcoming and loving environment where children can thrive, whilst developing a sense of belonging and the importance of Community.		Pupils are involved in all aspects of their learning journey, from planning to assessment. Developing learner's curiosity about the world around them and motivating them to find out more about their interests is valued in our setting.	Learner's achievements are celebrated in a number of ways. We celebrate Pupil success in Literacy and Numeracy through Achievers Awards. Pupil's take pride in their achievement and wear their badges with pride. Achievements across the curriculum are highlighted through the classroom WOW Wall.	All staff have completed professional development 'The Compassionate Classroom'. Adults at St Machan's recognise the importance of relationships and the impact they have on pupils' school experience. Staff build positive relationships through getting to know children's Interest and placing them at the heart of all planning decisions.	Children are enthusiastic about their school experience and show a great sense of belonging through participation in whole school events and celebrations. Children know their voices are listened to and can inspire change and make their mark on our school.		St Machan's implements Boxall's principals of nurture in each stage across the school as well as supporting children through the Nurture Garden. This is a dedicated space where children can visit for Mindful Monday's, Wellbeing groups and the Lego Therapy club. As well as this the Nurture Garden hosts Family Learning opportunities.	Pupil's at St Machan's are eager to learn and can reflect on their school experiences sharing joyful moments and how the school has had a positive impact on their life and learning journey.



## Growing and learning together, following the St Machan's Way!

In Scottish education, the four capacities represent a holistic framework aimed at nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped for the challenges of modern life. We aspire to develop learners who possess not only academic talents but also the confidence to tackle any situation they may face, the sense of responsibility towards their communities, and the ability to actively engage and contribute to society. We show commitment to our learners by helping them to build a broad range of skills, knowledge, and values which will help them thrive in an ever evolving world.



When we are kind everyone feels included and part of our team. Being kind is a domino effect. Kindness spreads like butter— Ruairi, the artist behind Kind Kris.

Values are integral to shaping our school's ethos and educational approach. We are committed to fostering positive relationships and encouraging the holistic growth of all learners and are guided by our values. We emphasise the importance of being Kind, Responsible, Respectful and Faithful.

Have a look at the creativity displayed by the pupil's who designed our school value's mascots.

We are responsible in our school when we look after each other and our resources. We are responsible when we do the right thing!- P4 pupil



# OUR VALUES

Respecting people means that you listen to their ideas and opinions and even if they're different from your own. Respect means that you treat others fairly, the way you would want to be treated.—Creator of Rachel Respect



Faithfulness, to me, means believing in something or someone to follow and trying your best to be like them. Showing integrity to make sure that even when it's difficult you do what you know is best—Creator of Faithful Francis, Sophie P7

In consultation with pupils, 4 characters were designed to help keep our values in the forefront of each day.

Alongside our achievers in literacy and numeracy, each week children receive awards based on one of the values - demonstrating our commitment to living our lives following the St Machan's Way.

May 24 introduction of Skills Curriculum to build skills for learning, life and work. Children are celebrated for their success and achievements demonstrating metaskills such as resilience, collaboration and creativity.

Primary 7 contribute to the life of the School by welcoming P1 pupils and encouraging them to live and demonstrate our school values.

P5 pupils demonstrate our school values when taking on the role of Canteen Captains.

Skills  
Development  
Focus

Pupils  
Voice  
Groups

All children have participated in pupils voice groups. The Faith into Action Group have represented our school and contributed to raising funds and food for the local foodbank and other charities.

Roles of  
Responsibility

Achievements  
Awards  
for Literacy  
and  
Numeracy

I like being part of the Faith in to Action group because its great giving back to our community.—Molly P5

I like being part of the Events Group because I like planning and organising things going on in our school.—Erin P7

I like being part of the Digital leaders because I get to develop my skills and share them with younger pupils.—Lexie P7

Outdoor  
Learning

Community  
Partnerships  
Springvale Care home  
Lennoxtown  
Foodbank  
The Hub  
PTA Events



# Life of the School

# Staff, pupils and parents say St Machan's is...

An amazing and inclusive school–  
P5 parent

Has been great for both my girls–  
P1 and S3 parent.

✓A community with a fantastic PTA! - parent.

A kind and loving school.

A beautiful school with a great view of the Campsie's!

A nurturing school, with great teachers. P5 Pupils.

**A place to make memories.**

**Where I learned skills for life.**

**Where I learned to take on roles of responsibility. P7 Pupils**

**An inclusive community that celebrates the success and achievements of pupils both academic and personal.**

**A welcoming environment where the values of the school are clear and evident in the way people treat one another. - teachers at St Machan's**





**Children at St Machan's enjoy a range of teaching approaches and are proud of achievements in their learning.**

**I love collaborating with my friends—  
Ethan P1**

**We love learning!**



Pupils enjoy opportunities for wider achievements through experiences such as the Primary 7 residential trip to Inverclyde. Children proudly display skills they have developed such as teamwork, communication and resilience. As well as make life

At the heart of everything we do is our Catholic faith teaching. This encourages us to help shape and develop the God given talents of learners enabling them to realise their potential and motivate them to contribute to the wider world by serving others.



Curricular areas  
and subjects



Opportunities for  
Wider  
Achievements



Ethos and Life of  
the School



Interdisciplinary  
Learning

## Four Contexts for Learning

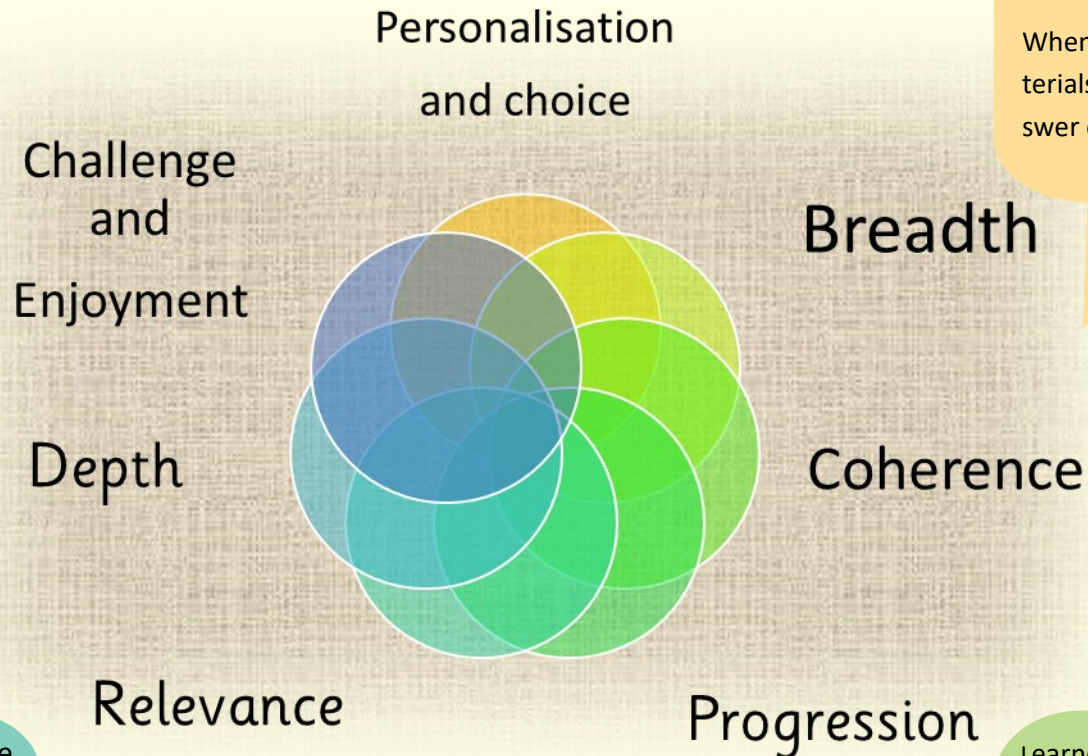
Pupils follow progressive literacy and numeracy programmes and are assessed in a range of ways including formative and summative assessments as well as observations and learning conversations.

Learners are motivated to share new learning and developing skills through an IDL context. Pupils across the school readily apply their talents to STEM projects producing great artefacts that reflect their creativity and wide range of Meta skills.

# Principles of Design

Children are supported and challenged in their learning, regular assessment and observation informs next steps for all individuals.

I enjoy learning through IDL, my favourite theme was WWII. I loved comparing the past and present. – P7 pupil



In literacy, we can display our learning and have freedom to choose how we show we have met the success criteria— P7 pupil

When we do maths we can choose materials from the maths trolley to help answer questions. I like numicon best!— P1

Using money to learn how to make and keep to a budget— P7 pupil

Team work, I didn't like working as team but now in P7 I have learned skills to cooperate in any group— P7 pupil

Learners are supported by building a toolbox of skills which they can draw from at each new stage of learning.

Effective transition informs teachers of learner's experiences and prior knowledge. This allows all teachers to provide fresh experiences to motivate learners.