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Walking With Dinosaurs

Children visiting the paediatric outpatients department at Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary will be able to walk with dinosaurs – thanks to the imagination of a five year old boy.

Murdo McPhail, who is fascinated by the Jurassic giants, came up with **Dinasorus** in a competition to rename the unit and is to be awarded a prize by NHS Forth Valley Chairman Ian Mullen OBE. Children and families who visited paediatrics over a month-long period were invited to submit their ideas. Not only is Murdo's choice particularly apt as the department is opposite the dining room, but his suggestion has resulted in local artist Doug Scott painting a dinosaur "mural" on the walls.

NHS Paediatric Clinical Co-ordinator Helen Bauld said she thought children would find the picture vibrant and exciting "It is full of colour but also contains a subtle health message. Joining the dinosaurs are chattering monkeys holding toothbrushes, telling children how important it is to keep their teeth and hands clean."

Children up to 14 years old with a variety of conditions, are seen at the unit by paediatricians, urologists, orthopaedic surgeons and rheumatologists, paediatric cardiologists and paediatric diabetic nurse specialists. Youngsters who attend the dental outpatient department and need treatment under general anaesthetic can also recover in the child-friendly unit.

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