

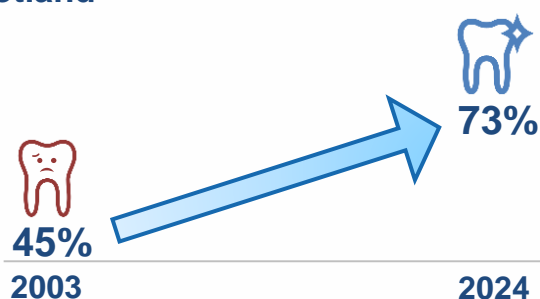
As the new school year begins...

## A BIG THANK YOU

to all Nursery and School Staff, and to all parents, carers and children taking part in the Childsmile Daily Supervised Toothbrushing programme across Scotland.

Daily Supervised Toothbrushing has driven improvements in child oral health over the last 20 years.

% of P1 children with no tooth decay in Scotland



Our **NEW** research shows that Childsmile Daily Supervised Toothbrushing may also **reduce school absences** in P1 children!



Full text here



Preventing dental decay reduces tooth extractions in hospitals which are linked to 6+ extra school absences.



Thank you and please keep up the Childsmile Daily Supervised Toothbrushing.

Not only can this reduce tooth decay in Scotland's children it can contribute to reducing school absences.

**All the best for the year ahead!**

