



Newsletter

APRIL 2015

We would like to say a big welcome to all our new parents and children who have joined us this month. We recognise that settling a child into nursery is an emotional time. Rest assured, that all your children are very happy and content during their day,

This month we have we have been very busy adding lots of new resources and play materials to the nursery, both indoors and outdoors which will help to support all the children's development. All the rooms have been having lots of fun getting creative with the children to make lovely displays for their rooms. We have also started creating a music wall outside which the children are already having lots of fun using to explore all the different sounds they can make - noisy times ahead! We have also been on a lovely trip to Bramhall park in the sunshine this month where we enjoyed playing with the balls, exploring the play equipment all finished off with a very yummy picnic for our lunch!

Pre-school held their first pre-school council this month with Ceri and it was great to get their views on how we can improve their nursery. They told Ceri about all of the things they enjoy here, the garden was most definitely a big hit, followed closely by the food and the large selection of toys. Gracie is keen for us to "Get more Princess books please... and more pink toys!" which we are going to do this month! Felix has requested "More pasta and pizza!" on the menus, which we are also looking into with our wonderful chef Leanne. Den making in the garden was also mentioned as being a favourite activity so we are going to ensure there are plenty of opportunities for the children to continue with this, both indoors and outdoors. It was such a special opportunity to gain their views on how we are doing and we are going to do this every term to ensure they are having their say in how we are doing.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our parents for the lovely parent testimonies you have provided for our website, we will be updating the website over the next few weeks and adding these to it along with lots more photographs and new information about the nursery - watch this space.

During April some of the staff have attended courses which have helped to develop their knowledge of specific areas which they have then been able to share with the rest of the team at the nursery. This month we have attended training about transitions to school, behaviour management and special educational needs, which have all been very informative. Our chef Leanne has completed her allergen training which she will now be able to feed back to the other staff.



Our team

We would like to say a big welcome to Rosie who will be joining our team on the 1st June working alongside Alex in our toddler room. Rosie is an experienced level 3 qualified Nursery Nurse and is very excited to be joining the nursery team in the toddler room.

We would like to congratulate Vikki who received the accolade of 'staff member of the month' in April voted for by the staff team. Vikki has impressed everyone with the fantastic ideas she has brought to the baby room along with all the hard work she does ensuring the babies feel happy and secure. Well done Vikki!

Busy Babies - News from the baby room

This month the babies have explored lots of messy creative play including gloop, water and different methods of mark making using paints. We learnt lots through feeling all the different textures and talking about them. We would like to say a big welcome to Danny, Anya and Vedaant who have joined the baby room this month. Next month we are going to be exploring outdoors lots and developing our baby garden.

Vikki and Nina

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month the toddlers have had lots of fun exploring colours, we have added colours to gloop, water, sand and play dough and used our colour bags at group time to talk about colours. We have also had lots of fun making new displays for our room, we have created self portraits, construction pictures and our family tree! Next month we are going to be exploring lots of different animals and where they live through a variety of fun activities. We will also be sending a learning bag out each week to support our theme of the week which you will be able to enjoy using at home with your toddler.

Alex

Pre-School - News from the Pre school room

This month pre-school have been focussing on their self-serving skills during mealtimes to develop independence in this important self help skill, this has been further supported by water play using jugs. Pre-school have also been focussing on colours, developing language during lots of group colour games. In May we will be focussing on the letters 'C' and 'D'. We will also be talking about healthy eating and taking part in The Railway sports day to support their learning of this topic. Pre-school will be looking at people who help us which will be supported by our new learning bags so you can carry on the fun at home.

Terri



Dates for your diary:

Please make a note of the following dates in May :

Wednesday May 13th - Parent workshop - Ideas of educational activities to do at home 6.30-7.30pm at nursery. This will be run by Michelle Jacques and is an open and extended invitation to all parents, grandparents and family friends to attend. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Saturday May 16th - We will be holding a nursery fun day on Saturday May 16th from 10.30-1.30 which includes a bouncy castle, balloons and

refreshments. Peppa Pig will be making a guest appearance at 11.30am - All are welcome.

Please can we remind parents to bring in a family picture as we would like to create 'family tree' displays in our rooms? This will help to build your child's emotional confidence in their new nursery environment. Thank you to all the parents who have already provided a family photograph. If it is easier, please email us a family snap and these can be printed off at nursery - say cheese.....

As we are now approaching the warmer weather please can we ask you to ensure your child brings a sunhat to nursery so we can make sure your child is protected from the sun at all times whilst enjoying outdoor play. Before coming to nursery, please can you apply sun cream to your child and staff will 'top up' throughout the day. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated because as you can imagine, applying cream to 22 children can be a very time consuming task!

Sainsbury's do a great 'voucher for schools' scheme. If you shop at Sainsbury's we would be grateful if you could bring in any vouchers.

This month Pre-school are going to be learning about people who help us through lots of exciting activities. If any of our parents would like to come into the nursery to talk about their profession with the children please let us know, it would be lovely to have you with us for a short session.

We would also like to invite parents to come in and read your child's favourite book from home to them and their friends in a story time session. This is a lovely opportunity to pop in and read a story and make your child feel extra special in their nursery environment.

We would like to remind all parents that you can check your child's progress by logging onto 'Learning Journals' at any time. If you would like to speak to your child's key person about their development you are welcome to at any point. All parents should now have received an email from 'learning journals'. If you do not yet have a username or password, or have any questions or queries about the online 'learning journals' package please do not hesitate to speak to Michelle.

We will be testing the fire alarms every Monday, if you hear the alarm please can we ask that you evacuate to the back garden. Thank you.

Any questions or anything we can help you with please feel free to speak to a member of our team or you can send us an email to enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk.

Once again, a warm welcome to the nursery on behalf of the staff team at The Railway Nursery.