



Newsletter

August 2015

We are very excited to be able to say we have now been open for 6 months! We would like to thank all our fantastic children, parents and staff for all your support in making it an amazing first 6 months and we are already looking forward to the next part of our Railway journey with you. This month we have had lots of fun celebrating Indian Independence day where we enjoyed making kites and trying to fly them outside! We also enjoyed some yummy Mexican food which we helped to create for world food day and had a lovely day celebrating Raksha Bandhan.



The children have been on a fantastic trip this month to the museum where we saw lots of amazing things which have supported our development in lots of areas as we have continued to talk and learn more about them since being back at nursery. The dinosaurs were definitely a favourite with all the children on the day and they loved showing off their best dinosaur roars!



This month we received a visit from the Dental Playbox. Dental Playbox are an independent company who visit different settings to teach children

about looking after their teeth in a fun and age appropriate way. We all had the opportunity to choose a teddy to practice brushing teeth on as well as dressing up as a dentist and listening to some special stories! It was lots of fun and has helped us in learning about why we brush our teeth.

We would like thank all of the parents and who attended our stay and play session. We had a great time exploring the sand, water and playing on the slide! We will continue to hold our regular stay and play sessions, however you are welcome to come into the nursery anytime. Please do not feel fixed to the planned 'stay and play sessions' if you would like to enjoy some nursery time with your child. We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended our parents evening. It was lovely to be able to talk to you about your child's development and learn more about what you have been doing at home.



Our team

We are currently holding interviews to recruit a part time member of staff to support our already fantastic team, we will continue to keep you updated on our progress over the upcoming weeks.

This month Alex and Rosie have attended Makaton training which was very informative. They are now having lots of fun teaching the Toddlers lots of new signs to support their communication.

We would like to congratulate Alex who received the accolade of 'staff member of the month' in August, voted for by the staff team. Alex works consistently hard to ensure all children and staff are happy. Her commitment and contribution to our continued success has been acknowledged by the staff team. Also, Alex has recently enrolled on the Early Years Education degree to add to her already long list of skills! - Well Done Alex!! Keep up the good wor

Busy Babies - News from the baby room

In August the babies have focused on literacy development which includes reading and writing or as we like to call it mark making! The babies have explored a variety of tools to make marks in paint, gloop, sand, foam and pasta! We have some new musical books that we have also been exploring.



In September we will be exploring our role play. This will help the babies make relationships with their peers by sharing our role play toys and taking turns. We will also explore baking activities to link with our theme. This will encourage healthy eating and physical development. Any recipes you would like to share with us would be much appreciated. We will be exploring various utensils as well in different materials such as sand, water, gloop, foam and pasta. We would like to welcome all our new friends who are joining us this month and hope you have lots of fun exploring with us.

Vikki and Nina



Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month our toddlers have been focussing on science. We have had lots of fun creating fantastic experiments using a variety of resources! The toddlers have played together really well during these activities and we have seen their social development progress lots as they have been taking turns and communicating with each other. We have also been looking at shapes in our environment more and the toddlers are getting very clever at recognising certain shapes. The toddlers have continued to love dancing and singing and our new favourite song is 'dingle, dangle scarecrow' where we love lying on the floor.

Next month we are going to be learning a different nursery rhyme each week and teaching the toddlers the makaton signs for each rhyme. We will also be continuing to learn more new shapes through lots of fun activities.

Alex and Rosie



Pre-School - News from the Pre school room

This month pre-school have been focussing on emotions creating their own emotion cards. Pre-school have also been focussing on letter blending using the letters from group 1 phonics.

Next month pre-school will continue to letter blend focussing on more letters from phonics stage 1. Pre-school will also be focussing on self care routines and we will be using 'The Dentist' book. Pre-school are doing a great job with the letter bags,well done!

Terri



Dates for your diary:



We will be holding a special graduation afternoon on 1st September for our pre-school children who are leaving us to go to school this year. If your child is in pre-school but does not attend on this day they are welcome to come in to join in with this special afternoon with you from 2.30-4pm.

We are very excited about our Stretch and Grow sessions commencing next month. Our first session is on Thursday 10th September and we can't wait to be able to tell you all about what we learnt during it.

Please could we ask you to.....

Label your child's clothes

Could all parents label your child's clothes, as we are getting busier in the nursery we want to ensure that clothes don't get mixed up and you go home with the right outfits,thanks!



Put your prams in the buggy sheds

We are now going to be leaving the outdoor gate open between 8 -9.30 in a morning, we would really appreciate it if parents who bring prams could put them away in the pram sheds. We would like to reassure you

that whilst the gate is open the back doors will remain locked and no children will be outdoors ensuring our high security standards continue to be maintained.

Help us make our toy kitchen more real!

Please can we ask if you could bring us in any empty packets, boxes etc from food that we could use in our kitchen area to make it more realistic.

Use Learning Journals

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 a member of staff.

Evacuate during Fire Alarm Tests

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.

The Railway Nursery Team