



Newsletter

January 2016

Happy New Year to all our families at the Railway Nursery! This month has been a very busy month for all, we have welcomed new families to our nursery and have been very busy settling in children. There have also been some transitions within the nursery, babies settling to move to the toddler room and some of the toddlers settling to move to the pre school room. Our nursery is now reaching 80% occupancy, which is very exciting for all. Lots of new friendships are being made between the children.

Pre-school council

Terri held this months pre school council meeting. The children voiced their opinions about the toys at nursery, the food we eat at nursery, trips we go on during time at nursery and then any other ideas they would like to share.

Firstly the children talked about food, their favourite foods were, grapes, pineapple and cheese pasta, which we have regularly at nursery. Terri talked about breakfast and the children asked for Cherrios, so we put this on our shopping list. Ceri has done some research on Cherrios and they are high in sugar content, so we have done some further research and found some Cheerios which have low sugar content, yay! The children also mentioned about having fish and chips, we think this is due to the children visiting the chip shop in Bramhall with their families. So in February we have arranged a trip to Foster's fish and chip shop, the children (and staff) are very excited to be having their lunch at the chip shop!

One of the children mentioned that they would like to do some magic at nursery! Terri has been researching magic tricks and has been showing the children the 'cup and ball' trick. Everybody is still learning this trick (even Terri) but the children are having fun learning about magic.

The last topic of discussion was about trips out of nursery. The pre school children all agreed they would like to visit the park more and would like to have trips on the bus or train. We have arranged the trip to Fosters chip shop and the children have been on a visit to the park this month also. The pre school children were able to practise their climbing skills on the play equipment and all showed confidence while exploring.

Well done pre school for having lots of new ideas this month!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents that attended parents evening. We all enjoyed cheese and wine and discussions about each child's individual learning and development. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child's key person and also for parents to meet each other and socialise.

These parents evenings are important to us and we value your feedback. If any parents have any comments from parents and would like to share with us, then please feel free to email us at enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk

We will be planning a parents social night later on in the year. Last year in November we had a very successful social evening at Beluga. We will definitely be doing this again, it will give all parents an opportunity to meet each other. So keep your eyes peeled!



Our team

We would like to welcome to our team Sarah and Karen, both staff members starting in February.

Sarah will be Nina's maternity cover in the baby room and will be working alongside Vikki. Sarah has completed her day 1 induction and has spent some time in the baby room learning about children's routines, likes and dislikes, learning and development. Sarah and Nina have had a day together to share information about the baby room and Sarah will be key person some of the babies. Sarah is also studying 'Primary Education' at University, and is eager to gain some more experience working in early years.

Karen will start with The Railway mid February and has a wealth of experience working with children in early years. Karen will be working with

the Toddlers and Babies alongside Vikki, Sarah, Rosie and Dominique. Karen is passionate about helping children learn new skills and is very enthusiastic about coming to work with us. Karen has met some of the children already and they were all very keen to show off their nursery to her.

A Message from Nina

Nina will be leaving us on Friday 29th January to start her maternity leave. It has been a pleasure having Nina as part of our team and we wish her all the best in her new adventure of becoming a mummy! Nina has been showered with cards, gifts and well wishes, she would like to thank everybody for being so kind and is going to miss all of us. Good luck Nina, you are going to be a fantastic mummy to your baby boy!

LPPA - Leading Parent Partnership Award

We have recently enrolled on an award supported by the local authority and run as a national government scheme. This is entitled Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). We wish to be strong at providing a service that meets the needs and requirements of the families who access us. This award should take us approximately 12 months for us to complete and culminates in a full nursery audit by an external assessor.



Busy Babies - News from the baby room

This month we have been settling in lots of new babies to the baby room, we would like to welcome Marley, Alfie, Isabel and Jacob! The babies have been exploring lots of group activities and we have been encouraging sharing the resources.

The babies like to play passing the toys back and to between staff and between their friends. We have shared stories, explored the sand together, splashes in water play together and been exploring lots of role play by having tea parties using the tea set.

In February we will be exploring lots of messy creative activities and celebrating Valentines Day and Chinese New Year.

Vikki, Nina and Sarah



Toddlers - News from the toddler room

During the month of January the Toddlers have been exploring maths! They have explored numbers, shapes, sizes and sorting activities. Rosie and Dominique have made some lovely displays in the Toddler room using the children's art work and by displaying photographs of the children.

During the month of February the toddlers will be exploring small world play, this will include the cars and garage, trains and train track, dolls and dolls house.

As you may know, the Toddlers have made their own 'newsletter' to let you know in more detail what they have been up to, it includes activities at home that you can explore with your child to help develop the knowledge further. We hope these have helped give you some more ideas of activities you could explore at home.

Rosie and Dominique

Pre-School - News from the Pre school room

This month pre school have been looking at classic stories like 'Goldilocks and the 3 bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Terri has turned the home corner into the 3 bears house and the pre school children have loved role playing with all the different size beds, chairs and resources. I think the favourite bear to be is baby bear.

In February the pre school children will be focusing on road safety, this will link in with the trips into Bramhall village that we have planned. We will be dressing up and role playing how we stay safe when on the roads.

Terri, Ceri and Niamh





Dates for your diary:

Monday 8th February - Chinese New Year

The children will be making lots of decorations to hang in their rooms and we will be tasting Traditional Chinese Foods made by our amazing Chef Leanne!

Tuesday 9th February - Pancake Day

The children will take part in pancake races in our garden! All children will be able to taste pancakes and decorate them with taste fruits!

Monday 15th February - Valentines Tea 3-4pm

Come along to our Valentines tea, join in with activities with your child and enjoy a romantic meal with your child.

Wednesday 17th February - A visit from Linda Lam from Rainbow 88, to talk to the children about Chinese New Year. Linda does not charge a fee, but does ask for donations for her visit, any monies donated will go towards a very good charity 'Swanbourne Gardens' If any parents would like to donate to this charity then please pass monies on to Michelle, Ceri or Paul.

Every Thursday - Yoga

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!

Parent Help

As you are all aware we like to keep parents up to date and invite you and your family into nursery for our many events. We would like to take this opportunity to ask if any parents would like to come into the nursery setting and volunteer themselves, to read story time, or do a painting activity with

the children. We can give you ideas or you can come up with your very own idea and share it with us! Please email Michelle or Vikki for further details.

Calpol/Liquid Paracetamol

Please can we ask parents to provide calpol for your child if you sign it in on a medication form. The nursery can provide calpol in emergency situations if your child suddenly has a high temperature during their time at nursery. We will always contact you before administering emergency medication for consent.

Car Park Safety

Please can we ask parents to be extra vigilant when using the car park and getting your child in and out of the car. We promote 'staying safe' whilst at nursery and would like the children to learn about safety and how we keep themselves safe. There can be moving vehicles at busy times, especially during drop offs in the morning and pick ups in the evening. Please can we ask you to hold your child's hand when getting in and out of the car and coming into the nursery.

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