



Newsletter

July 2015

We have had a great month this month and would like to say a big welcome to any new families that have joined us at The Railway.

This month we are very excited to tell you we received our environmental health inspection and received a 5* mark which is the highest rating we could of achieved. We are all very proud and will continue to ensure the high standards are maintained continuously. We have now also completed our SEF which is a self evaluation form reflecting on our practice as a nursery, if you would like to read this, Michelle has sent it out to you via e-mail and we welcome your feedback.



We would like thank all of the parents who came along to our special Father's day breakfast, we had a lovely time eating yummy croissants with you and singing some special songs and we are already looking forward to our next special day where you join us for a short play session.



Our team

We are currently interviewing for a support apprentice to join our already wonderful team and will keep you updated on this over the upcoming weeks of our progress.

This month our staff have attended various training courses which they have then been able to feed back to the rest of the team to help us to continue to improve our practise. Vikki has completed Special Educational Needs training, Terri has attended training based around phonics and Alex has attended a course which was about parent partnerships. Well done girls!

We would like to congratulate Nina who received the accolade of 'staff member of the month' in June, voted for by the staff team. Nina has impressed everyone with the hard work she has put into helping the baby room progress and always comes to work with a positive attitude. Well done Nina!



Busy Babies - News from the baby room

This month babies have been exploring different animals and learning the sounds which each animal makes. We have explored lots of textures this month through sensory play such as feathers, flour, pasta, rice and jelly play.

Babies have loved lots of outdoor play in the sunshine this month and our new slide has been loved by all the children.

Next month we will be focussing on problem solving and construction through a variety of fun activities. We have purchased many new shape sorters to support babies with this theme.

We would like to welcome Noel into the baby room and say a fond farewell to Alice and Jack who are moving up to Toddlers.

Vikki and Nina



Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month our toddlers have been focussing on healthy eating through a wide range of activities. We have had lots of fun visiting the shops to buy fruit which we then used to create smoothies and have had a picnic with our pretend food talking about our favourite foods. We also looked at lots of books about foods during group time, we also made flashcards with different foods on them which we now recognise most of the foods on and are able to say the words which has supported our language development. We have also enjoyed lots of outdoor play and our favourite thing has been the bikes which we are learning to use the pedals on as our physical skills progress.

Next month we are going to be learning about transport through lots more fun activities. We will be creating transport pictures and are planning a short trip on a bus and train where we can collect the tickets and talk about how we are travelling to encourage our communication. We would love to hear about any trips you go on to support our topic. We are also going to be focussing on counting during play.

Alex and Rosie



Pre-School - News from the Pre school room

This month pre-school have enjoyed taking part in hygiene routines supporting toilet training as well as playing hairdressers to support our care routines. We have also been learning about healthy eating and using the home corner area to role play this.

Next month pre-school will be focussing on all the letters we have been learning about A,B,C,D,E and F, playing lots of games to support their learning. Next month pre-school are also focussing on transport and we will be taking a trip using local transport.

Terri



Dates for your diary:

Please make a note of the following dates in June :

We will be celebrating 'National Messy Dais' on Thursday 2nd July so please can we ask if possible for you to send your child in their old clothes on this day to allow us to get very messy through a variety of fun and educational activities!

Friday 3rd July- we will be having a very special American themed lunch to celebrate Independence day as well as carrying out activities based around this theme.

We would like to invite all our parents to our parents evening on Tuesday 28th July from 6.15-8.15. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's development with their key person as well as having a look at all the amazing activities we do each day. We will also be providing cheese and wine for you to enjoy!

We are looking forward to the Dental Play box coming into visit us in August to teach us all about looking after our teeth and we will be starting Stretch and Grow classes from September which will support our physical development,very exciting!

Parent Workshops

Our next parent workshop is due to be held on Thursdasy 16th July, 5.00pm - 6.00pm entitled 'Food and The Fussy Eater.' It is based on some excellent training Michelle and Ceri completed earlier in the year and helps give parents advice and ideas on how to ensure children are eating a balanced diet.Please will you let us know if you are able to attend,many thanks.



As the warmer weather is now here please can we ask you to ensure your child brings a sun hat 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! Please can we also ask that on days where the weather isn't quite as great outside that you ensure your child has a jacket with them for outdoors and are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather, we do understand how unpredictable the weather can be when planning an outfit for the day and are more than happy to change your child during the day if the weather does suddenly change with clothes provided!

We have observed that the exit to our car park occasionally catches the under carriage of some vehicles, please accept our apologies for this and we will try to rectify this as soon as possible.

Please can we ask if your child will be leaving us for school this year if you could please inform us to enable us to manage our registers accordingly. If your child is cared for by anyone other than yourselves or us during the week please could you let us know as we can then ensure we are working alongside them and yourselves in making sure your child is happy and secure and progressing well.

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.

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