



Newsletter

MARCH 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, a few tears in the morning are very normal.

The staff have spent time getting to know children's interests which will help us to plan exciting activities to support their development. We have been very busy throughout March....We have had lots of fun exploring our local community, during a variety of trips and outings such as; local shops, parks and the library. We have also been adding lots of new things to the garden outside including a bug chalet and climbing frame which the children have loved exploring!

We would like to thank all the mums who came to our special Mothers day breakfast, it was lovely to see everybody and have a sing-song with you. We would also like to thank everybody for supporting us on red nose day to raise money for a fantastic cause. The children had a great time making yummy 'red nose cakes' and raising money through donations in the village!

Following the success of our Mother's day breakfast, we hosted a Easter Eggstravaganza this week. This was a lovely opportunity for parents to meet one another and enjoy playing with their children at nursery. Egg and spoon race was great fun!

We now have a lending library in the entrance hall which all parents are welcome to use. We have a mixture of children's books and books for parents to read which we will be changing on a regular basis. Please feel free to browse the books available.

We welcome parents to comment on 'how we are doing'. Recently, we sent out a parents questionnaire to ascertain the views of those using our

service. Additionally, there is a comments box in reception for you to leave your comments. If you think we can improve or would like to compliment us, please feel free to do so anytime - your views are very valued.



Our team

We would like to say a big welcome to Nina Cassidy who has joined our team last week working alongside Vikki in our baby room. Nina is a level 3 qualified Nursery Nurse who has lots of experience working with children and is already bringing lots of fantastic new ideas to the nursery!

We would like to congratulate Terri who received the accolade of 'staff member of the month' in March voted by the staff team. Terri has impressed everyone with the fantastic motivation and enthusiasm she delivers every day. Well done Terri.

Busy Babies - News from the baby room

In the month of March we have welcomed lots of new children and been exploring lots of different activities to find out everybody's interests. We have had fun exploring water which all the babies seem to enjoy. In April, the babies will be exploring lots of different malleable activities such as finger painting, gloop, sand and play dough. We will also be creating Spring pictures and Easter crafts.

Vikki and Nina

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month in toddlers we have had lots of fun getting to know each other and exploring our new environment. The toddlers have loved the sensory experience of painting using our hands and also exploring sand and water both indoors and outdoors. We have also been very interested in books and 'Dear Zoo' and the train books seem to be our favourites this month! Next month we are going to be getting messy making lots of Easter art work as well as focusing on a different colour each week to promote our knowledge of the prime colours. Our theme of the week will be displayed on the white board for all parents to see.

Alex

Pre-School - News from the Pre school room

Last month in pre-school we were focusing on people who help us as well as transport and how we travel to nursery. Pre-school have also been busy exploring our local area and have loved choosing fruit from the green grocers.

During the month of April in the pre-school room children will be celebrating Easter and St George's day as well as welcoming new children to our room. Pre-school will be focussing on phonics through lots of games and exploring ICT equipment using the pre-school laptop and iPads.

Terri



Dates for your diary:

Please make a note of the following dates in April :

April 21st - 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 ask 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.....

A big favour - Please could we also ask parents to have a rummage through their cupboards. We would like any 'real' unwanted ICT equipment such as old mobile phones, tv remotes, old calculators, un-used mouse, keyboards,

etc. These don't need to be 'working' but we need more role play materials for ICT. These will help to enhance our already great resources and encourage the children progress in their understanding of technology through familiar objects.

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.

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.