



Newsletter

2016

As the year comes to an end we would like to reflect on some of the highlights! We have enjoyed every moment of nursery life and have welcomed new families, new staff and new extra curricular activities to our setting. Here are some of the fun activities and events we have been exploring and celebrating this year!



January 2016

We started the New Year as anybody else would, with new years resolutions! The toddler and pre school children enjoyed yoga sessions once a week with Zoe (Felix's Mummy) The children joined in listening to a story and doing different stretches to guide us through the adventure!

February 2016

Pre school take part in a pre school council each month. The children are asked what they like about nursery - toys, food and activities. Back in February the children suggested Fish and Chips for the menu. We decided to take this suggestion a step further and organised a trip to the fish and chip shop to help the children to learn about their community.





March 2016

This month the whole nursery enjoyed lots of Easter activities! The children made their own decorative headbands and joined in a number of games in our garden. It was lovely bringing all of the nursery together!

April 2016

Who doesn't enjoy a trip to the park? We are very lucky here at The Railway Nursery to have a number of parks local to us. Here are some of our toddler children enjoying the swings at Bramhall Park during our adventures with the the children this past year.



May 2016

Our local book shop is 'Simply Books', we were gifted some book vouchers for the shop and enjoyed a trip out of nursery. The children spent time looking at the books and we sat upstairs and read stories with our friends! The children decided together which ones to buy and bring back to add to our nursery collection.

June 2016

We like to invite parents and family members into nursery as much as possible. We hold a number of events throughout the year for you to attend. This month we celebrated Father's Day by hosting a hot cooked breakfast and invited all of our Daddy's!



July 2016

We like to take trips out of nursery on occasions. We make sure all parents are informed and sign permission slips for children to attend. All of our trips are risk assessed by the senior team and shared with the staff. Here are some of our toddler children enjoying a trip to 'The Hatworks' museum in Stockport.



August 2016

Always a happy and sad time of the year! The pre school children were busy getting ready to fly the nest and go onto their next adventure in life - big school. We like to celebrate the children's time here with us by having a Graduation Party, organised by Ceri and Terri. Families were invited to celebrate their child's time with us at nursery and everyone made sure the children had an amazing send off.





September 2016

The whole nursery were very excited to announce that our Ofsted inspection went very well. We were so proud to announce that we achieved Outstanding across all areas! To celebrate we had our biggest party to date with a bouncy castle, cake, music and a special visit from Peppa Pig! This photo even made it into NurseryWorld magazine.

October 2016

We love to celebrate a number of events at nursery. Halloween being one of them. All children dress up and join in with party games at their very own Halloween party. It is a great occasion for children to socialise and develop their imagination!



November 2016

The babies took a trip to the War Memorial in Bramhall village for Remembrance Day. I think the fresh air made all the babies tired, by the time they got to the memorial they were having a quick nap! Children throughout the nursery enjoyed making poppies to display in the rooms and then take home.

December 2016

Probably the most exciting time of the year for children and families! Our whole nursery got into the Christmas spirit by decorating their rooms with Christmas trees and decorations. The children also made their own decorations to put on the trees, along with Christmas cards and a number of other Christmas crafts! Each room had a party and enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas (well most of the children enjoyed the visit, some children were slightly unsure at first!). Each room also invited parents into nursery



for a sing along and Christmas performances. All rooms had a great turn out of parents to these shows and we would like to thank everybody for making such a huge effort supporting our nursery! The pre school children thoroughly enjoyed their annual trip to the pantomime at Stockport Plaza and this year they also visited a local elderly care home to perform some carols in the community. What a busy and enjoyable month it was!





Our team

This year we are extremely proud of our amazing team! We have been working very hard throughout the year preparing for our Ofsted inspection, which was due at any time. We got the call from Ofsted in August to let us know that we would be inspected. Staff were able to show off their knowledge about their key children and give the inspector information about the nursery. This included information about policies and procedures, safeguarding and other training which staff had attended. The inspector did say to Michelle during the morning of the inspection 'it is very hard for a new nursery to get Outstanding, especially on their very first inspection' Michelle took great pleasure in proving to the inspector that we are an Outstanding setting. We were awarded Outstanding in all four areas! A big thank you to the team for keeping up the good work!

As our nursery is growing and growing (we have lots of new families join nursery since last year), our staff team has grown too! We said farewell to a couple of our staff, Rosie has moved down to London and has recently given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Nina is enjoying maternity leave with her very active 8 month old baby boy. Leanne is spending more time with her family and enjoying volunteering at her daughters school.

We have welcomed Sarah.G, Karen, Charlotte, Jeny, Mary, Debi, Sarah.M, and Julie! Our team have attended a number of training session throughout the year to help keep their knowledge and understanding refreshed. These have included First Aid training, Safeguarding training, SENCO training, Phonics training, Food Hygiene training, Mathematics training, Behaviour Management, How Boys Learn and Outdoor training to name a few!

Our team will continue to develop their skills in the future. We will be keeping everybody updated with any training that has taken place. We will also be running some more Parent Workshops throughout 2017. Keep your eyes peeled on the emails!

Dates for your diary:

All parents have received an email with our 'Calendar of Events' for the year of 2017. Please feel free to get in touch with us to let us know of any other events you think we could celebrate. Here are some of our events for the beginning of the year;

25th January - Burns Night (we will be tasting different Scottish foods and making up our own poems to celebrate the life of Robert Burns)

26th January - Australia Day (we will be listening to aboriginal sounds and our menu will be Aussie orientated)

30th January - Chinese New Year, year of the Rooster (the children will be making decorations for their rooms and looking at all the different animals in the Chinese calendar)

31st January - Parents Evening, this will be held 6:30pm til 8pm. Please feel free to come along and speak with your child's key person. We will be offering cheese and wine on the night (please adults only this evening)

10th February - The Railway Nursery 2nd Birthday Party!

14th February - Valentines Tea Party, 3-4pm (parents or grandparents welcome to attend and join in valentine activities followed by a picnic tea)

28th February - Pancake Day (the children will be able to have their very own pancake races, and of course decorate pancakes to taste them!)

Please could we ask you to.....

Holiday Photos/Fun Weekends Away

Thank you to all those parents sending in some amazing holiday and weekend adventure snaps! It has been lovely to see all the adventures you've been getting up to. The photos that have been sent in are now displayed in each child's room and all the children love seeing what each other have been up to. This is definitely helping the children develop their Personal, Social and Emotional skills whilst at nursery.

If you have any holidays or fun weekends planned in the future do please feel free to keep sending the photos to us on our email address,

enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk

Please do keep sending your photos into us, we love hearing about what you have been up to.

Healthy Diet, Happy Me

Please can we ask parents to support us in healthy eating inside and outside of nursery. Feel free to help yourself to our fruit bowl in the reception area and talk to your children about why it is important to eat a healthy balanced diet. Please can we also ask parents/carers to refrain from bringing in food items from home.

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. Can we also remind parents to provide spare clothing for your child/ren, we can have messy days at nursery which require additional changes of clothes. We do have nursery spares clothing in case of emergency but these are limited items.

Nursery opening Times

As you are all aware our nursery opening hours are 8am-6pm. We understand that parents may get to nursery a little earlier than this due to no traffic being on the road, or maybe you've just had a super organised morning! Please can we remind you that we can only let you into the nursery at 8am. You may see staff in the nursery before this time, they are working hard to set the rooms up for the day and will also be preparing breakfast for your child's arrival.

Plastic Bags

Most of our parents already provide a bag for their child's spare clothes, but please can we remind parents to use back packs or canvas bags to store their child's belongings at nursery. Plastic bags are a choking hazard for children/babies and are a danger to have in the nursery.

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.

Pushchairs

Some parents walk into nursery with their child in a pushchair. We can then store the pushchair here at nursery for the day and you collect it when you pick your child up at the end of the day. Please can we ask these parents to collapse their pushchair in the morning when they leave, this makes it easier for us to store them away. Thank you.

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