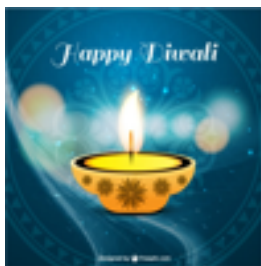




Newsletter

November 2015

We have had a great month at The Railway Nursery and all the staff and children are now busy getting ready for Christmas through lots of fun activities. The children have been really enjoying learning Christmas songs in preparation for our special Christmas shows. This month we have also been busy celebrating lots of special days. We have enjoyed a very special bonfire afternoon where we experienced eating yummy marshmallows which we were able to observe being heated up on a fire. We also had fun dipping apples in chocolate and decorating them with sprinkles! We then celebrated Remembrance Day through a variety of red activities and wearing red clothes to nursery. We have also taken part in Nursery Rhyme week singing our favourite songs and colouring special pictures.



We would like to say a big thank you to Anya's parents who helped us to celebrate Diwali through some fantastic activities. We had a great time trying on beautiful Sarees and created amazing Rangoli patterns with coloured sand. We then also made delicious coconut burfi before finishing our morning with a special story. We all had a lovely time and enjoyed learning lots of new things about Diwali, Thank you Claire and Hiren. Thank you to everyone for taking part in Children in Need, all the children looked fantastic in their superhero outfits. We had a great time making our own Pudsey bears and baking cakes which we then decorated with yellow icing. We are very happy to announce that we raised £62.09 which Pudsey will be coming to collect in person next month, we are very excited!



Our team

We are currently recruiting a Level 3 nursery nurse to join our baby room to replace Nina whilst she is on maternity leave with her new baby. We will continue to keep you informed of how we are getting on with this process.

This month staff have attended various courses which they have then been able to inform the rest of the team about helping us to continue to improve our practice. Vikki has attended Safeguarding training, Michelle and Alex have completed their 2 day Makaton course and Ceri has brought back some amazing ideas from attending an Early years conference and an 'Excellence in the Early Years' course run by Alistair Bryce-Clegg.

We would like to congratulate Dominique who received the accolade of 'staff member of the month' in November. Dominique has settled in really well at The Railway and is a fantastic help to everyone. The children love doing lots of fantastic creative activities with Dominique and Dominique has created some great displays with their work. Well done Dominique!

Busy Babies - News from the baby room



This month the babies are going to be very busy exploring lots of messy/creative activities to help decorate our room for Christmas. Vikki and Nina are very excited and can't wait to help the babies explore lots of new textures and materials. We will be taking lots of photos of the babies as they experience these activities, some photos will be sent home for you to keep and others will be uploaded to 'Learning Journals' so keep your eyes peeled. The babies are going to hear lots of new songs this month too. This

will get us ready for our Christmas Sing Along. We hope you will be able to join us for our singing session on 14th December.

Vikki and Nina



Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month the toddlers have been focussing on our favourite stories. We have had lots of fun re-creating our own bear hunt, exploring how different materials feel on the Gruffalo and making witches hats to go with Room on the Broom! All the toddlers have also loved us reading lots of stories and have been showing us how clever they are by remembering certain parts of the books. We have also all really enjoyed the Stretch and Grow classes and are all very good at copying the actions now that Penny does.

Next month toddlers will be focusing on Christmas. We will be creating lots of artwork to take home and also continuing to sing lots of Christmas songs ready for when you come to see us in our Christmas show!

Alex, Rosie and Dominique

Pre-School - News from the Pre school room



This month Pre-School have been focussing on good food and bad food taking part in lots of games and reading stories to support their learning. Pre-school have also continued their phonic work following the jolly phonic programme, the children love completing all the actions.

Next month the children will be focussing on the theme 'all around the world'. To support their learning they will be singing songs, dressing up and

creating flags. We will also be very busy getting creative through lots of Christmas art work.

Terri and Niamh



Dates for your diary:



Christmas Dates:

Thursday 10th December- The toddlers and pre-school children are going to watch the pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at 10am. To ensure we leave in time and the children are ready to go please can we ask that you drop your child at nursery on this morning by 8.20am? Can we then ask parents of children who do not normally attend on this day to collect your child from nursery at 1pm? A full risk assessment for this trip has been carried out and the ratio on this day will be one member of staff to two children. If you would like to see a copy of the risk assessment please just ask a member of staff.

Friday 11th December- We will be receiving a very special visit from Pudsey bear and celebrating him coming to visit us with a special Pudsey tea party for the children.

Monday 14th December- The babies will be having a special Christmas sing song at 2.30pm. All baby parents are invited to come in and after some Christmas singing there will be some yummy mince pies! Babies are welcome to dress up for this day.

Wednesday 16th December- We will be having a very special Christmas sing song performed by the toddlers and pre-school. The performance starts at 2pm, all parents are invited to this special show. Please can we ask toddlers

to come in dressed in brown on this day if possible and pre-school in green, thank you!

Thursday 17th December- Our second performance of our Christmas sing song will be held at 11am. All parents are welcome to have two tickets for one of our two christmas performances, please can you let us know which day you would like your tickets for, many thanks.

Thursday 17th December- We will be holding our christmas party from 2.30-4pm. We will be playing lots of games, having a party tea and enjoying a special visit from Father Christmas! All children are welcome to come in for the special party.

Friday 18th December- Christmas jumper day! We will be supporting Text Santa by wearing our cosy christmas jumpers to nursery.

January dates for your diary:

Thursday 14th January- We will be holding a parents evening from 6.30-8.30. All parents are invited to come along, you will get a chance to speak to your child's key person and discuss their development whilst enjoying some cheese and wine!

Wednesday 20th January- We will be holding a Makaton parent workshop from 5-6pm. You will get the opportunity to learn lots of basic signs that we use with your children whilst they are at nursery. If your child does not attend on this day you are more than welcome to drop them off to be looked after from 5-6pm.

Please could we ask you to.....

Inform us about how your child has been- Please can we ask all parents when you drop your child off to ensure the staff are aware of all the relevant information they need to ensure your child has the best possible day. We understand it can be busy when you are trying to drop your child off and get to work so if you do feel there is something you didn't get chance to inform us of please could you give us a ring or send us a quick e-mail. Thank you.



Bring in warm clothes as the weather changes

As we welcome Winter and some slightly cooler weather please could we ask that your children are dressed in clothing which will ensure they stay warm especially during outdoor play. Please could we ask all parents to bring your child with a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves. If possible could pre-school and toddler parents please bring some wellies so we can continue to have lots of outdoor fun, thanks!

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

And finally...

As we approach the end of 2015 we just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for helping us to achieve what we have achieved this year. This time last year, the building work was in full swing and Ceri, Paul and Michelle were very busy getting everything in place to ensure that we would be ready to open the nursery in February. We now have, with future bookings, a full and successful nursery with happy children, staff and parents and we can't thank you enough for all the support you have given us along the way in order to achieve this. We are both absolutely delighted with how much the nursery is a part of our lives and, despite being stressful at times, we are thoroughly enjoying being busy and having so much fun every day!

As always, we welcome your comments and feedback on anything we can do to make things better. We are continually striving for improvement and we promise that this will never change.

Thanks again and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year
Paul and Ceri