



# Newsletter

## October 2017

We are all delighted with the announcement this month that Vikki has now been appointed as the Nursery Manager and Terri as the Deputy Manager! Huge congratulations to them both on their well deserved promotions. They are both now in these roles permanently since Michelle will no longer be returning from her maternity leave as she is enjoying her time with her lovely family so much! We are all still very much in contact with Michelle and wish her well for her future plans. I am sure you will join us in congratulating both Vikki and Terri on their permanent positions (they were Acting Manager and Deputy Manger since Michelle began her maternity leave earlier this year). As a team we have all been busy making future plans for the year ahead and have some exciting events planned already for 2018, watch this space!



## Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month for September - Georgia! Each month the staff vote for the person who has impressed them the most, and they write lovely comments about each other. Some of the comments for Georgia include “Always has a smile on her face, nothing is ever too much, a really positive role model for staff and children.” “Great teamwork in nursery, calm, great with the children, a pleasure to work with.” Georgia works full time in our Pre-School Room and is currently studying for her

Level 3 Childcare Qualification which she is thoroughly enjoying. She is also helping to co-ordinate the toddler and Pre-School Christmas performance this year which the staff and children are already busy working on! It's all very exciting!

The staff have continued ongoing professional development this month with Ceri continuing her Makaton training and Tasha attending a course on Gender differences and valuing different learning styles within Early Years settings. Paul and Vikki have both attended Stockport Managers conferences to gain and share knowledge from Stockport's Early Years advisors and liaise with other settings in our area.

Lucy Pitts has also been helping at nursery this month - she is on her EYT placement (Early Years Teacher) from Edge Hill University and has been based in the baby room - gaining experience of all different aspects of how practitioners care for our youngest children. She has brought some fantastic ideas to the nursery - make sure you have a look at the lovely new plants in the baby garden when you come to collect your child or just pop your head over the baby garden fence to see them!

### Babies - News from the baby room

October has been a busy month for our babies. They enjoyed various Halloween activities to stimulate their senses and then had a fantastic Halloween party with music, costumes and treats! They also enjoyed celebrating Diwali with different craft activities. Their trips out of nursery have included Bramhall Park and Lumb Lane Park where they have experienced the changing of the seasons and the beautiful colours of the Autumnal leaves. They particularly enjoyed handling pine cones in the cosiness of their room at nursery. The first session of 'Jo Jingles' was a huge success and we are all excited for this to continue each week for this term. The babies will be exploring 'Winter' over the next few weeks and they will also begin their Christmas crafts which is always a firm favourite in the baby room (from both staff and children!!)

Sarah, Niamh and Nina :)

### Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have also been engaged in messy Diwali and Halloween activities using pumpkins, cornflower and orange paint to name a few! They have also enjoyed a train trip, discussing the different types of buildings they saw on their journey and during their park outings they also focused on

the different buildings they passed too. In November the toddlers will be discussing how we keep warm in the winter, creating different types of winter pictures and also concentrating on physical development, specifically climbing skills.

Debi, Tasha and Jeny

### Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have been busy learning all about Autumn in their spacious new environment upstairs! This has included leaf printing, nature trays, sliding into huge piles of crisp Autumn leaves, card making and pumpkin carving (thank you to everybody who voted!) They also enjoyed participating in the Halloween party games and eating the delicious party food too! Their trips have included the library, the ice cream shop and the different local parks to discuss the Autumnal colours, sights and smells. They also enjoyed investigating coconuts this month, firstly exploring and describing the texture of the whole coconut, then we invited Paul to bring his tools and show us how to crack open the coconuts (a pretty tricky task it turns out!) and everyone enjoyed tasting the coconut milk and the coconut flesh. We have kept the shells to use as musical instruments too. Who knew you could have so much fun with coconuts!!

In November the Pre-School children will be exploring the topic “Healthy me, happy me” which will include discussions about healthy lifestyles, wake and shake activities, food tasting and a trip to the basketball court at Lumb Lane. Please can we remind parents of Pre-School children to remember to bring in a water bottle for the children to use at nursery - they love the responsibility of having their own bottle and remembering to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Terri, Ceri, Julie and Georgia.

### Dates for your diary:

Friday 10th November - Please can we ask children to dress in red if possible for Remembrance Day

**Tuesday 14th November - MUM'S NIGHT OUT!! All welcome - meet at Mercato for drinks from 7.30pm onwards.**

Thursday 16th November - Pre-School Concert for Parents and Grandparents (children who attend on Thursdays)

Thursday 23rd November - Harvest Festival. We will be talking about harvest with the children, please bring any food donations to the nursery by 23rd so that we can pass them on to a local food bank for families to benefit from in times of need.

Thursday 30th November - St. Andrew's Day - the children will enjoy a Scottish menu today thanks to our fantastic chef Sarah.

Please could we ask you to.....

### **Warm clothing**

As you all know we play in our lovely garden every day, whatever the weather so please can we ask for you to ensure all children have wellies and **waterproof** coats as the weather can be unpredictable and children love splashing in our puddles! Thanks for your co-operation with this. Now it is getting colder children also need hats and gloves to keep them lovely and warm during their outdoor adventures. Please label these with your child's name to avoid confusion.

### **Spare Clothes**

Please can we ask parents to pack a bag with at least 2 changes of clothes (including underwear and **socks**) as the children often get very messy during activities at nursery and need to have a full change of outfit!

### **Toys from home**

Please can we ask that children don't bring in toys from home as we have had a few issues with this recently and we don't want children to be upset unnecessarily.

### **Car Parking**

Please can we ask parents to use the car park for dropping children off or picking them up at the end of the day whenever possible? We have been asked by the council to ensure that parents are using the car park rather than the road when there are spaces available within the car park so we would appreciate your co-operation with this. It also helps to keep our neighbours happy! 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](mailto:enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk).

The Railway Nursery Team