



# Newsletter

October 2015

We would like to say a big welcome to all the new parents and children who have joined us this month. All the children are having a great time exploring their new nursery and we look forward to getting to know you lots more over the upcoming months. This month we have been making lots of improvements to our already fantastic outdoor area. All the staff have been working very hard to come up with lots of new ideas to ensure the outdoor area continues to support your child's learning across all areas. We will be continuing to work hard over the next month to put all the new ideas into practice and are excited to be getting some new outdoor resources.

The children have been on a lovely trip into the village this month where they have been able to buy their own fruits. They had lots of fun counting the fruits as we put them into bags developing our number skills. We have also enjoyed visiting the library where the children were able to look at lots of new books.



We have had a great time celebrating World Peace Day this month along with Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Adha is a muslim celebration also called Feast of Sacrafice. It is based on the lunar calendar and the children loved making moon and star mobiles to celebrate this day. The children decorated lots of pictures for World Peace day and we all had fun taking part in yoga. During

the yoga the children were able to explore lots of new movements linked to The Hungry Caterpillar theme. We all had such a great time during this session that we are now arranging to have more yoga sessions in the future, very exciting!



This month we have begun our stretch and grow classes at nursery. Penny comes in to visit the children each week and through exciting themes teaches the children lots of different ways to move and dance. All the children are really enjoying these classes and are very excited each week when they know Penny is coming. Through these classes we have been able to explore the way our body moves developing our physical co-ordination.

### Pre-school council

Terri ran the Pre-School Council meeting this month and the children are all now getting into the spirit of it and are keen to express their thoughts and opinions about what they would like at nursery. This month, the children have talked about how they have enjoyed learning about magnets so we are going to purchase some more magnets for so that they can pursue this interest and investigate further.



They have also requested some of their favourite meals from Leanne; including jacket potato with cheese, baked beans, cheese on toast and sausages, so these will be planned in to the menus over the next month. They have also expressed an interest in a role-play hairdressing shop so we have ensured that we have stocked up on hairbrushes, rollers, bobbles, dolls with hair and a very stylish shop-front for them to use in their imaginative play! The last request was to build a pirate ship so we will be using boxes, cardboard tubes and other similar items to create a magnificent junk modelling creation!



## Our team

We are very excited to welcome Dominique to The Railway Team. Dominique is Level 2 qualified and is very keen to further her knowledge of the early years. Dominique has lots experience of working with children and loves to be creative! Dominique will be joining us on Monday 28th August for her first day and will be working with us every day supporting all the other amazing staff in the nursery.

We would like to congratulate Niamh who received the accolade of 'staff member of the month' in September, voted for by the staff team. Niamh has settled in really well and is amazing with the children who all love her. Niamh is always happy to help anyone who needs support and is always cheerful. All the team agree that Niamh is a pleasure to work with, well done Niamh!



## Busy Babies - News from the baby room

This month the babies have been very busy, we have been focussing on role play activities and baking activities developing our social skills and physical development. The babies have made a variety of delicious treats even participating in 'the railway bake off!'. The babies have also celebrated world peace day and have created some lovely pictures for Eid-Al-adha.

Next month the babies will be focussing on Halloween! We will be doing lots of fun creative activities to celebrate this.

Vikki and Nina



## Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month our toddlers have been focussing on learning nursery rhymes with Makaton signs. The toddlers have loved doing this and we are very proud of how quickly they have been learning lots of signs. They also loved getting creative and making sheep for 'baa baa black sheep' and pig masks for 'Old Macdonald'. The toddlers have continued to show a big interest in stories this month and loved creating 'the very hungry caterpillar' display through various activities which has helped to develop our literacy skills. We are also very interested in building this month and love to see how high we can build a tower before it falls down! It has been lovely to observe the toddlers relationships between each other develop this month as they begin to play more alongside each other. The toddlers love to give each other lots of cuddles.very cute!

Next month we are going to be focussing on a pet theme carrying out lots of fun activities to develop our understanding of this area. Can we please ask our parents if you or somebody close to your child has a pet please to tell us about it. If you could write a little bit about it and maybe bring a photo in that would be great as we can talk about it during the month. We will also be very busy making lots of spooky Halloween crafts!

Alex and Rosie



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

This month pre-school have been focussing on their self care routines taking part in teeth brushing, hair brushing and self service during meal times. Pre-school have also been letter blending and created two words pat and sat,well done!

Next month pre-school will be focussing on the theme 'shapes are all around us' taking parts in lots of activities. The children will also be attending a learning walk to see what shapes they can see. Pre-school will also be moving on to phonics stage 2.

Terri



### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 5th October**-The photographer will be visiting the nursery on this day to take your child's photo. If your child does not attend this session but you would like to bring them in to have their photo taken you are more than welcome to do so. Please can we ask you to let us know if you will be bringing your child in and to arrive at nursery at 10.30 to see the photographer. If your child already attends this session and you would like to send a special outfit in for their photo the staff will be very happy to get them changed into it for you and back out of it after photo time!

**Friday 9th October**- We will be holding a very special tea and crafts session to celebrate Grandparents Day for Grandparents to attend. The stay and play session will be from 2.30-4pm and will include lots of yummy treats! If your child does not attend this session but would like to come in for the special tea with their grandparents we would be happy for you to join us. Please can we ask you to let us know if you are able to attend, thank you.

**Wednesday 14th October**- We will be celebrating world maths day on this day through a variety of fun activities.

**Wednesday 21st October**- To celebrate the Harvest festival all children are invited to come in dressed as farmers to enjoy lots of fun harvest activities. Please can we also ask all our parents for a food donation(tins, packets etc) that we will be donating to a local charity

**Thursday 22nd October**- We will be holding our first parent social night at Beluga from 7.30pm onwards. This will be a great opportunity for you to get to know the other parents a bit more as well as enjoying a glass of wine or two!



**Monday 26th October**- We will be holding a Halloween party from 2-4pm. We will be taking part in lots of games and having a special spooky Halloween tea. All children are welcome to come in fancy dress. Any children not in on this day are still welcome to come in to join the party fun!

**Christmas Dates:**



**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.

**Thursday 17th December**- Our second performance of our christmas sing song will be held at 11am.

**Thursday 17th December**- We will be holding our christmas party from 2-4pm. 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.

**Please could we ask you to.....**

**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, thanks!



**Bring in warm clothes as the weather changes**

As we welcome Autumn 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 and if possible could pre-school and toddler parents please bring some wellies in 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](mailto:enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk).

The Railway Nursery Team