



Newsletter

September 2017

The BIG news this month is that our fantastic new pre-school room is now open and all of our exciting new equipment and resources have been gratefully received by the children. Their favourites seem to be the ICT corner complete with laptop, CD player and headphones (to listen to audio stories or music) and also the new home corner with a full range of appliances! The Lego wall has also been a big hit in the construction area and children have just been so busy exploring all of the new space! A huge thank you the whole staff team for helping get everything ready for the opening of the pre-school extension.



Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month for September - Terri! 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 Terri include "For all her hard work and encouragement with the new room and also making her team feel energised and appreciated." "Terri is always so helpful" and "For always encouraging me in my work and being incredibly kind and generous." Well done Terri, a fantastic achievement.

Michelle came to visit the new room this month and is really excited about returning to nursery at the beginning of January 2018. Michelle will

continue with her role as Nursery Manager, working Monday - Thursday and Vikki will be moving back into the rooms to work directly with the children, alongside being Deputy Manager and being in charge on Fridays. Terri will continue in her role as Pre-School Leader. The staff are looking forward to welcoming Michelle back into nursery.

Babies - News from the baby room

In September the babies have been making their very own tree pictures, which involved lots of exciting activities exploring nature in the environment. They enjoyed printing with leaves and made some particularly cute leaf people for their display. The baby them are very excited about Halloween activities in October and will focus their play on sensory trays to experience different textures. There are several new babies who have just joined our lovely baby room so the baby tea will be using lots of group activities to support the new babies to build relationships with their peers.

Sarah, Niamh and Nina :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have enjoyed visiting the library this month to source lots of books about bugs which supported them to enjoy various bug hunts in the garden! They particularly enjoyed examining their bugs using magnifying glasses. They then went on to enjoy lots of craft activities linking in with their topic including making some scary spiders! In October they will be focusing on 'The World Around Us' and will use pictures of their houses to have discussions about their home environments. They will also be thinking about different types of weather and changes in the trees (leaves falling off and changing colour) They have planned a nature walk and a train trip to support their learning with this topic.

Debi, Tasha and Jeny

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

As mentioned above, the Pre-School team have been full of the joys of spring and dancing around in their new room, enjoying the extra space!! We have also been doing lots of learning too via our topic "People who Help Us." We looked at different occupations including Policemen and women, Dentists and Lollipop People. The children really engaged with their learning about the dentist and there are lots of conversations about foods which are good for our teeth and not great for our teeth which has been

fantastic to see. The children loved their visit from our lovely local lollipop lady called Michelle. She came in her full uniform with her huge lollipop stick and the children were very intrigued about her clothing and how she helps people. In October our new topic is "Autumn" and we will be exploring our Autumn tray and having lots of discussions about the new season we are now in. The team have also been very excited to plan some lovely Halloween activities which we are looking forward to.

This month, Ceri has a fantastic book recommendation from a recent Simply Books visit - a book called "Oi Dog" by Kes Gray and Claire Gray. It's very amusing and full of rhyming words in a humorous context with a twist at the end. I love reading it to my boys and highly recommend you try it!

Terri, Ceri, Julie and Georgia.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10th October 10-11.30am. Parents of children who attend Pre-school on a Tuesday are all invited to drop it any time between 10.00am and 11.30 to stay and play with their child.

Tuesday 31st October Halloween Party 3-4pm for all children who attend on Tuesdays, fancy dress would be perfect - parents not required as staff will be running the party.

Extension News!

This month the extension is open with just some finishing touches to be completed such as moving the noticeboards back in the reception area, finishing touches to the paintwork and completing the displays on our lovely new display boards.

Please could we ask you to.....

Bring wellies and coats in every day

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 coats as the weather can be unpredictable and children love splashing in our puddles! Thanks for your co-operation with this.

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.

The Railway Nursery Team