Newsletter

July 2015

We have had a great month this month and would like to say a big welcome to all the new families that have joined us at The Railway. We have been busy in all the rooms creating lots of exciting new displays, which the children have loved helping with. We now have a new display in the hall which displays all the special things we have celebrated that month.We also now have a 'You said, We did' board in the hall which displays suggestions made by parents, staff and children and our response to those.

The children have been on some fantastic trips this month all linked to our transport theme including a train trip to Manchester and a bus trip to Bramhall park!The trips have helped us progress in lots of areas of development whilst exploring different environments.We have also had a lovely time using the tent which Paul set up for us in the garden for Pre-school after they asked if they could pretend to go camping during the Pre-school council meeting!

This month we received a visit from an Early Years advisor who visits different settings and provides feedback on their practice. We are pleased

to say we received lots of positive feedback and she commented on how amazing the interaction was between the staff and children.

We would like thank all of the parents and grandparents who attended our special stay and play session where we made bird boxes. We were extremely impressed with how fantastic the bird boxes looked and will be decorating the garden with them. We would also like to thank everyone who attended our parent workshop on fussy eaters. It was a great success and it was lovely to talk to everyone about their experiences and share knowledge and tips.

Our team

We would like to say a big welcome to Niamh and Caroline who have joined our amazing team. Niamh has joined our team as an apprentice Nursery Nurse and will be supporting the staff in all the rooms at the same time as studying for her NVQ in childcare. Niamh is settling in really well and the children already love playing with her as she is full of fun and has a calm and caring nature. Caroline now supports us in maintaining the nursery's high standard of cleaning and is doing an amazing job ensuring the nursery is always squeaky clean and ready for action.

This month our staff have attended various training courses, which they have then been able to share with the rest of the team to help us to continue to improve our practice. Vikki has completed a Down Syndrome course, Terri has attended training based around transitions, Nina has now completed her food hygiene training and Ceri has attended both a course about assessing 2 year olds and Phonics training.Well done girls!

We would like to congratulate Leanne who received the accolade of 'staff member of the month' in July, voted for by the staff team. Leanne has impressed everyone with her continuous hard work cooking delicious and healthy food for the staff and children. She is always dedicated to ensuring everyone is happy and loves celebrating children's birthdays with healthy but scrumptious cakes. She is also busy studying her next qualification in Food Hygiene to add even more strings to her bow! Thank you Leanne and well done!

Busy Babies - News from the baby room

This month the babies have been exploring construction and problem solving; they have enjoyed playing with Duplo, stacking cups, soft blocks, jigsaws and shape sorters. They have learnt to connect pieces, balance and post objects/shapes. The children enjoyed National Messy Play Day and loved exploring flour, water, sand and shaving foam with paint. We also participated in American Day and tasted delicious American style foods. Next month we are going to concentrate on stories and rhymes to develop our literacy and communication skills.

We would like to welcome Bethany to the baby room this month and we say a fond farewell to Jack and Alice who have now moved up to toddlers for their next adventure!

Vikki and Nina

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month our toddlers have been focussing on transport and have loved going on a bus and a train. We have also had fun exploring sand, paint and flour with transport which has helped us progress our communication skills. The toddlers have also enjoyed lots of singing and dancing and are getting fantastic at copying actions to songs!

Next month toddlers will be focussing on a science theme.We will be doing lots of very simple experiments which will support the progression of our language skills and social development.

Alex and Rosie

Pre-School - News from the Pre school room

This month pre-school have been focussing on transport. Pre-school have attended trips using different types of transport to support their learning. This month pre-school also re-capped on the letters of the alphabet, listening for the sound they make and taking part in fun letter games.

Next month pre-school will be focussing on emotions and letter blending to form words. Pre-school will be looking at the letter S and T. As some children are starting school we will be preparing for the next transition providing lots of activities based around school.

Terri

Dates for your diary:

Please make a note of the following dates in June :

We will be holding a special crafts stay and play session on Thursday 20th August from 9-10am where you will be able to explore lots of creative materials with your child.

We would like to invite all our parents to our parents evening on Tuesday 28th July from 6.15-8.15. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's development with their key person as well as having a look at all the amazing activities we do each day. We will also be providing cheese and wine for you to enjoy!

We are looking forward to the Dental Play box coming into visit us onTuesday 18th August to teach us all about looking after our teeth and we will be starting Stretch and Grow classes from September which will support our physical development,very exciting!

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!

Have a look at 'What to expect,when' book
We now have a copy of 'what to expect, when' available to look at in the hall. This is a fantastic document which gives parents advice about what to expect through the different stages of your child's development. This document is also available to look at on line.

Put your prams in the buggy sheds
We are now going to be leaving the outdoor gate open between 8 -9.30 in a morning, we would really appreciate it if parents who bring prams could put them away in the pram sheds. We would like to reassure you that whilst the gate is open the back doors will remain locked and no children will be outdoors ensuring our high security standards continue to be maintained.

Tell us if you want to be on the email list
For each child we currently have at least one parent on our e-mail list, however if a second parent would like to receive the information we send out through e-mail too please just let us know!

Tell us about your Preschool Leavers
Please can we ask if your child will be leaving us for school this year if you could please inform us to enable us to manage our registers accordingly.
If your child is cared for by anyone other then yourselves or us during the week please could you let us know as we can then ensure we are working alongside them and yourselves in making sure your child is happy and secure and progressing well.

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