Newsletter

August 2016

A busy month this month with school leavers and new children settling into nursery. A number of nursery events this month also, graduation for pre school, trips to the park for babies and a grandparents tea party which was a lot of glittery fun in the toddler room!
We have also had our Ofsted inspection this month! We had a lovely day showing off our nursery. The Ofsted inspector spoke with all the staff, the children and some of our parents and grandparents on the day. We can now also tell you that our Ofsted inspector was very impressed with our nursery setting and we received a grading of OUTSTANDING across all areas! A massive thank you to all of our children, parents, staff and families of everybody for being extremely supportive of our Railway family. We are bursting with pride! We would also like to thank everybody for their kind words on the day of inspection and for all the lovely emails and cards we have received since letting everybody know about our outcome.

Our team

Congratulations to Michelle for being awarded staff member of the month for August. Here are what our lovely staff had to say about you;
'Michelle makes everyone feel so comfortable, confident and prepared'
'Michelle makes me feel confident in my job role'
'Michelle for being really helpful and calming with ofsted being here, and for being generally brilliant!'

Our staff team have been attending even more staff training this month. Well done to Debi for successfully completing her Paediatric First Aid training with Millie's Trust. Terri has completed a Nutrition course online and has shared some lovely ideas with the team. All staff have also completed online training 'Channel Training', this is associated with our Safeguarding policy, linked to improving staff knowledge about radicalisation and extremism.
It is with great sadness that we are having to say goodbye to Leanne the end of August, personal circumstances have changed and she will be spending some more time with her little girls. Leanne has been with The Railway Nursery since first opening and has made some very delicious dishes. The children and the staff are really going to miss her happy face and her tasty cooking.
With Leanne leaving, this means we have recruited a new nursery chef, Sarah. Sarah will be starting at The Railway the beginning of September. Sarah has lots of experience working as a chef and has worked for her previous employment as a nursery chef for 12 years! We are looking forward to welcoming Sarah to our Railway family and can't wait to taste some of her lovely food.

Parent Social Events

Thank you to all the Mums and Dads for attending the individual dad's night and mum's night last month. It was great to see such a good turn out on both nights. Thank you for all making an effort to these events, we enjoy the socialising outside of nursery just as much as you guys do.
We are hoping to hold some more parent social events soon once the summer holiday period is over. So please do keep checking your emails, and if you have any suggestions for a parent social night then do let us know.

Parent Questionnaire/Parents Evening

Our nursery setting is always trying to find ways on how we can improve ourselves. We ask for your help by completing 'parent questionnaires', this gives us feedback on what we are doing well and what we can improve on as a nursery. The parent questionnaires are sometimes sent to you in paper copy. This month we have emailed the parent questionnaires to everybody in hope that we get lots of responses. Please do check you emails and any feedback we get is much appreciated.
We would like to thank all the parents for attending Parents Evening, we hope you found the evening relaxing and you could spend some time with

your child's key person. If you have any questions about your child's parents evening report please do not hesitate to speak with us.
Some parents were also given a feedback form at parents evening, if any parents still have these forms please feel free to hand them into the office, thank you to those parents that have already returned these.

Grandparents Tea Party

A very big thank you to all the parents that came along to the Grandparents tea party. The children were so excited to spend some time with their grandparents and show off what they do at nursery. We had grandparents travel from all over England to come and join in the fun! It was great for us to get to know your lovely families even more!

Holiday Photos/Fun Weekends Away

Thank you to all those parents sending in some amazing holiday and weekend adventure snaps! It has been lovely to see all the adventures you've been getting up to. The photos that have been sent in are now displayed in each child's room and all the children love seeing what each other have been up to. This is definitely helping the children develop their Personal, Social and Emotional skills whilst at nursery.
If you have any holidays or fun weekends planned i the future do please feel free to keep sending the photos to us on our email address,
enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk
Please do keep sending your photos into us, we love hearing about what you have been up to. Even Vikki has sent her photos into us from her brothers wedding weekend.

Busy Babies - News from the baby room

Throughout the month of August the babies have been looking at animals and the noises they make. The babies have made their own paintings of different animals, made an under the sea display and shared stories with different animals in them.
In September we are going to help develop the babies Mathematic development through shapes, numbers and problem solving. This will be done by exploring the building blocks and fixing them together. Also by exploring the different shape sorters we have at nursery. The babies will be learning some new nursery rhymes '1 potato, 2 potato' and repetitive nursery rhymes with actions to support their understanding.

We would like to thank the parents in the baby room for sending us in some very lovely holiday/weekend away photos. We love seeing what adventures you have been up to!

Sarah, Karen and Vikki :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have really enjoyed exploring ‘insects’ this month. There have been lots of bug hunts in the garden, spiders and ladybirds came out to play a number of times this month. Some of the toddlers were a little unsure about the insects at the beginning of the month, but have become much ore confident joining in with the bug hunts as the weeks have gone by. We have also read stories about ‘bugs’ and been on a visit to the library to borrow books about bugs and insects. Lots of lovely paintings of bugs have also been displayed in the rooms.
In September the Toddlers children will be exploring ‘transport’. We are going to take a visit to the train station and talk about experiences of being on different transports e.g trains, aeroplanes, cars and boats. The children will also be exploring the small world transport toys and making artwork to display around the room.

Dominique, Debi, Charlotte, and Jeny

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre school have been focusing on the theme ‘transport’ throughout the month of August. Pre school have been taking part in a number of activities, which included, washing the bikes, looking at books focused on transport, digging in the sand with our new diggers, making our own registration plates and learning CVC words, car, van, bus.
The children have also been taking part i their own mini olympics! Terri has set up a number of activities in the garden to explore. The children loved practising their jumping doing the long jump, gymnastics rolling on the grass, having a go running and jumping over the hurdles, playing tennis and a variety of other sports games (theres too many to list!).
In September we will be welcoming new children to pre school and have some children visiting us from the toddler room on settling in sessions.
The theme for September will be ‘animals’. Pre school will be exploring all around the world looking at different animals and where they live.

Terri, Ceri and Niamh

Dates for your diary:

Monday 29th August - Summer Bank Holiday, please note nursery is closed today

Monday 5th September - Road Safety Awareness Week

Tuesday 13th September - Eid-al-Adha is an Islamic festival to remember Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son to God. The children will be tasting different foods to celebrate.

Wednesday 14th September - Photo Day at nursery. A professional photographer will be coming to visit the nursery to take photographs of your child. If you have an outfit you would like your child to be in for their photo then please bring this in your child's bag and we can change them for their photo shoot.

Friday 23rd September - Jeans for Genes, please come to nursery dressed in jeans/denim. Help raise awareness and funds for a great charity. Donations welcome on the day - The monies raised by schools and workplaces on Jeans for Genes Day fund a range of initiatives that improve the lives of children affected by a genetic disorder.

Monday 3rd October - Rosh Hashana, we will celebrate the Jewish new year at nursery by tasting different foods - Honeycake is a popular food to eat on this day in hopes hat the next year will be sweeter!

Please could we ask you to…..

Healthy Diet, Happy Me
Please can we ask parents to support us in healthy eating inside and outside of nursery. Feel free to help yourself to our fruit bowl in the reception area and talk to your children about why it is important to eat a healthy balanced diet. Please can we also ask parents/carers to refrain from bringing in food items from home.

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. Can we also remind parents to provide spare clothing for your child/ren, we can have messy days at nursery which require additional changes of clothes. We do have nursery spares clothing in case of emergency but these are limited items.

Nursery opening Times
As you are all aware our nursery opening hours are 8am-6pm. We understand that parents may get to nursery a little earlier than this due to no traffic being on the road, or maybe you've just had a super organised morning! Please can we remind you that we can only let you into the nursery at 8am. You may see staff in the nursery before this time, they are working hard to set the rooms up for the day and will also be preparing breakfast for your child's arrival.

Plastic Bags
Most of our parents already provide a bag for their child's spare clothes, but please can we remind parents to use back packs or canvas bags to store their child's belongings at nursery. Plastic bags are a choking hazard for children/babies and are a danger to have in the nursery.

Calpol/Liquid Paracetamol
Please can we ask parents to provide calpol for your child if you sign it in on a medication form? The nursery can provide calpol in emergency situations if your child suddenly has a high temperature during their time at nursery. We will always contact you before administering emergency medication for consent.

Car Park Safety
Please can we ask parents to be extra vigilant when using the car park and getting your child in and out of the car. We promote 'staying safe' whilst at nursery and would like the children to learn about safety and how we keep themselves safe. There can be moving vehicles at busy times, especially during drop offs in the morning and pick ups in the evening. Please can we ask you to hold your child's hand when getting in and out of the car and coming into the nursery?

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.

Pushchairs
Some parents walk into nursery with their child in a pushchair. We can then store the pushchair here at nursery for the day and you collect it when you pick your child up at the end of the day. Please can we ask these parents to

collapse their pushchair in the morning when they leave, this makes it easier for us to store them away. Thank you.

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