Newsletter

2017

It has been a very busy year for The Railway Nursery, nursery NDNA awards, pre school extension, parties, stay-and-play sessions and much much more! We would like to share some of the events we have taken part in each month and reflect on another successful nursery year!

January 2017

Starting the New Year with a walk into Bramhall Village was just what our Pre School children (and staff) needed. We are so lucky to be able to adventure out of nursery in the local village, trips this year have included Lumb Lane park, the library, the greengrocers, train trips, bus trips and many more!

February 2017

Our garden is one of our favourite places to explore! All of the children like to explore the garden no matter what weather we have! Thank you to all families for providing wellies and coats on those many days we needed them!

March 2017

Each year we celebrate World Book Day, each room enjoy dressing up and taking part in a variety of activities. Here the babies have explored the book ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’ and enjoyed posting food into its mouth. We also make time to visit our local library, having a library next door is fantastic and we definitely make the most of visiting and borrowing books for the nursery.

April 2017

Easter brings lots of fun activities for the whole nursery. Easter crafts with a variety of sensory materials, Easter sports which included the egg and spoon race, and Easter baking with chocolate eggs!

May 2017

Lots of fun had each time we visit Lumb Lane park. There has been some new equipment added to the park and we have loved testing it out with all the children. If you are ever in the area it is definitely worth a visit for the swings and the see-saw.

June 2017

In June we celebrated the NDNA awards. We were very proud of our nominees, Michelle for ‘Manager of the year’ and Sarah for ‘Practitioner of the year’, the evening was spent fine dining and enjoying a live band after the awards. Unfortunately Michelle did not win, but we were very proud that she was shortlisted to the finals. Sarah blew the judges away and won ‘Practitioner of the Year 2017’. We are extremely proud of Sarah and her well deserved achievement!

July 2017

We were well into our extension works by July, such a busy few months at nursery. The staff were amazing and this helped the children to feel calm and relaxed whilst the building works were going on. We kept everybody updated with photos on our Facebook page. A big thank you to all of our team and families for being so patient during this busy period, we had a temporary classroom for the Toddlers and lots of hoarding up around the nursery. But it would all be worth it when we finally opened the Pre School extension later in the year.

August 2017

The summer months are always a hit at The Railway Nursery, longer sunshine hours to explore our lovely gardens. It was also an excuse for the nursery to have a Beach Party! The whole nursery had lots of fun dressing up in their beach clothes and taking part in fulfilled activities. The Toddler team made their own beach inside the rooms!

September 2017

The Pre School extension has finally been completed, and it was absolutely worth the wait. We now have a much larger area for the children to explore, with more defined learning areas like the home corner, small world area and a new addition of an ICT station. We were so pleased to announce the completion and show off our new room to everybody! With the extension came a big checklist on our nursery waiting list, we were able to extend so many children's places with us which made us very happy!

October 2016

Halloween is always a fun time of year for the children, they use their imaginations to dress up as different characters. The staff help the children to explore a number of different activities, some you may have seen on our nursery Facebook page. There were nails hammered into pumpkins, hands and feet being painted in all rooms, and lots of sensory play. The baby room made these very cool sensory bags for the children to explore.

November 2016

This year we did a Harvest Festival and asked for all of our families to donate packets and tins of food. We were overwhelmed with the response from all of our parents. Thank you so much for donating so many food items! These were all taken to the local homeless shelter in Stockport - The WellSpring. We also celebrated Thanksgiving in the same week, this is a good time to talk about what we are thankful for and share stories around the dinner table, helping to develop children's speech and language, as well as their social skills.

December 2017

Such a busy month at nursery with the lead up to Christmas! The children have all enjoyed showing off their singing voices to their parents, with 2 shows of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' for the Toddler and Pre school parents, and the babies invited their parents into nursery for a Christmas sing along too. This was a great opportunity for our families to get to know each other and have a catch up before the Christmas break.

Our annual Pantomime trip was a big hit again this year, the Pre School children and staff went into Stockport to see 'Aladdin' at The Plaza Theatre. We would highly recommend families visiting, it is such a fun time for everybody!

Each room have taken part in Christmas crafts, making Christmas cards, Calendars and a whole host of winter wonders. We hope you have enjoyed looking through the arts and crafts made by your child.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MILTON FAMILY AND THEIR AMAZING RAILWAY TEAM

Our team

As our nursery is growing and growing (we have lots of new families join nursery since last year), our staff team has grown too! We have welcomed Tasha and Georgia to our nursery team, they have both settled so well and have brought some lovely ideas to both the Pre School room and Toddler room. We have also welcomed Nina back from maternity leave in our Baby room, she has brought some fresh ideas to the team and we have loved having her back in our Railway family.

We have also said farewell to a couple of our staff, Karen left early in the year to relocate so she could be closer to her partner in Skipton, Dominique left in the summer months to continue her studies at university, and Michelle has enjoyed maternity leave with her the new addition to her family - Emily, enjoying it so much that she has decided not to return to work and instead spend more time with her 3 daughters.

Staff have attended numerous training courses throughout the year - First Aid refresher courses, Leadership and Management meetings with Stockport Council, Safeguarding, Behaviour Management and many more. Staff will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding by attending more training throughout 2018.

Dates for your diary:

All parents have received an email with our 'Calendar of Events' for the year of 2018. Please feel free to get in touch with us to let us know of any other events you think we could celebrate. Here are some of our events for the beginning of the year;

Tuesday 30th January - Parents Evening, all parents welcome to attend between the hours or 6:30-7:30pm to meet with your child's key person and talk about their development. As always, at Parents Evening we will be providing refreshments of cheese and wine!

Friday 9th February - The Railway Nursery 3rd Birthday!

Tuesday 13th February - Pancake Day, a whole host of activities will be taking place throughout the day

Wednesday 14th February - Valentines tea party at 3-4pm, parents welcome to attend (only children and parents that attend nursery on Wednesday)

Friday 16th February - Chinese New Year, the nursery will be tasting Chinese cuisine and making decorative Chinese paintings.

Note from Ceri and Paul Milton

Christmas 2018 - Just to remind everyone that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve this year (2018) fall on a Monday. In line with previous years and to allow our hard working staff to travel home to their own families, we will be open on these dates but closing early, at 4pm. We are keen to ensure we provide a service for families at this time so nursery will be open on Christmas Eve (Monday 24th December) from 8.00am until 4.00pm and on New Year's Eve (Monday 31st December) from 8.00am until 4.00pm. We will remind parents of this nearer the time.

Please could we ask you to…..

Holiday Photos/Fun Weekends Away
Thank you to all those parents that have sent in weekend news photos, holiday snaps or just a cute photo of your child enjoying their time with family and friends. We share all of these photos with the team and your child's room, they are displayed in the rooms for all to see. This is a great way to support your child's Personal, Social and Emotional development as they share their ideas and feelings with their peers.
You can also add any photos to our online Learning Journals if you wish, this is a quick and easy way for you to let us know what you have been up to at home. if you need further information about this then please feel free to speak with Terri or Vikki.

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