



Newsletter

June 2016

June has been a busy month, with lots of outings to Bramhall Village and a sponsored walk to Bramhall Park, a massive thank you to all the sponsors which are being donated to Millie's Trust. We will announce the grand total as soon as all the sponsors have been collected.

There have been a number of events that have been going on this month, we would like to thank all our parents for getting involved with all of these events. Father's Day Breakfast was a success and the children loved having their daddy's at nursery for the morning. Parent's Social evening was a great night, with good food and good company. Lots of ideas have been thrown out for future parent social evenings, we are planning a dad's night and a mum's night, keep checking your emails for more details!



Our team

Well done to Sarah and Vikki who have received the accolade of 'staff member of the month' for June. Some of the comments from the staff team are;

'Sarah is always so kind and caring to everyone, I really enjoy working with Sarah.'

'Vikki has been absolutely amazing and taken everything in her stride settling back into nursery life.'

Well done to both Sarah and Vikki for working so hard this month and all the time!

Most of you will of now met out newest member of the team, Debi. Debi is working alongside Dominique in the Toddler room, both staff members have been sharing ideas to help further develop the room. All of our team are dedicated to sharing ideas to help constantly improve our nursery setting, we love how passionate our team are!

We have some more training days coming up for the staff, these include refresher Paediatric First Aid training and Makaton training.

A special congratulations to Michelle for completing her Masters Degree in Early Years Education! Michelle has been accepted onto the Doctorate in Education at Manchester which will commence in September, this will be completed in Michelle's own time. Well done to Michelle, you little clever clogs!

Also well done to Sarah for being accepted onto her Early Years Teacher Status Training, which will start in September. Sarah will be studying at Edge Hill University, this is employment based training which will see her qualify as an Early Year Teacher.

Healthy Nursery

At nursery we strive to promote healthy eating and encourage children to develop their self-help skills and their personal hygiene. This includes washing our hands before and after meal times, brushing our teeth, feeding ourselves at meal times and helping to set the table and serve the foods ourselves.

We have had visits from the dental playbox in the past and we have an Oral Hygienist coming to visit in July. The Dental Playbox talked to the children about the importance of keeping our teeth clean and brushing our teeth twice a day. The children loved exploring the different activities and especially brushing their own teeth.

Please help us at nursery by promoting all of these at home with your child.

Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)

Ceri has been liaising with a graphic designer about new signs for outside of the nursery. Some of you may have seen from our Facebook page that these have finally arrived this month! The signs are in process of being displayed in and around the nursery and we cannot wait to see what the nursery will look like once they are all up.

Please feel free to follow our Facebook page for further updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/therailwaynurserybramhall/>

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We have recently received an email from Active Kids, our vouchers have arrived at their head office and our resources are being packaged ready to be posted out to us. We cannot wait to explore our new outdoor resources! Thank you again to all those parents that contributed vouchers.

Busy Babies - News from the baby room

The babies have been exploring lots of messy play this month, including sand play, water play and big painting activities. Thank you to all the parents who have helped us with exploring messy play this month by packing extra spare items of clothing in your child's bag.



Throughout the month of July we are going to focus on developing the babies Communication and Language. This will be done through many different activities, singing and dancing, sharing stories, nursery rhymes and action songs, and also by using flashcards during small baby group activities.

Sarah, Karen and Vikki :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month the toddlers have enjoyed exploring clothes. They explored fancy dress items, washed clothes and hung them out to dry, painted different fabrics and we are going to be visiting The Hat Works Museum in July to extend out clothing topic.



In the month of July the toddler children will be learning all about outer space! The children will be creating paper maché planets, creating rockets, counting stars and we will be doing a very special science eq using coke and mentos!

Dominique, Debi, Charlotte, and Jeny

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre School children have continued their theme of 'healthy body, happy me' throughout the month of June. Pre School enjoyed focusing more on their teeth and how to care for them. Pre School have also enjoyed a sponsored walk around Bramhall Park, the grand total of sponsored raised is yet to be announced.

Throughout July the theme will be split into two. Team pre school will be supporting those children and their families transitioning to school, we are hoping to walk to the local schools for the children to see them.

Pre School have also taken a big interest in bugs and insects recently, so we will be following this interest and the children will be going on bug hunts in the garden and taking part in observational drawings!

Terri, Ceri and Niamh

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th July - American Independence Day, please could children come to nursery dressed in stars and stripes

Tuesday 5th July - Pre School and Toddlers trip to The Hatworks Museum in Stockport.

Tuesday 5th July - Parent Workshop 5-6pm, this workshop will focus on 'Phonics'

Thursday 7th July - Visit from an NHS Oral Healthcare Nurse at 11am, to talk to Toddlers and Pre School about the importance of oral hygiene (brushing our teeth)

Thursday 7th July - Eid-Al-Fitr, the children will be celebrating by tasting different foods. Eid-Al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting.

Week Commencing 11th July - Science Week, all rooms will be exploring all things science

Wednesday 27th July - Mum's Night Out, more details will follow.

Wednesday 10th August - Parents Evening, come along between 6:30-8pm and speak with your child's key person about their learning and

development. We will be offering cheese and wine on this night, this is always a lovely evening and parents get to meet each other too!

Thursday 11th August - Nursery Beach Party, come to nursery in beach wear and all children can join in the fun activities

Wednesday 24th August - Pre School Graduation (2:30-4:30pm) more details to follow

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.

Front Door Policy - Reminder

Our nursery prides itself on being a family friendly setting, and we love that some of our parents have formed friendships outside of nursery. You will most likely recognise faces whilst out and about in Bramhall because your children attend our setting. We understand that you may recognise a parent at the front door when dropping off or collecting your child. Please can we ask for you not to open the door to these parents when you are coming in and out of the nursery. Wait for a staff member to greet these parents. If there are no staff in the reception/office area, can we ask you to bob back into the room to get one of us and we can greet parents. Thank you for your continued support.

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