



Newsletter

November 2016

November has been a busy month with lots of activities relating to Children In Need and raising just over £200 for this fantastic charity. We have had 2 new starters in the baby room and 3 children moving up from toddlers into our pre-school room which is all very exciting.

We are now ready for a month of Christmas activities and have lots of wonderful activities planned across the nursery to ensure all of our children can get into a festive mood ready for the big day!



Our team

Congratulations to the staff member of the month, Jeny Zago. Jeny had lots of votes this month with comments from the team such as “Jeny is always full of fun and the children love her...” “Jeny always helps with observations, planning and fantastic activities in the toddler room...” Well done Jeny, a well deserved reward for your continued hard work.

Our staff have also been attending training outside of nursery this month. Terri and Sarah Griffiths have completed specific Safeguarding externally and Dominique and Karen attended a course on Behaviour Management techniques. We pride ourselves on the fact that our staff cascade some of their training knowledge to the rest of the team on their return to nursery and at staff meetings.

A huge welcome to Julie Smith who has recently joined our fantastic team here. Julie has gone down a storm with the children and will be popping up in different rooms at different times as she is a 'relief' member of staff to cover shift changes, staff training and holidays. Julie lives locally, has 4 children of her own and is a qualified Nursery Nurse so is raring to go and very excited to be a part of our team.

Reminders

Christmas Card Orders

We are awaiting delivery of these and have been told today that our estimated dispatch date is 6th December so they should be with us shortly after that. The company we have used has said that there was a slight delay with all of their orders due to the online ordering system crashing so they have apologised and assured us they will be with us as soon as possible. Ceri is on the case so don't worry!

Allergies

Here at nursery we work very hard to make our nursery menu's just right. We use the NDNA 'Healthy Body, Happy Me' campaign and 'Change4life' to make sure our menu's have a good variety of foods and are well balanced with fresh fruits and vegetables, fish and meats each week. Please can we ask that parents do not bring in foods from home. We have several children with severe allergies so it is extremely important that all food provided at nursery comes straight from our kitchen where we can monitor individual children's dietary requirements.

CONGRATULATIONS

We had our unannounced Food Hygiene Inspection this week and are delighted to report that we have once again achieved the highest rating of 5. We are very proud of the whole team but particular thanks to Sarah Massey our chef, who always works hard to achieve the highest possible standards within the kitchen at all times.

Babies - News from the baby room

This month our babies have been focusing on their Personal, Social and Emotional development (with the help of our their key workers!) They have enjoyed lots of group activities to support the 2 new babies who have recently joined us and are settling nicely into nursery life. The babies have also been keen to participate in a variety of Christmas crafts and have been sticking, painting, stamping and exploring a range of different media and materials. It's a busy life as a baby at The Railway Nursery! They are also enjoying practising their Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas sing along in December.



Sarah, Niamh and Vikki :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have had a busy month with various Children in Need activities (including baking cakes and biscuits!) and exploring the theme of Winter. The children have been fascinated with ice - how it feels and what happens to it and discussing warm and cold. There have been a range of messy play activities for the children to investigate and they have enjoyed helping to make all of the props for the Christmas nativity. Practising for the nativity is now in full swing and everyone is enjoying hearing the festive songs each day. The children have also been looking at different emotions and discussing different words we can use to show how we are feeling. Their favourite emotion is excited/happy which is lovely! We can't wait for you to all come and watch our show later in the month.

Debi, Karen and Jeny

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

This month the children have enjoyed lots of outdoor play exploring the theme of Autumn. They loved finding different uses for leaves (there were lots of leaves!) and leaf printing was a definite favourite. They also did lots of learning activities using conkers, including rolling them down tubes and then counting what 'score' they got as they landed in different shapes on the floor and also investigating whether they float or sink. I think we had some of the most used conkers in Bramhall by the end of the month! We have been revising the letters and sounds that we have been looking at this term (s, a, t, p, i, n) and the children are becoming more familiar with these sounds and enjoying working on their writing skills using sand, foam,

crayons and paint. Pre-school council had also raised the fact that the children love leaving the nursery to go on local trips so this month we enjoyed some lovely crisp Autumn walks with the children. 3 children have moved up to pre-school from our toddler room this month and they have settled in brilliantly to their new room and are very happy to be “big boys and girls!” We are all working hard on our Christmas show and the children like singing along to the guitar to accompany them - you will hear lots of cheering in the show which they have picked up from the staff getting so excited with their talent!! Our role play area now has a German Market Theme and we have been role-playing with the children to help their imaginative play - watching them play together in this way is simply fascinating.

Terri, Ceri and Dominique

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 14th December - Babies Christmas Sing Along (3-3:30pm) Come along and join in making music and singing along to Christmas songs

Thursday 15th December - Pre School trip to the Pantomime, a very exciting trip indeed! Nursery has already booked and paid for tickets and sought parents permission for children to attend this trip.

Friday 16th December - Toddlers Christmas Production (3-3:30pm) Come along and enjoy the Toddlers Nativity Performance

Monday 19th December - Pre School Christmas Production (3-3:30pm) Come along and enjoy the 12 Days of Christmas Performance by the Pre School Children

Wednesday 21st December - Christmas Party and Father Christmas Visit (2-4pm)

Friday 23rd December - Christmas Jumper Day!

Please could we ask you to.....

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 in 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.

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