



Newsletter

September 2016

September has been an action packed month, we have finally received our Ofsted outcome of Outstanding in all areas! We have worked extremely hard since opening the nursery back in February 2015 and we are over the moon with the result! Thank you to all the staff, children, parents and grandparents that were here on the day of inspection. It was a busy but productive day. Our Ofsted report has been emailed to everybody, if you would like to have a read then please feel free to visit the Ofsted website where you can read our glowing report.

A copy of the report can also be found in the reception area at nursery on our notice board.

Very Important Notice

Please can we remind all parents and carers about our front door policy. On a few occasions recently parents have been let into the nursery by another parent, without any staff present. Whilst I understand that holding a door open is polite and a natural act, please can I ask that parents come and ask a member of staff to welcome visitors at the door. We wish to maintain the highest possible safety at all time.

Even More Important Notice

We are very pleased to announce another Railway Baby will be joining us in the new year. Michelle is pregnant with her third child and due her baby in April next year. We are all very excited hearing Michelle's news! Michelle will be continuing her normal hours of work during her pregnancy and will be starting maternity leave February/March next year!



Our team

Congratulations to Terri, who received staff member of the month this month. Terri is our pre school room leader and she has some fantastic ideas in the pre school room. Well done Terri the great! Here are some of the lovely comments from her team;

‘She is always so happy, positive and happy to help’

‘She always puts 100% into every task she undertakes’

‘Because she is always prepared to go the extra mile for her pre schoolers, she is great’

‘For welcoming me into pre school and helping me throughout the day’

Our staff pride themselves on continuously developing their knowledge and understanding. Sarah has recently completed her degree (BA honours) in Primary Mathematical Education. Sarah has worked extremely hard to gain this qualification and we are all very proud of her!

As it is a new school year, we have had some of our staff start/continue further education courses at college and university. Sarah and Paul have started their Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS) studying at Edge Hill University. Both Sarah and Paul will be attending the University one day a month and then continue their normal hours of work with us. Dominique has started her college course this month ‘Access to Humanities’. Dominique has moved to the pre school room to work alongside Terri and Ceri, and changed her hours at nursery with us. Dominique will be attending college on Thursday and Friday. Niamh has started her Level 3 Early Years Education at Cheadle and Marple college, she will attend college on a Monday. Niamh has joined Vikki and Sarah in the baby room to further her experience working in Early Years. Charlotte has gone back to University to finish her degree in ‘History of Education’. Charlotte has changed her hours of work and will be at nursery every Monday and every other Wednesday, Charlotte will also be helping out during the school holidays.

Lots of staff furthering their education, we are looking forward to all of our team sharing their ideas with us to help develop our nursery even more!

Parent Social Events

This month has been a quite month for parent social evenings. But we do have another Dad’s night planned for Wednesday 5th October. Paul has emailed all Dad’s who would like to attend. A reminder email will be sent before the actual date.

Parent Traffic Survey

Paul has recently emailed all parents about a traffic survey that we are carrying out. This traffic survey has been put together by Bill Booker who works for SCP - Transport Planning Infrastructure Design. The reason we have sent these surveys to all staff and parents, is to gather evidence to help with our planning application to extend the pre school room. Please can we ask all parents to return these surveys to Paul as soon as you can, and we thank you for your support.

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.

Outstanding

If you haven't heard already, we have recently gained Ofsted Outstanding! Thank you to all of the children and their families who attended our Outstanding Party. It was a very busy afternoon with bouncy castle, face painting, Theatre Tots, buffet food and a very big cake! We would also like to say a very special thank you to Claire Reynolds for her amazing gift!

Jeans For Genes

Thank you to everybody that helped support this charity by raising awareness wearing denim to nursery. We collected donations from parents and raised a grand total of £39.67. This money will go towards helping fund a range of initiatives that improve the lives of children affected by a genetic disorder.

Busy Babies - News from the baby room



In the month of September the babies have been focused on transport, we have explored the transports and garage rolling the cars down the ramp. The babies also explored painting with transport, rolling the cars on paper to see the effects they made. We have also been on a couple of trips out of nursery and the babies love watching the traffic go by from their pushchairs.

In the month of October the babies will be exploring lots of sensory activities as we focus on Halloween! The babies will be exploring messy creative activities like spaghetti play, decorating lanterns and we will also be taking a trip to the green grocers to collect pumpkins to carve (with lots of help from staff), the babies will be able to explore the messy insides of the pumpkin. Don't forget we have our Halloween party on Monday 31st October, more details will follow via email nearer the time.

Sarah, Niamh and Vikki :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room



The toddlers have really enjoyed exploring 'transport' this month, especially when we took a train trip to Piccadilly! The toddlers got to watch all the trains at the station coming and going. They also got to meet 2 very friendly police men and had their photo taken with them.

In October we are going to be focusing on 'Autumn'. The children will be looking at the changes in our environment, exploring lots of outdoor activities. Please can we remind parents to provide weather permitting clothing (we know how the weather can change so rapidly), hats and scarves and warm coats/jackets.

We also have caterpillars which will hopefully be turning into butterflies very soon, we will keep you posted on how they are doing. The toddler children will be naming the butterflies, we are expecting some creative names for the 5 butterflies!

Debi, Karen and Jeny

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

All the older children have now flown the nest and gone to school, we have heard reports back from some of the parents to say how well everybody is doing at big school. We have also received photos of the children in their school uniforms and they look so grown up!

The pre school room has some new children started in September, welcome Noel, Bertie and Oliver! The month of September we have focused on 'All about me'. The children have been looking at themselves and made send portraits, which are all displayed in the room. Terri also arranged for 'homework' bags to go home and everybody brought into nursery some things which were special to them from home (a bit like show and tell). The children are all growing in confidence talking about themselves and their families.

In the month of October we will be focusing on 'Peter Rabbit'. Peter Rabbit has become very popular in the pre school room and a lot of the children talk about him. We have a toy rabbit which the children will be looking after in the room. The children will be looking at photographs of rabbits and making up their own storybooks. Dominique will be sharing stories about her bunny rabbit at home. We will also be taking part in a bunny obstacle course in the garden, lots of activities planned this month!

Terri, Ceri and Dominique

Dates for your diary:

Monday 3rd October - Rosh Hashana, we will be celebrating by decorating pictures and looking at pictures from the iPad - Honeycake is a popular food to eat on this day in hopes that the next year will be sweeter!

Wednesday 5th October - Dad's Night out. Paul has emailed all Dad's who would like to attend. Meeting at The Mounting Stone, please feel free to pop along for a pint once the bedtime routine for your child/ren is done.

Friday 28th October - Diwali, the children will be celebrating the festival of light by making their very own lanterns.

Monday 31st October - Halloween Party! Each room will be hosting their very own Halloween party 2:30-4pm. If your child does not attend on this day then please feel free to come along and join in with the activities.

Friday 4th November - Bonfire celebrations will be taking place this afternoon. The children will get to toast marshmallows on the fire (don't worry this activity has been risk assessed) The children loved this activity

last year and we hope they enjoy this just as much this year. We will also be making decorative bonfire pictures using a variety of materials.

Friday 11th November - Remembrance Day, please come to nursery dressed in red to remember all the fallen soldiers. The children will be making 'Poppy pictures' using paints and glitter!

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

