



# Newsletter

May/June 2018

Wow! What a summer we are having! The children have been enjoying this fantastic weather in our lovely garden with lots of extra activities, including paddling pool play to cool everyone down! The Pre-School team have been very busy liaising with local schools in order to ensure a smooth transition for our graduates this September. Terri and Ceri have been busy meeting with the class teachers to speak to them about each individual child - their likes and dislikes, strengths, achievements and progress. We are so proud of our children and this is always a bitter sweet time as we have to say goodbye to our oldest children to let them begin their next adventure at school.

We are doing everything we can to keep the children cool during our lovely British summer this year so please rest assured that we take this very seriously at nursery. We are very lucky that our garden has lots of shade throughout the day (thanks to our tree preservation orders!) and we always reapply suncream after lunch for the children. We have been using lots of water play in the garden (and inside) to help the children to cool down. We also provide fresh drinking water throughout the day for all children and have regular “breaks” where we sit with the children to ensure they have a big drink to stay hydrated, which is monitored by our caring staff team. Their water cups and bottles are taken with them outside to our drink stations so again please rest assured that they are drinking lots of water. Several parents have reported that their children are drinking lots of water when they arrive home but this is simply due to the extreme heat at the moment and we are ensuring they are drinking lots of water at nursery too. (We make sure our staff do too!) If you have any questions about this please let us know.



## Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month for the month of May - Georgia. Georgia works in our Pre-School room and our staff said lots of lovely things about Georgia this month, including “Thank you for all your hard work in pre school. Georgia continues to work hard each day bringing new ideas to the room. You really are outstanding!” and also “She is a fantastic nursery nurse! Always puts 100% into everything she does. Very patient and has a lovely relationship with children and their parents.”

Congratulations also to our staff member of the month for June - Victoria! The comments from our team included “She always demonstrates great practice in the toddler room, she is full of fun and always wanting to learn more, the children absolutely love her.” We are always so proud of the commitment from our team and this is just another way of their achievements, energy and enthusiasm being recognised. Well done Victoria.

## NDNA Awards

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we came away with not just 1 but 2 awards from the NDNA awards this year! Congratulations to Terri who wowed the judges with her achievements and in her interview and she was awarded a beautiful framed certificate as she was “Highly Commended” as a Practitioner of the Year. She was up against 7 other finalists so we are very proud of Terri’s achievements, well done Terri.

We are also delighted with our achievement as a nursery - we received a “Highly Commended” certificate for coming 3rd in our category of ‘Nursery of the Year.’ This really is an outstanding award to receive and we wouldn’t be where we are without our superb team of practitioners who are so dedicated, caring and committed to ensuring the children in our care succeed and flourish and are happy, engaged and safe in our setting. Thank you again for all of your help as parents to help us to achieve this award.

### Babies - News from the baby room

Tasha has been welcomed into the baby room with open arms from her wonderful team of staff and babies and is now all settled in and delighted to be having so much fun with our youngest children. The babies have been enjoying their beach activities and been busy exploring various paint and water activities. They have even been treated to a refreshing ice pop when it has been super hot to help cool them down which turns into a sensory activity for them too. Their book of the month is "Say Goodnight to the Sleepy Animals" which has led to lots of focussed sensory activities and animal activities.

Sarah, Tasha and Mary :)

### Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers are also now settled into their new team and their book of the month is "Elmer" which has been a fantastic resource for lots of different colour projects for them to get involved in. Natalie from 'Blooming Kids' has also been liaising with our toddler team so that she can link her songs, games and activities to this book too, helping the children to consolidate their learning. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Zoolab earlier this month where they were able to learn about and touch the exotic animals who visited, including a snake, scorpion, a tarantula and rats. We have already booked a visit in for next year!

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Victoria

### Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School loved their 'transport' topic in May and made their own vehicles, lollipop (STOP) signs and various other craft activities including rolling cars and trains through paint, down ramps, over obstacles etc. Our new topic is now 'Royal Mail' and the staff and children have been very interested to learn all about this - lots of discussions about the job of a postman, what happens at the sorting office and the Post Office, talking about addresses, post codes, post boxes, stamps and anything else we could think of that was relevant to this topic! The children loved writing postcards and letters and making their own stamps too. Lots of the parents were very surprised to receive their special post from their child and we had lots of excited children too! We had a trip to the Post Office which was a big success too.

Terri, Ceri, Julie, Georgia and Jeny.

## Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd July - Inter-Nursery football match for pre-school children. The Railway Nursery are playing Bramhall Methodist Church Pre-School on a neutral pitch at Lumb Lane Park!

Monday 16th July - Beach party at nursery! We will be getting into the holiday spirit with lots of sand and water play all day!

Thursday 19th July - Parents Evening 6.30pm - 8.00pm. No appointment is required but we do ask that only adults attend as we will be serving wine and cheese to parents.

Wednesday 25th July - Graduation Photo day for Pre-School children who are graduating this summer.

Blooming Kids - every Monday at 10am the toddlers will be enjoying a 'Blooming Kids' class involving singing, dancing and drama with Natalie.

A group of Pre-School children will be walking to Sunrise Care Home to sing, dance and play with Tracey from Boogie Beats with the residents at Sunrise every other Monday.

Kick Starters Football classes will be taking place every Tuesday for pre-school children (30 minute session each in the garden in 2 groups)

Please could we ask you to.....

### Outdoor Play

As mentioned above please can you apply suncream to your child **before** they arrive at nursery and bring a sun hat for them to use.

### Spare Clothes

Please can we ask parents to pack a bag with at least 2 changes of clothes (including underwear and **socks**) as the children often get very messy during activities at nursery and need to have a full change of outfit!

### Car Parking

Please can we ask parents to use the car park for dropping children off or picking them up at the end of the day whenever possible? We have been asked by the council to ensure that parents are using the car park rather than the road when there are spaces available within the car park so we would appreciate your co-operation with this. It also helps to keep our neighbours happy! 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](mailto:enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk).

The Railway Nursery Team