



Newsletter

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Welcome to our newsletter. At the end of each year we like to share some of the exciting activities we have been doing each month, we hope you like looking back at all the fun we have had together!



January - The pre school children enjoyed making their own Chef hats and explored baking activities. We like to talk about foods which are healthy and unhealthy, this helps us to keep our bodies fit and healthy. Throughout the year all of the children in the nursery join in with various cooking and baking activities, children have made their own bread, pizza, soup, and of course favourites for us all - cakes and biscuits!

February - As the children settle into the new year, they make new relationships and friendships. The children attend nursery until they are of age to start school. There are 3 rooms to explore at nursery - babies, toddlers and pre school. Toddlers have made some lovely friendships and explored lots of lovely activities together. Stories are definitely a favourite in the toddler room :)





March - A little thank you to all of our families that attend the wonderful events carried out over the year. In March we always celebrate Mother's Day, inviting all the lovely Mummy's into nursery for breakfast and/or crafts sessions. This event is always well attended and we love that you take time out of your day to share with us all at nursery. Keep your eyes peeled for future events, the 'events calendar' is carefully being put together and will be shared very soon! If any of our families would like to suggest events for the nursery to carry out, we would love to hear from you.

April - As some of you may already know, we have made links with a close by Care Home for the Elderly. We have visited 'SunRise' on several occasions over the years and love to bring the old and young together for music and singing sessions. The children enjoy their short walk up the hill, and they sometimes get treated to a juice box and a biscuit. We will be continuing these visits in 2019 and exploring some different activities with the elderly.



May - A day we carry out each year, a visit from ZooLab. The children and staff have a visit from a number of different animals and their owner. These visits helps the children learn about their environment and who we share it with. Some of the older children have gone on to learn about pollution and how to keep planet Earth safe.



June - Sports day is another event which we look forward to each year. This year we had some very competitive parents and grandparents join us! The children



learn about taking turns, winning and sometimes not winning. This day is always fun and the children really do enjoy taking part and spectating too, there is always lots of cheering from the sidelines.

July - This year we have made a new tradition! Since starting our footballs sessions earlier in the year, the pre school children have been practising their skills for a very special football match. The Railway Nursery went head to head with BMC Pre-School. The whole village was talking about it, the children were fantastic in their match and came back to nursery declaring 'We didn't win!' Maybe next year we will steal the title!



August - One of our the children's favourite places to explore at nursery is the garden. We are so lucky to have so much outdoor space to explore. The children have loved being 'firemen and firewomen' this year, helping to put out the fire (or maybe it was just an excuse to spray their teachers with the hose pipe). Imagination play is such an important part of a child's development, follow their lead, you never know where you may end up.

September - Throughout the year the children benefit from going out and about exploring the world around them. From babies to pre school, we have all explored our local village, the library, Bramhall Park and many other parks close by. We also benefit from having public transport so close to us, we have taken the bus into Stockport for picnic lunches and the train into Manchester to visit the Police Museum. Going out on these trips supports the children in many ways, they learn about Stranger Danger, Road Safety, they develop their physical skills and make some lovely memories with one another.



October - Nursery celebrates Grandparents day each year, we invite Grandparents into nursery for a number of different events. This year we listened to grandparents requests and hosted Grandparents 'stay and play' day on 2 occasions. It was so lovely to see so many

Grandparents join us and their Grandchild for lots of fun, we show off everything we do at nursery and enjoy a picnic style tea together. This is definitely something we will be continuing to do in future years. If any Grandparents would like to visit the nursery then please do let us know.



November - Another tradition we keep up with each year, visiting the Cenotaph on 'Poppy Day'. We take some time to remember those that fought in the War and those that continue to fight for our country. It was so lovely to walk through the village and see all the Poppy decorations, we would definitely recommend you to do this next year with your little one.

December - The month of December is always an actioned packed one, full of lots of Christmas activities. We have enjoyed sharing songs, dance and mince pies with you this month. The children have explored all of their senses through activities - including painting, exploring reindeer food, wellie walks in the woods, play dough, sand play, baking and many, many more Christmassy activities. A big thank you to all of those families that attended our Christmas sing alongs, Christmas concerts, arts and crafts sessions and stay and play sessions too. We are ever so grateful that you wanted to share these experiences with us. We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break and hopefully you got a comfy nap in at some point!



Our team

A big, BIG, thank you to our amazing staff team. All year round the team have been brain storming activities for your children to explore. They link everything to the curriculum we use in Early Years - the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), planning individual and group activities for the children to help support their learning and development.

A little shout out to, Niamh Rogers and Georgia Pennells, they have both been working extremely hard to achieve their NVQ Level 3 in Childhood Studies. Niamh completed all of her work in November, closely followed by Georgia in December. We are very proud of you both, please keep sharing your wonderful practise with the whole team. Another staff member who has gained further qualifications this year is Charlotte Smith. Charlotte completed her BA Honors in Education Studies, graduating in July this year. Well done all of you!



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st January - New Years Day - nursery closed

Tuesday 15th January - National Hat Day, wear a hat to nursery. We will also be making hats for the children to wear.

Friday 18th January - Winnie the Pooh day. We invite children to bring their teddy to nursery today, we will be having a teddy bears picnic tea.

Friday 25th January - Burn's Night, the children will be learning about Burn's Night and Scottish traditions.

Thursday 14th February - Valentines tea party 3-4pm, we invite parents/ grandparents to come for a craft/play session and some tea.

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.