



Newsletter

January 2019

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families - the children were keen to tell us all about it when they returned to nursery over the festive period. We can tell we are in January now as the weather has gone colder so we have been layering up to go outside and explore. It's a fantastic season to learn about weather patterns and the children have had lots of fun exploring puddles, ice and snow falling.

The staff and children have enjoyed various outings to the village and the parks this month too, please can we remind all parents to bring **waterproof** coats/suits, hats, gloves, scarves and warm socks and wellies to nursery to ensure children stay warm when they are outside. I forgot my gloves one day and my hands were very cold, which was a big distraction for me when I was running an activity with the children in the garden. It's so important for the children to have the right clothing to ensure they are able to engage with their learning too.

Can I also remind parents that we have parents evening this Thursday, 31st January from 6.30-8.00pm. You don't need to make an appointment (we know timings can be quite tricky with young children!) but please can we ask that you come without your children as we serve cheese and wine during the evening and also we like to focus on talking to parents in detail about your child's development.



Our team

Congratulations to our first staff member of the month in 2019 - Marta! Votes included, "Marta has hit the ground running since she started, making excellent relationships with parents, staff and children and has completed lots of engaging and exciting new activities!" Also "Marta has brought fantastic ideas to Pre-School. She has been getting stuck in and been a great team player. Well done Marta!

Our team have also been busy furthering their knowledge by attending training courses. Olivia enjoyed her course about Mathematics in the EYFS and Tasha and Terri are currently in the middle of their Paediatric First Aid Course which we complete every 3 years and is a 12 hour course.

We have started the New Year with 3 new members of staff at the nursery who have all been busy settling in this month. We have updated our website with their photos on and have ordered their name badges too. Olivia Dunham is our Nursery Apprentice and is working towards her Level 3 Childcare qualification, studying with Cheadle and Marple college. She is looking forward to learning more about children and their development. In her spare time Olivia enjoys reading and taking her dogs for walks.

Lydia Garratt has also joined us as a qualified Nursery Nurse. Lydia has 5 years experience working with children and particularly enjoys messy play. In her spare time Lydia likes to take her dog 'Fudge' for walks and she also likes to visit the cinema with to watch films.

Marta Scoczek has also joined us as a full time qualified Nursery Nurse. She originally comes from Poland and has been living in the UK for a number of years. Marta has 10 years of experience working in different nurseries. She really enjoys messy play and exploring sensory activities with the children. Marta lives with her 2 young sons and their German Shepard and she dreams about some quiet time, they keep her very busy! Working with children is Marta's life, love and passion.

Our new staff members are currently moving around the different rooms at the nursery to ensure they are getting to know all of our children and our procedures. We are sure you will join us in welcoming them to the nursery.

Babies - News from the baby room

The babies have enjoyed their book of the month which has been 'Incy Wincy Spider.' It's been a big hit as there is a fluffy spider puppet inside the actual book which provides a sensory stimulus for the babies. It also has thick, large pages which they are able to turn themselves so they can explore the book independently too. The staff and babies have enjoyed singing 'Incy Wincy Spider' and doing some spider actions! They have been painting with shapes, stacking cups and cars. They have enjoyed trips to the park and have also been settling in some new babies to their room.

Their new book for February's focus is going to be 'Peppa and the Big Train' and they will be visiting the train station to see some trains in action. They are also planning their Valentine's Day crafts and have a stay and play session organised too (see dates for your diary below).

Tasha, Vikki and Mary :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have enjoyed their book of the month which has been '10 Little Ducks.' They have made pictures of ducks using tissue paper and PVA glue, counted ducks and joined in with the '5 Little Ducks' song and even been fishing for plastic ducks in a big tray of water! Their book of the month for February is going to be 'Guess How Much I Love You' which will link perfectly to the Valentine's Day theme with lots of beautiful crafts and messy play activities.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have been continuing with their theme of 'Winter' and have been exploring the melting ice, falling snow and adding different colours to the large puddle in our garden. They have been learning about different weather and how the weather can affect their environment. They particularly enjoyed making and launching some foil boats and there were lots of discussions about this between the children. You may also have seen on our Facebook page that the children have enjoyed a lovely cooking activity in the kitchen this month and their eggs were perfectly cooked! The team are still discussing next month's theme so we will report back in February's newsletter.

Terri, Ceri, Julie and Georgia.

Please could we remind you.....

Notice Period

We would like to remind parents that our notice period for changing days at nursery or leaving the nursery is 2 months. As you may be aware, we are very full and have waiting lists in place for parents who are awaiting spaces in the future so if you do know your child will be leaving before they are due to start school, please let us know to help us manage our waiting lists. We have multiple enquiries every day for places from new families but are currently totally full and struggling to fit everybody in. We do sometimes have availability for extra sessions on certain days so please speak to a member of the team if you would like to enquire about an extra session for your child.

Clothing

We would like to remind everyone to bring in suitable outdoor clothing every day as we take the children into the garden whatever the weather. Please bring in wellies or snow boots, waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves and lots of spare clothes to change into if they do get wet. Warm socks are also important in this weather to keep their toes toasty as otherwise wellies can feel cold. We appreciate your support with this.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 5th February - Mum's night 7.30pm in Tre Ci Cio (bar area)

Tuesday 12th February 3-4pm Baby Room Grandparents Stay and Play session (for children who attend on a Tuesday in the baby room)

Thursday 14th February 3-4pm Valentines Tea Party - parents and Grandparents invited to stay and play for children in all rooms who attend on a Thursday.

Wednesday 27th February - Pre-School charity day. Children attending pre-school on this day to wear all pink or all black as we have a Grease themed

charity day to raise money for The Christie <https://www.christie.nhs.uk>
(more information to follow).

8 by 8 Football classes will resume in the spring in the warmer weather.

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