



Newsletter

October 2018

Well, Autumn is suddenly here and provides fantastic learning opportunities for the children. All of the children have enjoyed exploring the leaves in the garden and whilst out in the village. We have talked about their texture, colour, sounds they make when you step on them and also used them for printing, leaf rubbings and gluing and sticking. The children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed lots of Halloween activities including dressing up, pumpkin carving, hammering golf tees into pumpkins, painting them and even having our food served out of them!

We are very excited for Children In Need next month and invite all parents to enter the Children in Need Duck Race Competition - all the details can be found on the poster in the reception area but essentially you can choose a duck for £2 and the winning duck at the Children in Need race (16th November) wins a free day at nursery and the runner up a bottle of Prosecco! All the money donated will go straight to Children In Need - please ask any of the staff if you would like to enter - several ducks have already been allocated so be quick!

Thank you to all of your support with our nursery photograph day which was a huge success - the photos look fantastic! Please make sure you return the proofs and order forms to the nursery as soon as possible as Bernadette will be collecting these this month.

Thank you to all of our lovely Grandparents who were able to come along to nursery for a stay and play session this month, it was so lovely to see you all so you could come along and join in the fun with your grandchildren.



Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month in October - Niamh! Niamh had the most votes this month with some lovely comments from staff including "Great peer observation this week with a positive attitude. Keep up the good work!" She was also praised for her "Perseverance and positive attitude. Niamh is always happy!" Well done Niamh, we are delighted that you are our staff member of the month. All of our staff work incredibly hard every day and everyone looks forward to hearing the votes each month for the person who has impressed them the most, it's always very exciting!

Babies - News from the baby room

The babies have immersed themselves in their book of the month for October which was "Incy Wincy Spider" They enjoyed reading the book, singing the song, playing with our Incy Wincy Spider puppets and then incorporating spiders into their Halloween themed crafts. In November their new book is going to be one of our all time favourites - Dear Zoo.

Victoria, Tasha and Mary :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have had so much fun with their book this month "The Blue Train." They have been painting with their wooden trains and exploring the marks that the trains make in the paint, doing various sensory activities that have had a train theme and then completed their month with a trip to Piccadilly train station which was very exciting. They even had their photograph taken with some local policemen! Next month they have chosen the book "Colours" as their new focus.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have enjoyed exploring everything to do with Autumn this month which has also included their Halloween crafts and activities. They went on a beautiful Autumn walk up to Benja fold and loved their task of collecting nature items in their buckets whilst they were out to explore on their

return. Parents also enjoyed joining in the fun with our Autumn crafts when they were invited in for an Autumn crafts session, we hope you enjoyed it! This month the children also used real hammers to hammer golf tees into a pumpkin, helping to develop their fine motor skills and they all ensured they were very careful as they took part in this activity, helping them to assess and manage their own risks. In November their new topic is....dinosaurs! So we will be learning lots of dinosaur facts and will be exploring dinosaurs in all sorts of different ways!

Terri, Ceri, Julie, Georgia and Jeny.

Communication Books

Please please please can we ask that all parents/carers complete your child's communication book each week, letting us know what your child has been up to during the weekend and time at home with family members. This is a hugely important tool for engaging your child in discussions linking home life with nursery life and I can assure you that the children all look forward to sharing their news with their key person and peers every week. You don't have to write much, just a couple of sentences (or more if you want to) and if you don't have time to complete please could you just initial your key person's comments to let them know you have seen these as it's an important tool we use to share information with parents.

We would also encourage you to comment on your child's observations on Learning Journals when possible - when you login to see your child's observations you will see a section where you can make a parent comment - feel free to add any comments here, eg. 'We have been working on this at home' or 'My child loved talking about this' or anything else that you feel is relevant. Please ask if you need any help with this.

Foodbank News



We would like to thank everyone for such kindness with your Foodbank donations recently, we have been asking parents to donate a specific item each week to try and help make a difference to local families in need. You will see our poster of the week on the front door of nursery detailing what the team in each week and there is a box in reception to leave any donated items in. Thank you again for your continued support with this, please see the weekly list of items below.

Wk Commencing	Item
1st October	Instant Coffee
8th October	Biscuits
15th October	Sugar (granulated)
22nd October	Tinned fruit
29th October	Tinned soup (meat or vegetable)
5th November	Rice pudding
12th November	Cordial
19th November	Shaving foam
26th November	Shower gel
3rd December	Roll on deodorant
10th December	Mayonnaise

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th November - Toddler Bonfire crafts 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Baby stay and play session 3.30 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 7th November - Diwali activities at nursery

Monday 12th November - Remembrance day activities - wear red to nursery

Wk commencing 12th November - Children in Need week, activities taking place all week

Friday 16th November - Children in Need - children to dress up for nursery (pyjamas, fancy dress, children in need t-shirts etc, anything goes!)

Thursday 22nd November - Harvest Festival crafts/circle time

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

8 by 8 Football classes have now resumed with Alex and Ryan every Tuesday for pre-School children.

Please could we ask you to.....

Outdoor Play

Now that the temperatures are dropping, please ensure your child has everything they need to stay warm outside - warm clothes, waterproof coat, wellies, hat, gloves etc. We go outside every day

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.

Communication Books

As mentioned above, please can you help to support our lovely team by completing your child's communication book each week with news about what they have been up to at home. You don't have to write much, just a couple of sentences would be perfect and then we can share this news with your child and their peers at nursery.

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