Newsletter

April 2019

We have been absolutely delighted with our first Forest School sessions. The children all came in their full kit and we had a fantastic time exploring our woodland area! They climbed trees, waded through the stream and even found a cave! We discovered and identified some mini beasts and then walked back to nursery to meet around our pretend campfire with a marshmallow, discussing what we enjoyed the most. We can all see already how much the children grew in confidence in the woodland environment whilst we were there are we are looking forward to our next session already. Thank you again to our parents for ensuring your children had everything they needed for their first session.

It was lovely to see some of the Mums out on Monday night at Tre Ci Cio where we had a catch up and lots of laughter! We try to meet on different nights of the week to try and catch as many Mums as possible - please let us know which nights are good for you.

Vikki has recently e-mailed some parent questionnaires - we would really appreciate your feedback and comments if possible. We always take your comments on board to try and help us to improve our service and ensure we continue to provide outstanding care to our children and families.

Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month in April, Mary Parr! Mary is one of our relief members of the team, she has helped us lots this month by covering staff training and staff holidays too. Here is what the staff team had to say, ‘Thank you Mary for completing my communication books whilst I was on holiday’, ‘Thank you for working lots of the Easter holidays and helping in all rooms’, ‘Had a really nice couple of days working with Mary in pre school, thank you for your help’.

We would also like to mention a little shout out to Georgia and Terri, thank you to the both of you for working extremely hard on a Saturday to give the garden a make-over. The children have really enjoyed exploring all the new areas in the garden, these include a fairy garden, a new comfy story corner, builders yard, planting area and painting station. Keep your eyes peeled for a new music wall coming soon.

Babies - News from the baby room

The babies have enjoyed their book of the month - ‘That’s Not My Bunny” which is a sensory book that they can explore. This fitted in perfectly with their Easter theme and the babies immersed themselves (quite literally) in lots of different crafts. They loved their Easter egg hunt in the baby garden and enjoyed wearing their bunny hats!

The babies have loved their weekly Jo Jingles sessions which includes singing, dancing and musical instruments fo them to play. They have had lots of fresh air and sensory trays filled with all sorts of different textures and smells.

This month the babies have chosen the book “Dear Zoo” and Tasha has been busy printing photographs from her recent trip to Chester Zoo and we have a visit booked in from ‘Zoo Lab’ on 7th June where the children will get to meet some interesting animals too!

Tasha, Lydia and Mary :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have enjoyed their book - ‘Poppy and Sam’s Easter Egg Hunt’ which has also linked in perfectly with their Easter theme. They also completed an egg hunt, used kitchen utensils to make some creative egg pictures, they made Easter baskets and bunnies and explored sensory trays using different herbs. They went on as trip to our local Methodist church and we took lots of pictures!

In May they have decided on the book ‘Walking Through the Jungle’ and they will be taking part in lots of animal based activities including a visit from ‘Zoo Lab’ at the start of June. They will be asking for photos of your family pets to talk about during group time and display in the room.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have embraced their topic of ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ which has involved a range of different activities and included a beanstalk obstacle course, making masks and role playing, measuring the giant’s foot and repeating phrases from the story. Marta has enjoyed ‘gardening with Marta’ which has also linked into the story theme.

Julie has been busy with her ‘baking with Julie’ session and the children made some delicious oat cakes which were low sugar and low fat too. Julie has 4 more sessions left and then we will move on to ‘cooking with Terri’ and then 'dancing with Georgia.’ Ceri is now known as ‘Forest School Ceri’ to complete the set.

The Pre-School team are still finalising their topic plans for next May.

Terri, Ceri, Julie, Georgia and Marta.

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 ensure children have had suncream applied before coming to nursery in the morning and then we will reapply throughout the day as necessary. Please also ensure children have appropriate footwear for the garden (ideally not crocs as we have seen trends of increased accidents from our monthly accident audit with these), and have a sunhat to wear too. Even on rainy days we will be in the garden so don't forget their waterproof coats too. We appreciate your support with this.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd May - Professional Photos taken today, any children who don't attend on Thursdays can come along at 10.30am

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

Thursday 9th May - Fire Service visit to meet the children!

Monday 13th May - Messy Play Day

Tuesday 14th May - Forest School session

Friday 17th May - Pre-School nursery places announced

Monday 20th May - Forest School session

Monday 27th May - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

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