



Newsletter

February 2019

Wow, it looks like spring is in the air and the weather has certainly changed over the past couple of weeks! We have even cracked open the suncream to celebrate! If it is due to be a sunny day please can we ask that you apply suncream to your child before they arrive at nursery as it really helps us to get the children out in the fresh air after their breakfast at nursery. We provide suncream at nursery (Boots Soltan for children) so we will apply it in the afternoon as necessary to ensure your child stays safe in the sun. Please also bring a sunhat in on very sunny days as this helps to keep children cool on warmer days and we will make sure they remain hydrated too.

Thank you all for a well attended parents evening which all went smoothly and gave parents an opportunity to explore the rooms their children are based in, meet other parents and discuss their child's progress with their key person at nursery. The feedback forms you completed are always a great way for us to analyse your comments and take onboard any suggestions you may have so thank you for your continued support with this too.

We have also had a Mums night, Valentines tea party, Grandparents stay and play session and a fantastic 'Grease' themed charity day at nursery this month and everyone has enjoyed organising and participating in these events.



Our team

Congratulations to February's staff member of the month - Terri! Terri was voted 14 times this month - many of the votes specified her wide range of activities with the most opportunities and outcomes for children. Terri organised a hugely successful charity day with the theme 'Grease' which proved to be a fantastic day for everyone. Terri was also congratulated on her support of promoting physical development with the children, encompassing this in many of her activities and outings that she organised. Well done Terri!

Staff have been busy with lots of training this month including GDPR (data protection training) paediatric first aid training, safeguarding training, communication and language training and also 'understanding the unique needs of babies' which staff have attended and then been able to share some ideas with the rest of the team.

Babies - News from the baby room

The babies have enjoyed 'Peppa and the Big Train' as their focus book this month and particularly enjoyed visiting the train station and mark making using the toy trains in paint. They have also done crafts for valentines day including a sensory tray with red objects in and made lovely crafts to take home to. The babies have made the most of going in the baby garden exploring on the equipment and been on trips to the village and to local parks, making the most of the sunshine we had! Throughout March the babies are going to be growing sunflowers for Mothers day and focusing on messy crafts for them to explore in. We are going to continue to make the most of getting out on local trips and take a visit to the fruit and veg shop so we can do some fruit tasting and some fruit printing using paint!

Their new book for March is '5 little ducks went swimming one day.' We will take a trip to the library having story time with the babies and let them create their own duck during their day at nursery!

Tasha, Lydia and Mary :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have enjoyed exploring the book 'Guess How Much I Love you' and have been involved with a host of different craft based activities. The children particularly enjoyed gluing and sticking with hearts - lots of their craft activities were also linked to Valentine's Day and the room was a beautiful array of different shades of red all month! They enjoyed red play dough using different tools and an exciting sensory exploration tray. The team have also been concentrating on personal, social and emotional skills and talking about kind gestures, how we can help our peer and turn taking on the big slide outside. The staff have observed some lovely interactions between the children including helping each other put wellies and coats on and even bringing staff members their shoes without being prompted!

They have decided to choose a spring themed book for March and are planning a trip to the library to choose a suitable one together, which will be reported back next month.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have been very busy in February with their theme of 'friendship and kindness.' They made friendship bracelets, completed lots of different kind word activities, set up a buddy system during group games outside and also have all enjoyed being a 'class helper' at some point this month. Their charity Grease day was an amazing day which involved superb outfits modelled by children and staff (ask Julie about her wig!), running 'track' around the huge field at Lumb Lane park, a bike race, a bake off, a dance routine and a mini fairground! A special mention for Paul too who made the most delicious American style pancakes to start their day off in their 'diner' inside pre-school. Thank you to all of you for your generosity with supporting this charity event for The Christie Charity.

Next month our theme is going to be 'Matilda' and we have lots of ideas up our sleeves to immerse the children's imagination in this fantastic story.

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:

Friday 1st March - St. David's Day craft activities throughout the nursery

Monday 4th March - Blooming Kids will now host weekly classes with Natalie in Pre-School

Tuesday 5th March - Shrove Tuesday - PANCAKES!

Wednesday 6th March - weekly sessions of Jo Jingles will now be held for babies and toddlers.

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - children can come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character - please label any books that you bring to nursery to avoid confusion!

Wednesday 20th March 6.30pm - 7.30pm Forest School Meeting for Pre-School parents (School leavers only - please see separate e-mail with further details).

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