



# Newsletter

March 2019

We are in the middle of very exciting times here at nursery - Terri and Georgia have been working hard on revamping our lovely garden ready for spring and I'm sure you will agree, it looks fantastic! The children were very excited to see the new attractions when they ran outside this morning.

We are also launching our Forest School program this week, with our first session taking place on Wednesday 3rd April with our pre-school children. Ceri is in the middle of her Forest School Leader training (which takes 12 months in total) and has recently completed Forest School First Aid course. The sessions are going to run during term time, with groups of up to 8 Pre-School children which is a huge opportunity to enrich their learning here at The Railway Nursery. You will find out more details of our Forest School when your child moves up into Pre-School.

Thank you for continuing to provide feedback for how we can improve - we have just notified our Pre-School parents that the information on the 'My Day' forms for pre-school children is now going to be communicated to parents on collection rather than presented on an A4 sheet. Now we have 16 children in Pre-School each day it has been taking staff a lot longer to complete each form and parent feedback informed us that these sheets were often going straight into the recycling bin so we decided to verbally speak to parents each day, saving time and paper! Thank you for your feedback.



## Our team

Congratulations to our staff members of the month for March - we had joint winners - Tasha and Georgia! Well done to both of you, a very well deserved award. All of our staff vote each month for the person in the team who has really impressed them during the month and the winner gets an early finish to thank them for such hard work and commitment.

We also welcome a new member of staff to our team this month - Alessandra Luperto, who is joining us as part of our relief staff, covering our existing staff for training days, holidays etc. Alessandra is Italian and has a passion for working with children - she has had lots of fun settling in and getting to know the staff and children. We are also hoping for her to teach us all some Italian too! Ciao!

## Babies - News from the baby room

The babies have enjoyed their book of the month - '5 little ducks went swimming one day.' Babies have enjoyed group singing, using the plastic ducks as prompts and then the babies enjoyed popping their ducks into the water tray to splash around with the boats too. Some of the babies ended up joining the ducks in the water tray! The babies have also been busy planting their sunflower seeds and making Mother's Day cards. The baby team wanted me to say a social thank you to our baby parents for always bringing suitable outdoor clothing for their little ones to make sure they are always warm and dry when exploring in our garden, whatever the weather!

This month the babies have chosen the book "That's not my Bunny" and will be linking their book to their Easter crafts that they will be doing this month.

Tasha, Lydia and Mary :)

## Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have enjoyed their book - 'When Spring Comes' which looked at how our natural environment changes during this season. They have talked about plants growing from seeds and watched their sunflowers begin to grow by giving them water and light. Staff were nervous about whether they would actually grow but talking to them seemed to help and they did

start to grow which was fantastic! The children also enjoyed painting pictures of daffodils and using daffodils to make marks on paper using paint and they have been learning a song all about spring time too.

In April the toddlers are going to be looking at Easter crafts, completing an egg and spoon race and creating an Easter sensory tray.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

### Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have thoroughly enjoyed their theme of 'Matilda' this month - they acted out the story, role playing different characters and explored ribbons during their learning time too. They made newts on sticks which they loved and even baked a Bogtrotter cake from scratch! They focussed on their maths skills - recognising numbers and counting during a 'Magic Maths session too.

In April the new theme in Pre-School is going to be 'Jack and the Beanstalk' - get ready for lots of questions from inquisitive minds!

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:

Monday 1st April - Mother's Day Breakfast 8.30-9.30am - lots of delicious treats for the Mummies and play time with your child!

Wednesday 3rd April - Forest School session with Pre-School

Thursday 4th April - Dads night at The Mounting Stone

Friday 5th April 3-4pm - Grandparents stay and play in the toddler room, all grandparents of children who attend on a Friday are welcome to come along.

Tuesday 16th April - School places for September 2019 Reception intake

Friday 19th April - Good Friday (Bank Holiday) - Nursery closed

Monday 22nd April - Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) - Nursery closed

Thursday 25th April - Professional Photos being taken at nursery - children who don't attend on a Thursday are welcome to come with their parent/ guardian at 10.15am

Monday 29th April - Forest School session with Pre-School

Monday 29th April - Mums night at The Ci Cio from 8.00pm

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](mailto:enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk).

The Railway Nursery Team