



# Newsletter

## September 2019

September has brought some sunshine and lots of rain! The children have enjoyed lots of outdoor play throughout the month come rain or shine. We ask if parents can continue to refresh their child's nursery bag with clean clothes, including underwear for the older children and socks. We recently had somebody visit our nursery and they were surprised that we went outside in the rain, but we believe that all weathers need to be experienced by the children. There are so many things that the children can learn from being in the garden, the rain supports physical play jumping in muddy puddles, we can then count these jumps as we go. We can also see how much rain has fallen into the buckets, which the children love, they can then tip the water out to make their own puddles!



## Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month, Julie! Julie received 5 votes and had some very lovely comments from the team - 'Julie is helpful and thoughtful', 'Awesome activities, love your ideas Julie', 'Julie is a great help and the children love her!'. Well done Julie, thank you for your hard work. Every month whoever gets the most votes is rewarded with finishing their shift an hour earlier, as well as being gifted some lovely treats!

We would like to welcome Vikki back to nursery, Vikki is now back full time and is nearly caught up on all the nursery news. Thank you to everybody for giving her a warm welcome back.

We would also like to welcome a new member of staff to our team, Emily! Emily will be working 2 days a week - Monday and Tuesday, and will be supporting the whole team for the first couple of weeks to get to know the routine and all of our lovely children. If you see Emily around nursery please say a friendly hello :)

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the families that have donated food items to our Harvest Festival box. All items have been donated to The Wellspring homeless shelter in Stockport. One parent also donated some warm clothing and blankets, thank you for this, The Wellspring will make good use of all donations. We will be looking to collect items again around Christmas time to help The Wellspring again.

## Online Safety for you and your child

Now that children have access to online technology from a young age, it is important to understand how to keep them safe when they are accessing online material. Technology is an important part of our lives and we must be responsible when teaching our children to navigate the ever changing world of technology.

At such a young age, it's important to start thinking about how to protect our children from accessing unsuitable content on phones and tablets, so please ensure that children are always supervised when they are accessing websites and apps online. Parental controls should always be set up, for example if your child is using your phone or tablet and you leave the room (even if only briefly) - can you be sure that your child is safe and not able to access inappropriate content? Children seem to be increasingly aware of online games and apps and we must ensure they are accessing these appropriately as part of our safeguarding responsibilities.

We will be talking to our Pre-School children about online safety through stories and songs, making it relevant to them. Please see these links for further details and share these with your child and wider family, ensuring that all family members understand the importance of online safety from a young age.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Online-Smartie-the-Penguin-for-EYFS.ppt>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/digiduck-educational-e-safety-story-app-3-7-years/>

## Babies - News from the baby room

Throughout the month of September the babies have been looking at 'That's not my...' books. The children have been developing their skills of handling books, turning the pages and reaching out to touch the sensory parts of the pages. The babies have also explored lots of sensory play this month, including painting, water play, exploring cereals, glitter play and lots of other materials in the sensory trays.

Throughout the month of October the babies will be looking at the book 'Wake up little owl'. There will be different activities to explore like in the book.

Tasha, Lydia and Mary :)

## Toddlers - News from the toddler room

Toddlers have been looking at opposites this month. We have explored this in our music class Jo Jingles by playing the instruments quietly and then playing them very loud, this was lots of fun! The children have also explored empty and full using different containers and materials in the sensory tray, the children really liked tipping the materials back out into the tray.

In October the children be exploring everything Autumn and Halloween. You can see our Facebook page for some of the activities that we have already started to explore.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

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

Pre school have been looking at different animals this month, they have enjoyed learning makaton signs to different animals that live on Old Macdonalds Farm. Animals have been added to water, the children enjoyed talking about which animals live in and out of water. A new game from Orchards has been explored, the children take turns to match the animals on their board, learning which ones live in the jungle, the desert, the ocean and in the arctic. Olivia created a great game which has been shared on our Facebook page, she made fishing rods for the children to practise their hand and eye co-ordination, what a great idea!

In October the children will be developing their imaginations by looking at the story of Beauty and the Beast.

Terri, Ceri, Julie, Georgia, Marta and Olivia.

Please could we remind you.....

### **Front door policy**

We have a number of new families that have joined our lovely Railway Nursery, we would like you to join us in giving a warm welcome! Please can we give a gentle remind to all of our nursery families about the nursery front door policy. Only Railway Nursery staff are allowed to let anybody into the nursery building. If you are on your way out of the building and see somebody at the door, please can you get the attention of any staff member to let them in. Thank you to all of our families for their continued support.

We have a fancy new bell at the front door too, one that calls the individual rooms for entry. If you are in the baby room please call the toddler room when you arrive. Please can we also ask all parents to say who is at the door to ensure we know who is in the building.

### **Fire alarm**

Please be aware if you are on site on a Monday morning's the fire alarm may sound. This is the time we test our fire alarm and all rooms are made aware of this beforehand. If a member of staff asks you to exit the building it is not a drill. Please follow our fire procedure and meet in the garden so everyone can be accounted for.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Wednesday afternoon - Jo Jingles with Laura for Babies and Toddlers

Thursday afternoon - Pop Up Percussion music class with Becca for Babies and Toddlers

Friday mornings - 8by8 football session with Alex for preschool

Monday 7th October - Grandparents stay and play afternoon 3-4pm, Grandparents welcome to join they grandchildren at nursery for a play session and some tea!

Thursday 10th October - Dad's night with Paul, meeting at The Mounting Stone in Bramhall round 8pm

Wednesday 16th October - Parent Workshop  
Understanding children's behaviour with Georgia

Tuesday 29th October - Pre school trip to the Police Museum,  
please ask Terri for details as only half of the class will be  
attending this trip

Thursday 31st October - Halloween activities throughout the  
nursery today, followed by a party style tea!

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