



# Newsletter

## END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our newsletter. At the end of each year we like to share some of the exciting activities we have been doing each month, we hope you like looking back at all the fun we have had together!



**January** - What better way to blow off those Christmas cobwebs, we love a winter walk. The children and staff have had many a visit to Lumb Lane Park over the year, we call it 'the swing park'. The children enjoy challenging themselves by climbing the huge climbing frame and we love the new addition of the basket swing, the babies love this too and will lay back chilling as we swing them back and to. If you're local to this area, we would definitely recommend a visit.

**February** - The children enjoy lots of group activities at nursery, this supports them as they make relationships with others. This particular photo is of our pre school children making a story line, drawing different characters. Once they had finished drawing the children got to walk across the story and remembered the sequence of the story, this is great for memory and imagination!





**March** - We want the children to have the best start in life, and one way we try to achieve this is by encouraging self help skills. Terri has some wonderful idea which she shares with the team. Simple tasks like putting the bread in the toaster and then spreading your own condiments on the toast when it pops back up. This also helps the children learn about how we keep safe with electric equipment. There

will be many more chances for the children to join in with baking and using different kitchen equipment next year.

**April** - This year at Easter, Debi suggested visiting the local church. We made a telephone call to BMC and they were more than happy for us to visit. The toddlers got to have a look all around the church and sit in the pews. Reverend Philip talked to the children about Church and that maybe some of the children had been baptised there.



**May** - The whole nursery enjoyed a visit from some friendly Firemen, they talked about how they help people in the community and how busy each day can be. We learnt how to keep safe with fires and then we even got to see the uniform they wear, Marta was a great model and tried all the clothing on. What was even more exciting was that the children were allowed to have a look at the fire engine and even sit in the seats that the firemen sit in! This was a very exciting afternoon!



**June** - Each year we have some very special animals that come to visit us, we had ZooLab again this year. The children all sit together and listen very carefully to which animal we are going to meet next. Then we can see them, hold them or stroke them or sometimes just look with our eyes. This year we met a rat, a snake called 'beans', a tarantula, a snail to name a few. We have ZooLab visiting us again on 9th June 2020.



**July** - The children do enjoy a baking/ cooking session at nursery. Throughout this year we have made lots AND lots of foods with the children, pancakes, pizza, sandwiches and plenty of cakes! We will continue this into the year of 2020 and we welcome any recipes from our families. Big shout out to our main great baking staff - Charlotte, Julie, Nina, Olivia and of course Sarah Massey!

**August** - We had quite a wet summer this year, but this didn't stop us from visiting the beach! Debi and the team took a walk to Ford's Lane Evangelical Church, they had a big marquee set up with their very own beach, in Bramhall! A few parents also took advantage of the beach in Bramhall and visited with their little ones.





**September** - Roald Dahl day was a big hit this year. A lovely day to share stories and talk about how special story time is. Each room chose a Roald Dahl book and then had lots of activities to link with the story. Pre school, Toddlers and Babies enjoyed a BFG tea party in the garden, look how cool those big ears are on our pre school children, they all thought it was very funny!

**October** - In October some of the pre school children had a very exciting trip to the Police Museum in Manchester. They got the train into Manchester and then the bus back from Manchester. Whilst at the Police museum that got to have a look around, then listen to a story about Goldilocks and the 3 bears whilst sat in one of the prison cells. Goldilocks was in lots of trouble for breaking and entering and eating all the bears porridge, so we all went to see the court room and find out what charges would be made. Goldilocks apologised and said she wouldn't do it again. Her punishment was to clean all the leaves in the woods!



**November** - The wonderful Helen Adkins has been supporting the toddler and pre school children and staff since July this year. Helen is a private speech and language therapist that supports us at nursery with sessions every fortnight (Monday). The children enjoy these sessions and the staff do too! We have learnt so much about communication and languages needs and are even more confident in how we can support the children. Thank you Helen for your support.



**December** - This is a month we all enjoy, its a busy but fun month for all at nursery. Each year we have Christmas dinner day, Christmas party, a pre school trip to the pantomime, Christmas shows in all rooms, Christmas crafts and lots of Christmas singing and dancing! The team work extremely hard over the year and really enjoy the excitement on the build up to Christmas. Thank you to all of our lovely parents for all of the cards, chocolates and gifts, we are forever grateful that you have chosen to be part of our Railway Family.



## Our amazing staff team

Thank you to our OUTSTANDING nursery staff for all of their hard work this year. We have welcomed some new faces this year, Lydia, Marta, Olivia, all started working full time with us in January and have settled into their rooms and taken on the role of key person.

Alessandra and Emily joined our bank staff team this year too. Emily works 2 set days - Monday and Tuesday, then helps out with odd days the rest of the week too. We really value our bank staff team, they help us to cover staff training days and staff holidays.

The year 2020 brings excitement for Niamh Rogers, as we have nominated her for NDNA Practitioner of the Year 2020. Please keep you eyes peeled for an email on how you can support us by voting for Niamh.

We have some very exciting news to share this year, a trio of engagements at The Railway Nursery! Congratulations to Vikki Parr who said yes to her partner Carl in February, they have been busily planning their wedding and



get married on leap year 2020! Congratulations to Sarah Massey, she said yes to her partner Micheal in October and has been looking at venues recently to decide where she would like to get married. Finally a big congratulations to Georgia who said yes to her partner Ben in December, they are planning a summer 2020 wedding! (we don't have a photo of Sarah, I think she is camera shy!)



### Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 1st January - New Years Day, Nursery is closed today

Monday 6th January - Speech and Language support from Helen Adkins

Monday 13th January - Pre school Forest School session, please check your emails to see if your child is attending

Monday 20th January - Speech and Language support from Helen Adkins

Tuesday 21st January - Parents Evening 6:30-8pm

Friday 24th January - Nursery will celebrate Burns Night, come to nursery dressed in blue and white like the Scottish flag and enjoy a Scottish themed menu today

Monday 27th January - Chinese New Year celebrations, the children will enjoy a Chinese themed menu, and are welcomed to come to nursery dressed in red and yellow/stars, like the China flag



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).

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