



# Newsletter

## February 2020

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families - the children were keen to tell us all about it when they returned to nursery after the festive period. The only thing we are missing now is some snow!!

The staff and children have enjoyed various outings in January - please can we remind all parents to bring **waterproof** coats/suits, hats, gloves, scarves and warm socks and wellies to nursery to ensure children stay warm and dry when they are outside. It's so important for the children to have the right clothing to ensure they are able to engage with their learning when they are outdoors.

Can I also remind parents that we have parents evening on Tuesday 25th February from 6.30-8.00pm. You don't need to make an appointment (we know timings can be quite tricky with young children!) but please can we ask that you come without your children as we serve cheese and wine during the evening and also we like to focus on talking to parents in detail about your child's development. Our staff have all been very busy preparing individual reports for each child to share with you on the night, it's a lovely chance to catch up with your child's key worker and discuss how everything is going and also look around their classroom to see the beautiful displays celebrating your child's achievements.



## Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month for February -

We also warmly welcome our newest staff members - Beth Gallagher who will be joining our team as a Relief Nursery Assistant to cover staff training or holidays as required. Beth is currently studying a Foundation Degree and has a keen interest in Art and Design. She is looking forward to lots of arts and crafts activities with the children, exploring different painting and drawing techniques and generally getting messy!

Megan Jones is also joining our team as an experienced Level 3 Nursery Nurse and is returning to work after having a baby. Megan lives in Bramhall and approached the nursery as she is keen to join our team and share her experience and ideas with everybody. Megan will be working on Wednesdays and also cover additional shifts where required. Please do say hello to our newest staff members when you see them and join us in welcoming them to our nursery.

We had some fantastic events this month for parents to get involved with - Parents Evening was a huge success and was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with your child's key worker about how they are getting on at nursery and gain ideas of activities to try at home to help them even further with their development. The cheese and wine was delicious too! The Dads enjoyed their night out with Paul and it was lovely to see some new faces joining them in the Mounting Stone.

We also had a Valentine's Stay and Play Session for those of you who could make it and it was lovely to see lots of you attending and joining in with the themed activities.

We are delighted to announce that we have just achieved our Leading Parent Partnership Award this month which is a huge achievement for the nursery and celebrates our commitment to all of the work we do to ensure we have strong links between home and nursery. The inspector who came was absolutely lovely and has written a glowing 5 page report all about the work that we do with our parents and families. There is a copy of the report in the office for you to read if you would like to. My favourite extract is as follows;

"Parents really like the nursery. They feel that the communication is excellent, they have constant updates and feel very well informed about

nursery activities and their child's progress. They think the staff are very caring and supportive, they value the opportunities their children have to be outside and go on trips and visits in the local community. The Online Learning Journey keeps them informed of their children's activities and development and gives them specific ideas and talking points to use at home. They feel the settling in process works very well and they really appreciate the phone calls from staff to let them know their child has settled. They feel the nursery meets their children's needs and they enjoy getting to know other parents and attending Mums' and Dads' nights and nursery events."

We would like to thank all of the parents who the inspector spoke with on the day and indeed all of you for making strong links between nursery and home to ensure your child makes the most of every opportunity and has lots of fun in the process! We are delighted to achieve this award and our certificate is now proudly displayed in our reception area.

### Babies - News from the baby room

The babies have enjoyed exploring paint using different tools which was so much fun! They got stuck into lots of physical activities to build their core strength during 'Let's Get Physical' day. They had heavy items to move around the room, a slide to climb up and slide down and a basketball to roll across the floor to each other. They have also enjoyed lots of construction activities this month, their favourite being making cars out of boxes. Pancake Day was enjoyed by all and Charlotte did a wonderful job of making delicious dairy-free pancakes for everybody (including staff!) to enjoy.

In March the babies will be getting involved with lots of Mother's Day Crafts and spring activities. So much to look forward to!

Tasha, Lydia and Vikki

### Toddlers - News from the toddler room

Toddlers have really engaged with their book of the month - 'Hippo Has a Hat' and they loved taking a trip to a local charity shop to source some bargains to support their learning. Together they chose a hat, scarf and glove set and a lovely bag to use as part of their dressing up resources. They loved using the mirror in their room to see how they looked in different items of clothing, just like in the story! Thank you to all of the parents who also brought in dressing up items from home to go with this theme this month.

Charlotte treated everyone to her home-made dairy free pancakes on Shrove Tuesday which the toddlers and staff thoroughly enjoyed too! Thank you Charlotte. In March the toddler team have a range of Spring and Easter activities planned and will be looking at how the season changes too (hopefully!!)

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

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

Pre-School have been busy in our local community this month and have enjoyed trips to the Play Centre and Happy Valley, 2 forest school sessions in the woods and several trips out to the village. As part of their understanding of the world around them they have been learning all about plants and loved investigating the Venus Fly Trap plant that Olivia kindly brought in to show them. They have been fascinated with how shoots appear from bulbs they have planted and have done lots of gardening activities including growing cucumbers, daffodils and spring flowers.

In March the children are looking forward to some weekly Sports classes from Sports Superstars where they will be introduced to a different sport each week and take part in warm up exercises and cool down exercises. We will also be continuing with our Forest School sessions and some of the children will be trying out a brand new dance class called 'Tiny Pop' which they are very excited about!

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

Please could we remind you.....

### Calpol

If your child is feeling a little under the weather but is well enough to attend nursery, please let us know when you drop them off and bring any Calpol or Ibuprofen that they may need - we have a form for you to fill in and then we can store their medicine safely in our medicine cupboard and administer it if they need it. If you would like a full copy of our sickness policy which includes Public Health guidelines on reducing the spread of infections, please ask a member of the Management Team.

## 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 bring in wellies or snow boots, waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves and lots of spare clothes to change into if they do get wet. Warm socks are also important in this weather to keep their toes toasty as otherwise wellies can feel cold. We appreciate your support with this.

## Dates for your diary:

4th March - Forest School  
4th March - Sports Superstars session for Pre-School children  
4th March - Jo Jingles session for Babies and Toddlers  
5th March - World Book Day - please feel free to dress up and remember to bring their favourite book in to share!  
9th March - Sports Relief Week - lots of exciting sporting activities planned  
11th March - Sports Superstars session for Pre-School children  
11th March - Jo Jingles session for Babies and Toddlers  
16th March - Forest School  
17th March - St. Patrick's Day - please feel free to dress in GREEN  
18th March - Sports Superstars session for Pre-School children  
18th March - Jo Jingles session for Babies and Toddlers  
20th March - 3pm - 4pm Mother's Day afternoon tea and sewing session for TODDLER Mums and Grandma's  
25th March - Sports Superstars session for Pre-School children  
25th March - Jo Jingles session for Babies and Toddlers

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