



Newsletter

July 2020

Wow! We feel like June has come and gone in the blink of an eye but we have thoroughly enjoyed every moment. We have had a variety of weather and so many amazing activities at nursery. We are also delighted to now be in a position to offer more flexible hours for childcare and are now operating between 8.00am and 5.45pm and the children have been so excited to have breakfast with us again. Thank you for your continued support through all of the changes we have had to implement, it's been a bit of a journey and your feedback as always has been invaluable to making it a success.

We hope that you are all well and it's so good to see life slowly returning back to normal, long may this continue. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or suggestions you may have.

It's a bittersweet time for us as we approach September as we have to say goodbye to so many families who have been with us for the past 4 years as their children take their next step and move onto school. It seems even harder this year for us to say goodbye because we are unable to host our annual Graduation Ceremony which is usually one of our biggest events and so special for everyone with a big party for children, parents and grandparents and a huge bouncy castle! However, the children are all so excited for their next big adventure and we wave them off with such fond memories of special times here at Nursery. We would love for everyone to stay in touch and we are sure we will see you all around the village at some point too. Thank you for being so supportive over the years and pop back and see us at any time!

Ceri



Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month for July - Marta! Marta is simply unstoppable with her creative activities and comments included “I love her activities in the garden, sometimes I struggle with ideas and then I look at Marta to see what she’s doing. The children have lots of fun with her.”

“I’ve seen Marta do some really lovely activities for the children and I think she is great with them and gets a good balance between praise and behaviour management.” Well done Marta, your hard work has been spotted by lots of our lovely staff!

We are also excited to welcome some new staff to our relief staff team. The Railway Nursery have their own bank of staff to call upon to help cover staff holidays, staff training and sometimes, at short notice staff sickness. The relief team support all rooms here at nursery and have built a good relationship with all of the staff. They have worked with the team to get to know the children and the different routines in each room. Please click on the following link to find out more information about our relief staff team <https://www.therailwaynursery.co.uk/our-team/>

Babies - News from the baby room

This month the babies have had such fun in their garden cooling down with water play and the older babies who are due to move into toddlers soon have had visits to the big garden to explore! A firm favourite was the mud kitchen without a doubt.

Whilst the baby team were sad to say goodbye to the older children who have moved up, they have been excited to welcome some new babies into their room and everyone has been settling into their new environment. The babies have loved free painting whilst standing at the table and getting very messy, exploring colours and how to make marks on the paper.

The babies have also been focusing on sharing and using kind hands with their peers with lots of positive reinforcement and turn taking to introduce this concept. They have also been busy with various tea parties and used the dolls as their willing participants.

Tasha, Emily, Mary, Megan and Vikki

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

Toddlers have been practising their fine motor skills and pincer grip by painting using cotton buds and sticks and other similar objects. They have full immersed themselves into their singing and accompanying songs with actions.

Their messy play has included investigating different textures such as gloop and play doh (they all have their own supply of messy play under the current guidelines to prevent the spread of infection) and they have enjoyed various group games which encourage turn taking and sharing in different situations. They have enjoyed playing collaboratively and communicating with each other during their play. The sunny weather has meant lots of water play to help cool everyone down whilst having huge amounts of fun and learning all about pouring and transporting water in different ways.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Our Pre-School children were excited to learn lots about oral health and how to look after their teeth. Terri made some fantastic resources including giant teeth which the children then had to clean and remove any “food” (play dough) from the gaps between the teeth. It was so much fun and they kept returning to this activity throughout the month.

The older children are very excited about starting school in September and have been all sorts of fun activities to encourage letter formation and letter blending. They have loved taking part in various science experiments including making a volcano in the garden which was fascinating for them.

In August they are moving onto new topics including Space and the solar system and diversity and learning about different cultures from all around the globe.

Terri, Marta, Olivia, Julie and Georgia.

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.

We are continuing our flexible drop off and pick up times and are open from 8.00am to 5.45pm and breakfast is back on the menu! The children have loved joining us for breakfast which is a big social occasion for them and involve lots of interaction between the staff and children at the table. It's great to be back!

The Railway Nursery Team