



Newsletter

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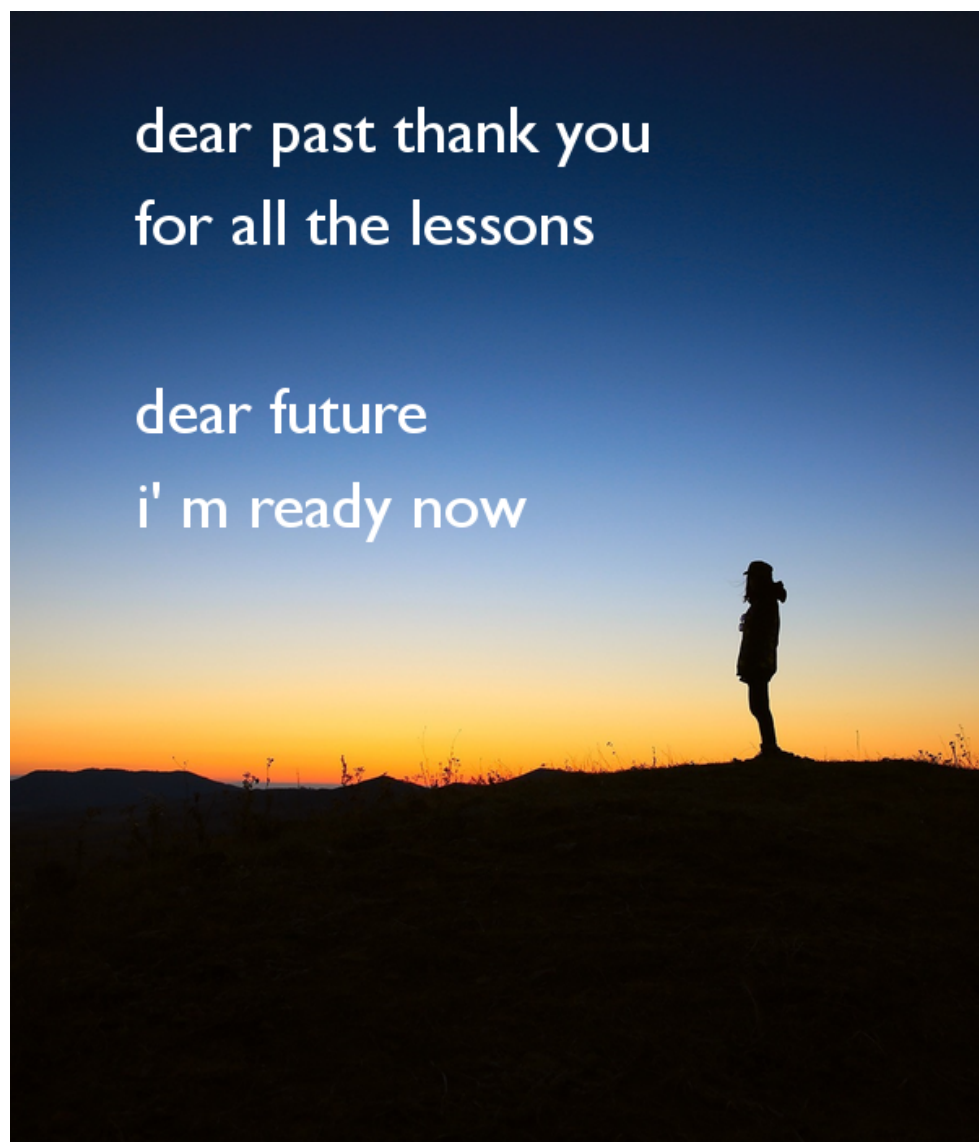
We are absolutely delighted to welcome families back into nursery this month and we have all been absolutely overwhelmed with how supportive parents and carers have been whilst we have navigated our way through all of the challenges that we have faced. Our staff team have once again shown us how resilient, adaptable and professional they are all and I could not be more proud of them. I also want to extend my personal thanks to Vikki for being simply incredible in every way and just always being there for us with her calming reassurance and innovative ideas throughout the lockdown period and our re-opening preparations. I couldn't ask for more in a Manager and Paul and I are truly grateful for her expertise and commitment to The Railway Nursery.

Through facing unprecedented challenges as individuals, families and businesses I feel that we can all learn from our experiences over the past few weeks and appreciate things which we may have taken for granted previously.

Your children have been the most resilient characters throughout all of this and the way they have all settled back into our new routines with such energy and enthusiasm has ensured that our staff and families are able to return to their new normal with a positive outlook for the future. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can change anything or help you further as your feedback is essential for our success. We are so excited to be back and very grateful to you all for supporting us.

Long may the sun shine this summer!

Ceri.





Our team

Congratulations to our staff members of the month for June - Terri and Vikki who are our very well deserved joint winners, as voted by the staff team.

Votes for Terri included “Terri has impressed me because she works on her own and does a fantastic job! Great activities and always on time with schedules.”

Vikki’s votes included “For keeping in touch with staff and parents in a range of different ways throughout lockdown. We wouldn’t be where we are without such a fantastic Manager leading the team through such tricky times.”

I am delighted that they have been recognised for their efforts and they will receive their certificate and treats this week!

We are delighted to announce that just before lockdown we achieved our Leading Parent Partnership Award 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 helping us to make 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.

I also received my Forest School Leader Level 3 certificate in the post during Lockdown which means that I am now officially qualified as a Forest School Leader - this was a mammoth task and I am incredibly proud to have achieved this. I'm looking forward to recommencing our Forest School sessions again in the coming months when we receive further guidance from our Local Authority regarding trips outside of nursery.

Babies - News from the baby room

This month the babies have all settled back into nursery life very well. They have got used to the new routine and we have missed them all! We have taken part in lots of painting activities, letting the children choose what they want to explore with. They have used a variety of tools and showed off their physical skills when using a paint brush. Babies have also spent lots of time in their sensory garden. The doors are open all day and they can choose if they want to play indoors or outdoors and there is always a staff member in each area to support them.

They are particularly enjoyed water play and have showed good control using the small jugs and spades, emptying and filling containers and pouring out the water again. Some of our older babies have come back with great confidence showing us how good they are at climbing the steps on the slide, well done!

Following the children's interests we have been focusing on the book 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and they have loved using pictures from the book which we have printed out so that they can stick them to the radiator and pull them off again using velcro. Next month we are looking forward to welcoming new friends into our baby room. it's good to have our babies back!

Tasha, Lydia and Megan

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

Toddlers have been busy showing off their new skills that they have acquired over lockdown - chatting away and showing off their improved fine

and gross motor skills in different ways. All their biking, scootering and walking over lockdown has helped them to develop these skills. They have been talking about their families and what they have been up to over the past few weeks and they have also been discussing germs and how important it is to wash our hands.

We have been focusing on developing the children's sharing and turn-taking skills now they are back at nursery and we have done this by playing games and completing activities where resources need to be shared. The toddlers have launched straight into a variety of summer artwork projects and have been proudly pointing out their masterpieces which are displayed in the room.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Our Pre-School children suddenly all seem so grown up and independent, especially now they all walk into nursery carrying their own bags and lots of them have successfully cracked potty training during lockdown! They have all been incredibly excited to talk to their peers and their key workers about all of the different activities they have enjoyed at home over the past few weeks.

We have been working on our teamwork skills (encouraging them to communicate with each other whilst working towards a common goal) and also their independence which has really flourished since we last saw them all!

We have also enjoyed our "Let's Get Physical" activities and we have discussed the importance of staying active with PE sessions from Joe Wicks and yoga workouts etc. The children have loved sensory play using foam, bubbles, water, ice and gloop. Body painting was also a big hit as I'm sure you can imagine! The children have also enjoyed 'loose parts play' which was an initiative which we began focussing on just before lockdown, letting children explore open-ended resources and use their imaginations to stimulate their creativity. Their favourite items are currently collections of corks, pebbles and cogs.

The children have enjoyed exploring science activities and loved our volcano experiment in the garden and also Marta showed off her balloon modelling skills this month which both the children and staff were fascinated by!

Next month we are going to focus on our wellbeing and also our oral health for our new topic “Let’s Talk Teeth.”

Terri, Marta, Olivia, Julie, Emily 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.

The Railway Nursery Team