



Newsletter

November 2020

We hope everyone is well and in good spirits despite the difficulties we have all faced during our second national lockdown. We are pleased to report that we have all been continuing life at nursery with our usual amount of fun, laughter and adventure during the past month and our staff have been wrapping everybody up in warm clothing to enjoy our outdoor play time each day.

Thank you to all of our families for your support and donations during Children In Need Week, the children loved this theme and participated in many different activities across the nursery. We were also extremely grateful for everyone's support for Prematurity Awareness day which was celebrated throughout the nursery to help raise awareness and raise money for a fanatic local charity very close to our hearts. Our rooms were filled with pink and purple all day!

We have also received confirmation from Stockport council that schools will be closing earlier than expected for the Christmas holidays and completing 2 days of home learning before the start of the Christmas holidays. Nurseries are **not** included in this planned closure so we will be operating as normal during the festive period and only closing for the Bank Holidays as follows:

Monday December 21st to Wednesday December 23rd: Open 8.00am - 5.45pm

Thursday December 24th: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Christmas Eve)

Friday December 25th: Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Monday December 28th: Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday December 29th: Wednesday 30th: Open 8.00am - 5.45pm

Thursday December 31st: 8.00am - 4.00pm (New Year's Eve)

Friday 1st January: Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Monday 4th January onwards: Normal operating hours 8.00am - 5.45pm

We are currently arranging our staffing for Christmas week and due to the earlier school closures this has been more complicated than usual so we are unfortunately unable to accommodate any requests for children to swap sessions during this period. Much as we like to accommodate our families' requests where possible, this year we find ourselves in a very different situation so we are grateful for your understanding with this. We continue to follow all of our stringent risk assessments for Covid-19 to keep everybody as safe as possible to be in a position to enjoy some down time with their families over Christmas.

Christmas preparations have started at nursery and our team of Elves have already been very busy preparing the nursery for December! You will have seen decorations starting to pop up on our photographs on Facebook and we have painted the whole interior of the building which has given everywhere a lovely fresh environment to begin our festive decorating. Christmas is such a magical time for children and one of our absolute favourite times of year. Rest assured we will all be full of festive cheer, excitement and magic and although things may be a little different this year we are working very hard behind the scenes to ensure your child enjoys this special time.

Our Pre-School team are disappointed that we can't go on our annual Pantomime trip this year to Stockport Plaza so instead they have written their own pantomime and are currently rehearsing this so that it will be ready to perform for the children on Wednesday 16th December. All of the staff have started to sing Christmas songs with the children across all of the rooms and we have our Christmas jumper day planned for 11th December, Christmas dinner day for 18th December and Christmas party day on 21st December. Children are encouraged to come to nursery dressed in Christmassy clothes for these special days if they would like to and there will be lots of activities going on throughout the day.

Please continue to be vigilant with ensuring your child is fit and well before bringing them in to nursery and seeking medical advice if you are unsure. The NHS guidelines can all be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

We are available on the phone and by e-mail from 7.45am each morning if you need to speak to a member of our team and we are always happy to help.

Ceri



Our Team

This month we have welcomed our lovely new manager Rebecca to the team and she has proved extremely popular already by winning our staff member of the month for November! Comments from the staff included; “Rebecca is a fantastic new addition to the Railway family bringing fun, laughter, support and guidance to us all. Rebecca has made some great relationships with staff, parents and most importantly to the children, it’s great to see Rebecca so active in all of the rooms, supporting staff and role modelling her outstanding practice. Rebecca very much deserves to be the staff member of the month.”

Well done Rebecca and welcome to the team.

Babies - News from the baby room

Team babies have been very busy this month! They have enjoyed celebrating Bonfire night with lots of different craft activities - one of their favourite (and most effective techniques) was painting using forks and other tools to make marks on the paper. They made delicious ‘sparklers’ using chopped pear pieces and dipping them in chocolate then adding sprinkles.

Next they had Children In Need Week and they looked very cosy when they all came to nursery dressed in their pyjamas! They also enjoyed craft day, baking day, treasure hunt day and Sports Day! There were lots of splashes of red all over the room for Remembrance day and they explored a vibrant sensory tray which also went down well. Diwali involved lots of colourful activities using paint and glitter which was so much fun.

Christmas activities are now very much in progress and we often feel like we have walked into a scene from Elf as we walk through the baby room which goes to show how colourful and festive their environment is!

Tasha, Emily and Natalie

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

This month the toddlers have been very busy with their topic of The Hungry Caterpillar. Highlights included fruit tasting, counting and sorting, painting the fruits from the book and fruit matching games. They also enjoyed lots of learning opportunities using the colours and numbers in the book.

For Bonfire night the toddlers got creative with their artwork and they had lots of conversations during group time and mealtimes about fireworks and what they could see, hear and smell.

Since we have been staying at nursery and not going out on trips due to the lockdown situation the toddlers have been busy with various baking activities, which have included delicious shortbread biscuits, Rice Krispie cakes and sculpting salt dough. As we enter December the theme of the month will most definitely be Christmas which is all very exciting!

Debi, Niamh, Matty and Leila

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Our Pre-School children have been very busy with various themes this month and were very engaged with 'Building Week' which involved lots of different construction based learning and the children loved identifying famous landmarks with Terri! They also enjoyed Children In Need week and fully immersed themselves in a Dance-a-Thon, Baking Day and a Sports Day.

There were lots of Bonfire themed activities including creating a role play fire and extinguishing it. Ceri arranged an on-site Forest School session with the older Pre-School children where they lit a real fire and then made fresh popcorn on the fire for the first time using a special pan! The children were fascinated with the popping corn and then as we ate it we listened to a story around the fire and sang some campfire songs with the guitar.

Pre-School observed a one minute silence for Remembrance Day and we were really proud that the children were able to talk about this together to help them understand the significance of this event. They decorated their room and the porch with lots of different representations of poppies. Their new theme as we enter December is 'winter' which gives us lots of opportunities to explore and understand the world around us.

Terri, Marta, Olivia, Julie, Nina 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 continue to be open from 8.00am to 5.45pm (Christmas opening times above) and ask parents to drop off and collect from the front door to limit the people coming into the building. Please remember that there is always hand sanitiser at your disposal in the porch area.

The Railway Nursery Team.