



Newsletter

October 2020

We want to extend our thanks to all of our families for your continued support with all of the new measures introduced by the Government to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in our community and please rest assured that we are following all of the guidance relating to the Early Years sector throughout this time.

We have enjoyed various trips out of nursery this past month but for the next 4 weeks we will be staying at nursery and using our outdoor areas here to get fresh air and explore nature from the safety of our gardens. We will review this when the Government reviews the situation after the 4 week lockdown which is due to end on 2nd December. Our staff are all working hard to provide a broad range of stimulating activities for the children for them to enjoy at nursery and October has been a particularly exciting month for them as they have been competing various Autumn activities and Halloween themed activities too.

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 said an emotional farewell to the one and only Vikki Parr who has hung up her Manager's hat to begin her next adventure with her husband Carl. Everyone enjoyed celebrating all of Vikki's achievements on her last day and I don't think there was a dry eye to be seen when we proudly played her photo story to relive our fondest memories of the past 5 years with Vikki.

Vikki was also voted as our Staff Member of the Month for October and the comments from staff included;

"For being the most amazing manager, always going the extra mile and keeping everyone happy at the same time."

"The most genuine, amazing, kind, caring, knowledgeable manager I have ever worked under."

"Vikki has always shared her knowledge and experience with everyone, the children adore you and you will be greatly missed."

Well done Vikki, these comments say it all!

We have welcomed our new manager Rebecca into nursery and Rebecca has enjoyed meeting lots of our lovely families already. She has been very busy getting to know everyone and has had a fantastic start to her new job here which is testimony to our passionate, friendly and professional team.

Rebecca has over 12 years experience in Early Years and over 6 years as a Manager within an Early Years setting. Rebecca is also qualified to Level 6 as she has gained her Early Years Professional Qualification. I am sure you will join me in wishing Rebecca a very warm welcome - we are all very excited to have her here to lead our team and she is keen to hit the ground running in her new role.

Ceri

Babies - News from the baby room

The baby room has been a hive of activity this month with all sorts of sensory activities to explore in the sensory trays. They have been out on some lovely walks and collected leaves of all shapes and sizes to explore when they got back.

Emily has been serenading the babies and staff with her lovely voice and guitar skills, which they love and they are beginning to join in with some actions and words to the more familiar songs.

The babies have also completed lots of activities in their sensory garden, exploring the area all wrapped up in their warm clothing.

Tasha, Emily and Natalie

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

Toddlers have also been busy with an array of sensory activities all around the theme of Autumn. They collected conkers, acorns on leaves on their Autumnal walk and then explored these in sensory trays and then used them in craft activities.

They got messy during their pumpkin carving and also explored orange play doh and jelly around our Halloween theme. They listened to Halloween stories and this all built up to the grand finale of a Halloween tea party on the last day of the month.

Sue has introduced the team to a new welcome song on the flute which has a train theme and has gone down really well during group time.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Matty

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Our Pre-School children have enjoyed a fantastic Autumnal theme of hedgehogs this month and this has involved a focus on loose parts play for the children.

They have learnt all sorts of interesting facts about hedgehogs and been introduced to new vocabulary (eg nocturnal) and this has also tied in well with our Forest School sessions where we often play a group game called

'Hide the Hedgehog' which helps them to develop their observational and problem solving skills.

There have been various hedgehog creations during this month using different malleable materials and the children have been very proud of their finished articles.

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 we are still asking parents to drop off and collect from the front door to avoid unnecessary foot flow into the building. We have hand sanitiser available in the porch at all times.

The Railway Nursery Team