



Newsletter

March 2021

Welcome to Spring! We are all incredibly excited to have a little more freedom as we move into April and the staff and children have been enjoying going out to explore our local footpaths once again. We are also starting our Forest School sessions again for our older Pre-school children (they are allowed to do this the term after they turn 3) and the timetables for this term have been sent out to those parents.

We are currently planning a mini-makeover in our garden which will involve getting our artificial grass and soft play surface professionally cleaned and then sectioning off our muddy area with a picket fence to keep the muddy area contained as much as possible and adding some new additions to our music wall, water wall and bug hotel, all of which the children love.

We will be in touch with any further changes to our current Covid procedures in due course but please rest assured that all of our Covid policies are still diligently followed to ensure our safety is not compromised. The most important thing is to ensure that you seek immediate medical advice if your child is at all unwell with Covid-19 symptoms and do not come to nursery. Thank you all to parents for wearing masks when you drop off and collect your children, it really is appreciated. We are still waiting for further news on welcoming parents back into the building for drop off and collection and when we are able to re-introduce this safely we will be able to extend our opening hours to 6.00pm. Watch this space as we are hoping this news will be coming in the next few weeks.



Our Team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month this month - Sue! Sue works tirelessly in our Pre-School room and is always full of energy and enthusiasm. Some of the votes included 'Sue always comes up with amazing activities that are not only fun but follow on from the children's interests or topics within the room. On our internal inspection day Sue shone and stood out massively because of her interactions and activities with the children. Sue never stops and is always busy with the best interests of the children at heart.' Congratulations Sue, a thoroughly well deserved award.

Our team have been very busy with a mini (mock) Ofsted inspection led by Rebecca. They were observed throughout the day and assessed against the Ofsted inspection framework and thoroughly put through their paces. Everyone was nervous but the staff were absolutely fantastic and then Rebecca spent time with each individual staff member giving detailed feedback to each practitioner about their strengths and how they could improve even further on their practice. As a staff team we are constantly striving to be delivering outstanding care at all times and enriching the children's lives with a creative curriculum to stimulate their learning and allow them to reach their full potential. We have regular staff meetings to share best practice and discuss improvements and devise action plans to ensure we are fulfilling our role as outstanding practitioners.

Babies - News from the baby room

The babies were very busy with lots of rainbow themed activities for our Rainbow day this month and explored bright colours which was very stimulating for their senses.

They had a wonderful theme of The Hungry Caterpillar for World Book Day and the babies loved all for the activities associated with this including messy play, crafts and of course listening to the story and joining in with actions!

They are very excited to be able to take the babies out on local walks in April and have given the pushchairs a thorough spring clean in readiness for this.

Tasha, Natalie and Megan.

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddlers have been busy with lots of St. Patrick's Day activities and Springtime crafts. They loved their Easter Egg hunt in the garden and they ate their Easter eggs at tea time which was such a treat! They had lots of stories both in the garden and in their room on World Book Day and the children enjoyed talking about their favourite stories with their friends. The toddler children loved our themed 'Rainbow Day' and Debi made rainbow rice which they enjoyed exploring in different ways, pouring and scooping it into different sized containers.

They have also been getting messy with foam and paint both inside and outside and they are enjoying role play with a new tea set which has been a firm favourite. This month they have various walks planned in the local area, including the Forest School site and they are hoping to start spotting the blossom on the trees which is always so incredibly beautiful.

Niamh, Debi and Matty.

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have been busy with their new topic of growth. They have been learning about how plants grow and doing lots of planting with Marta, who is our green-fingered expert here! They have also been talking about how we grow and how to measure our height and even talking about units of measurement.

They are all very excited to be going on local walks again and even more excited about Forest School sessions which will be starting again in April.

Their new topic is going to be mini beasts and they are currently fascinated with the butterflies that are growing and the different stages of metamorphosis which they are observing inside their habitat in the Pre-School room.

Their daily yoga sessions have been a real hit and are a lovely way for them to relax and stretch out their muscles, refocusing and regrouping them ready for their afternoon of learning through play. We encourage parents to ask your child to demonstrate some of the yoga positions that Marta has been teaching as they are getting pretty good at remembering the different poses now!

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

Please could we remind you.....

Allergies

Just a reminder to all families to please not bring any food or drinks into the nursery when you drop your child off. This is in line with our risk assessments for children with allergies. We have children at nursery with severe allergies so all of our food and drink preparation has to be completed inside our own kitchen to prevent accidental cross contamination. Thank you for your understanding.

Face Coverings

We would like to thank you for your continued support at drop off and collection times with wearing face masks to help protect our team and other families.

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. Hopefully we will need to crack open the suncream soon too!

Dates for your diary:

16th April - Pre-School Science and Maths morning with Paul.

20th April - Alice in Wonderland Day - staff will be dressing up and children will be enjoying a Mad Hatter's Tea Party at nursery and exploring the world of Disney throughout the day.

22nd April - Preschool Funfair Day - children are invited to come in dressed in 'festival' clothes - wellies/shorts/flowers in their hair etc and they will be experiencing a themed 'Funfair' day at nursery.

23rd April - St. George's Day - themed menu today

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