



Newsletter

November 2021

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter.

Parent Partnerships

We are extremely proud of the strong relationships we have with all of our families and we are keen to ask for your help to enrich the children's learning. Children thrive on new experiences and the revised curriculum details the importance of enhancing children's learning opportunities through a wide range of activities and stimuli. We would like to invite you to share your knowledge with our children (and staff) and would be delighted if you could spare a little of your time to come in and offer a new experience to our children that you feel would benefit them. It could be a skill such as playing an instrument, art, sport, science, gardening etc or you could come and talk to them about your job or your culture or anything at all that you feel you could offer. Children are curious and fascinated by simple things, so please do let us know if you are able to spare just an hour of your time to come and share something with us, we would really appreciate it after a year of not being able to offer such opportunities. Inviting others in to share their experiences and skills touches on the Reggio Emilia approach to learning which is based on the principles of respect, responsibility and community through exploration, discovery and play. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered their time to come in, we look forward to hearing from more of you hopefully too!



Our Team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month in October - Sharon! Comments from the team members included “Because she is a ray of sunshine and amazing at her job!” and “She’s made such an effort to get to know all the staff and children since starting. She always has a bubbly spirit and so much energy!” Well done Sharon.

Our staff member of the month for November has been awarded to Alice, congratulations Alice! Some comments include ‘She’s such a happy person and when I see her with the children she’s always been amazing’ and ‘For being so lovely with the children’ and ‘For always having a positive attitude’

We have recently welcomed Chloe as our Room Leader in our downstairs room, alongside Allie and Sharon. As you are all probably aware, we have a robust recruitment procedure for taking on new staff as we have such high standards to maintain and we have literally been interviewing potential candidates since before the summer. Please head to our website to learn more about the staff team and get an overview of each practitioner www.therailwaynursery.co.uk

Our team are all dedicated to improving their knowledge and have been very busy with various training modules recently including Safeguarding, Food Hygiene and CALFB (Child Abuse Linked to Faith and Belief). We also hold regular staff meetings and team meetings to ensure our knowledge is up to date and to discuss policies and procedures at nursery and how to ensure the highest quality of teaching and learning.

News from our Baby and Toddler Room

I’m sure you have spotted the lovely themed artwork which our Baby and Toddler team like to display on their door including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Children in Need and now Christmas!

The children have been excited to start getting into the festive spirit and have already made a start on making their very own Christmas decorations which I’m sure you’ve spotted in their room. They have enjoyed lots of messy play activities where their key person has followed their interest and

we have also had so many beautiful singing sessions in there to familiarise them with our Christmas songs in time for our upcoming Festive Sing-Along.

They have been developing their physical skills both indoors and outdoors and have a fantastic indoor climbing frame which is in our sensory room, alongside a wooden slide which they are very fond of. The new waterfall outside has been a huge hit in the large garden which allows them to transport water across different levels using a range of scoops and bottles. They learn so many different skills through simple activities like these and Paul made the wall himself so it's fantastic to see it being enjoyed so much.

The Toddlers also enjoyed their very own mini Forest School session in the front garden where we found various mini beasts who were hiding underneath the plant pots and logs and then the children examined them using our special magnifier box.

They thoroughly enjoyed an ice painting activity inside for Bonfire Night and then a week later they explored real ice which arrived with the colder weather and they were delighted to find their water tray completely frozen which then led to a whole morning of fun.

Chloe, Tasha, Natalie, Allie and Sharon.

Pre-School - News from the Pre-School Room

Our Pre-School children have enjoyed celebrating Halloween and Bonfire night - they used hammers to crush chalk, learnt all about Diwali and made their own lanterns to take home. They also created their own dressing up outfits using different pieces of material and this was a fantastic way of allowing them to use their imagination to create their very own piece of fashion.

They have all taken part in various activities about oral health and now have their very own toothbrushes at nursery which they found very exciting. We have various resources to demonstrate how to brush your teeth effectively and the children now know lots about the importance of good oral hygiene.

They have explored various exploration trays linked to the theme of winter and Terri got very involved with a Road Safety topic which involved dressing up and demonstrations of how to cross roads safely. They then represented this in using 'small world' items to model how to stay safe when crossing the road.

Pre-School have been very busy practising their Festive Songs which they will be performing to the residents at a local Care Home and also to the parents at our Christmas show.

A big thank you to all parents for ensuring children have what they need to be comfortable at their Forest School sessions, particularly in the colder weather - we have had so much fun in the woods, spending time in nature and appreciating the beauty of the natural world.

Terri, Niamh, Sue, Alice, Katie and Ceri.

Please could we remind you about.....

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.

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