Newsletter

January 2023

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It's been chilly but largely dry with some beautiful sunny, frosty days, enabling the children to explore frost and even ice in the garden. We have been busy with lots of extra curricular activities including Jo Jingles, French, Forest School and Rugby Tots. We have also enjoyed trips out of nursery to explore the local community.

Our Team

Our Management Team recently attended Safeguarding conference which had a big focus on safer sleep. We have strict Safe Sleep policies at nursery to ensure we follow the most up to date recommendations, please do ask any member of the team if you would like more information on our sleep procedures at nursery. Stockport Safeguarding team strongly recommend using the Lullaby Trust website to find out further information about recommended routines for sleeping, please follow this link to find out more. https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/

The conference also focussed on online safety for young children. There has been a massive shift in what children are now viewing online in recent years and it's important for everyone to understand how to ensure children are kept safe when online. This needs to begin at an early age because recent studies have shown that children are sometimes accessing inappropriate content on devices accidentally, for example if they are given a phone in the car when they are in the back and then accidentally click on pop ups that come up as they are watching something. Please share the importance of this with anyone else who looks after your children, including other

family members eg Grandparents to ensure that children are safe when accessing online content. There are 2 websites which are recommended by our Early Years team, the second one has some cartoons that are suitable for you to watch with your children when you feel they are at an appropriate age.

https://www.internetmatters.org
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Staff Member of the Month

We have counted all of the votes and read all of the positive comments and the joint winners for staff member of the month are Chloe and Allie! The comments were all so lovely, including, “Chloe keeps the baby room running smoothly and although it’s been really busy with settles, nothing has been too much trouble. Chloe has also formed very strong relationships with her key children and parents.”

“My vote is for Allie for doing great activities with the children, you can tell she loves being outdoors and really engages and interacts with the children, especially in the mud kitchen! Allie also does a good job of keeping the room running on a Friday in Chloe’s absence!”
Congratulations to Allie and Chloe for this well deserved award, we are lucky to have such fantastic practitioners in our team!

Ceri and Rebecca have just started studying for a National Professional Qualification in Early Years and have 18 months of studying ahead to achieve this, which they are excited (not to mention a little bit daunted) about. We are always striving to ensure we are providing the best opportunities for the children in our care and our commitment to Professional Development reflects this.

Our team have also been completing various training courses using our online system called Noodle Now to ensure their knowledge is up to date and our practice is consistent.

Kirsty, Megan, Tanaya, Hannah, Annabel and Katelyn are all currently completing Level 2 or Level 3 training in Childcare and Chloe and Racheal are studying for their degree, so we are all very busy behind the scenes with developing our knowledge and skills.

Exciting News

We are looking forward to celebrating our EIGHTH Birthday on 9th February! We all love a party atmosphere and have lots of fun activities planned, look out for the balloons!

We are in the process of being assessed by an inspector to renew our Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) which will be taking place over the next few weeks. This is an award which we are very proud to have achieved twice since its introduction and demonstrates our excellent partnerships with parents. If you would like to learn more about this award, please visit https://www.awardplace.co.uk/award/lppa

Please could we remind you about…..

Clothing

Please can you ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing every day as we take the children into the garden whatever the weather. Please bring in coats/waterproof suits and wellies for children and hats, scarves and gloves now that temperatures are low.

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.

Upcoming Events

Please check the calendar of events displayed in each room for events that are planned over the coming weeks. If you have any questions please ask a member of the team.

The Railway Nursery Team