Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022

Welcome to our end of year newsletter! At the end of each year we like to share some of the exciting activities we have been doing each month so we can look back and enjoy the special memories we have been making at nursery.

January - The year started off with lots of time in the woods which was much appreciated by all because the previous January was still full of Covid restrictions and we were unable to go on Forest School sessions. It is such a lovely time of year with crisp weather and lots of mud and frost to explore. It was also nice to be out in the fresh air developing our physical skills by climbing trees, scrambling up and down the bank of the stream and running around in the space. It is quite honestly my favourite place to be and to have the privilege of sharing this passion with the children is amazing.

February - We are always looking for opportunities to broaden children's experiences beyond the classroom and we like to immerse children in real life situations. These photos shows a group of Pre-School children on a trip to the village where they visited various shops to buy things from their list. They bought some nail brushes and then used them to get their nails really clean after playing in the mud kitchen. All of the children visit the village to experience the sights and sounds of the greengrocers, library and the park and it's so handy to be located just a short walk away so we can pop out and explore.

We also celebrated our 7th Birthday with a party and lots of party games!

March - this is one of our favourite months in nursery because it's all about one of our favourite things - BOOKS! The children and staff throughly immerse themselves in stories and characters and books and we enjoy reading and telling stories in different ways to celebrate the pleasure books can bring. Our lending library is always open and the children really enjoy borrowing books and returning them to get their next one.

April - we enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Birthday and made Birthday cards which we then posted to the Queen.

Throughout the year our team are continually completing training courses to ensure that we are delivering the very best standards of care and education. In April Ceri competed her Outdoor First Aid Course which enables us to continue to deliver Forest School sessions. It's an intense 16 hour course of theory and practical assessment, ensuring that we are fully prepared for our Forest School sessions in the woods.

May - we always have some very exciting visitors in May as we begin our 'Living Eggs' project. We have eggs delivered to nursery in an incubator and then watch them carefully as over the next few days they begin to start hatching into chicks. The children help to care for the chicks and we see them grow and turn from fluffy small chicks to bigger chicks with adult feathers before giving them back to the farm to grow even more!
We also saw Paul float down the river in Bramhall Park very casually finishing in last place in the annual Bramhall Duck Race!

June - an exciting month with lots of Jubilee themed activities and celebrations of our longest reigning Monarch.

We also enjoyed erecting shelters in the woods to keep us cool when it was hot and we explored lots of different sensory activities in our garden and had fun with water activities to keep everybody cool.

July - a gorgeous month of sunshine and smiles and so many adventures. We went on lots of trips, forest school sessions, library visits and played in the local parks. The children also immersed themselves in extra curricular activities including French, Jo Jingles and Rugby tots. We are lucky to have a large garden and our friends at Bramhall in Bloom helped the children to plant new bulbs and grow some vegetables in our front garden this year.

August - a month of huge celebrations as our oldest Pre-School children graduated from nursery and had a big party in the village hall. We were delighted to be graded OUTSTANDING in all areas in our Ofsted inspection, a true reflection of the fantastic team we are lucky to have. Paul and I are so thankful for everyone's support to achieve this and we incredibly proud of our team who are dedicated to ensuring their knowledge and understanding of child development is excellent so that children thrive at our nursery and feel safe and happy.

September - the building work in our new building continued to make excellent progress and the babies enjoyed watching the diggers from their garden! We were busy inside the nursery and we revamped our sensory room which was a huge hit with our younger children. We use this as a calm space for our babies to explore and stimulate their senses with lights, sounds, mirrors and tactile items to entice the children's curiosity.

October - this always feels like a calm month before the Christmas festivities begin and we spent lots of time outside, wrapping up in more layers as the temperature dropped. We recruited some fabulous new members of staff, building a bigger team to ensure everyone had time to settle in before opening the Pre-School building next door.

November - everyone was so excited that the building project was finally complete and the older children became our 'building inspectors', checking everything was in order ready to move in!

December - our favourite month! Full of Christmas cheer, pantomimes, crafts, singing, parties and mince pie making! It was lovely for the parents to come in and see their children singing our Christmas songs with Ceri on the guitar and Sue on the flute. We are very lucky to have musicians in our team.

The younger children made some mince pies for the parents to taste at their Christmas stay and play session and these went down a treat. We recruited a new chef, Chris, who will be working with chef Gary from January in the new building and they both cooked a delicious Christmas dinner which went down a treat!

We hope that you all have a well deserved break over the Festive Period to recharge your batteries and get ready for a brand new year to begin. Paul and I are always so grateful for your continued support with everything that we do and really value the positive relationships with have with the families of the children in our care. We stop at nothing to ensure that we are doing all that we can to give the children the very best start with their education and always value your feedback. We are so incredibly proud of everything we have achieved this year and look forward to new challenges in 2023, excited about the adventures and opportunities a new year can bring. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year with your families.

Ceri and Paul.