Newsletter

February/March 2022

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. It's lovely to have lighter mornings and evenings and we are starting to see the blossom on the trees in our neighbourhood too. We have enjoyed some fantastic events at nursery this month, including our Dad's night out and Mother's Day Breakfast and we have a Mum's night out coming up on Thursday 28th April, pop the date in your diaries! April is a particularly exciting time at nursery as we have our 'Living Eggs' arriving on 19th, Rebecca our nursery Manager introduced this last year and was a great learning opportunity for the children.

The children will get to watch the eggs hatch into chicks and then help to look after them until they are a few weeks old. It is such a fantastic learning experience for the children as they will be allowed to handle the chicks and witness how they grow so quickly once they have hatched.

Our Team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month in February - Kirsty! Kirsty has recently joined our team in the Pre-School room and has settled in so well, gaining the majority of votes from the staff, with comments including "All of the children love Kirsty and she shares some lovely interactions with the children." And "Kirsty gets down to the children's level and really engages them with games and conversation." Well done Kirsty!

Our staff member of the month for March is … Sue

“Sue is always pleasant and positive to work with. Sue has amazing ideas and is all about the children”.
Sue recently delivered a vision board session which focused on supporting staff wellbeing. This session was enjoyed by all and the staff who attended found this to be beneficial.

Sue is a credit to the nursery and the pre school team. Thank you for all you do :)

Our team have been busy with various training courses this month - Ceri has been busy updating her First Aid skills and has completed a 24 hour course covering Paediatric First Aid (Level 3) and Outdoor First Aid (Level 3). This is fully assessed with a written exam and a practical test at the end of the course. The course covers an extensive range of scenarios and provides in-depth knowledge of how to manage First Aid situations when assistance is up to 2 hours away. Furthermore on the 9th April the rest of our team are updating their level 3 paediatric first aid.

Natalie and Terri have just signed up to begin studying for their Level 5 qualification as Early Years Practitioners and Kirsty is about to commence her Level 3 Childcare qualification.

Terri has been busy training to be a Fire Marshall for our building and was very proud to get her Fire Marshall badge and certificate.

Here at the Railway Nursery we take staff well-being seriously and are always striving to ensure that all members of our team feel appreciated and content. We do this by doing things such as staff recognition awards, staff member of the month voting, treats in the staff room, dress down days, finishing early where possible and much more. This month we held our first vision board meeting. This focussed on what each staff member wants out of life and what is important to each individual. The meeting was led by Sue who is an experienced life coach and personal development expert. We are very lucky to have Sue on our team! The staff team really enjoyed and benefitted from this sessions, proudly taking away their vision boards home at the end of the evening.

News from our Baby and Toddler Room

Our babies and toddlers have enjoyed lots of outdoor play, utilising both of their gardens to explore the outdoor environment. The staff followed their interest in pirates and they completed various activities stemming from this including searching for treasure (golden coins) in the big garden and dressing up! They also went to the village shops and went to Unwins to look

at all the different fruits and vegetables. Back at nursery they completed food tasting and made smoothies which were a delicious, healthy treat!

The children had lots of fun on World Book Day, reading lots of stories and talking about the different characters that staff and children had dressed up as. We are very lucky as we have so many books here - remember to help yourselves to the books in our lending library to read at home with your child, you will find a basket on the stairs which is regularly updated with new titles for you to enjoy.

Chloe, Natalie, Allie, Vikki and Tanzeela.

Pre-School - News from the Pre-School Room

Our Pre-School children have been busy with so many different activities to focus on their physical development, building their core muscles, developing their confidence and teamwork skill. They have also enjoyed trips to the village and their Forest School sessions with Ceri.

The staff have created lots of different opportunities for the children to work on their maths skills and they have been buy with rulers and tape measures, measuring the slide in the big garden (again using teamwork as this involves a minimum of 2 children) and finding different sizes of sticks that can be measured.

Alice has been on her travels to Italy and sent updates of her whereabouts with photos and the children enjoyed following her adventure with interest, learning about different landmarks and culture through these updates from Alice.

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

Please could we remind you about…..

Clothing/Suncream

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 coats/waterproof suits and wellies for children even on sunnier days as we use these when playing in the mud kitchen in the garden. If the forecast is particularly sunny please can we ask you to apply suncream before dropping your child off at nursery which makes the transition to the garden after breakfast so much quicker and we will then

top up with suncream throughout the day as necessary. We also encourage children to wear sun hats in the garden so don't forget these to help the children to stay cool on the hotter days.

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