Newsletter

July/August 2022

Welcome to our latest newsletter and what a summer we have had! We have thoroughly enjoyed looking after our flowering plants and the vegetables the we have grown from seeds - look at our amazing tomatoes!

We are absolutely delighted with our fantastic Ofsted inspection report which should be published on the Ofsted website very soon. We have now been graded 'Outstanding in all areas' by Ofsted in both of our inspections (our first inspection was 2015) which is an incredible achievement and a true testament to our fantastic team of inspirational practitioners. Our Ofsted report reflects the hard work, professionalism and dedication our team show every single day and Paul and I feel so proud of every single one of them. Thank you to all of our families for the continued support with everything we do, it is very much appreciated.

We are also very excited by the building work which is very much in full swing at the moment as I'm sure you have noticed. We apologise for the inconvenience of the car park being out of action for the time being and the fact that the buggy shed is at the top of the steps. We have tried to find a better solution for this but we can't fit the shed anywhere at the bottom of the steps unfortunately so please do ring the nursery on 439 5492 should you need some assistance up the steps, we are more than happy to help and we have been helping lots of parents this week to get up and down the steps. We will update you when we know a little more about when the new car park will be available to use and please rest assured that the builders

are working around the clock to complete the groundwork as quickly as possible.

Our Team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month in July - Megan! Our staff voted with lovely comments about Megan including; “For all of her hard work over the last few weeks and what she is capable of. For bringing some great ideas for the new room layout and for giving up her Saturday to come and help implement the new ideas for the children’s environment, it was very much appreciated.” Well done Megan, you really are a star.

Our staff member of the month in August was our amazing Manager Rebecca! Rebecca has worked tirelessly to ensure the highest standards are continually maintained throughout the nursery and that our staff share good practice, focussing on their professional development to meet the evolving needs of the children. Rebecca leaves no stone unturned when it comes to striving for excellence and has been instrumental in leading the nursery to our second ‘Outstanding in all areas’ grading. Comments for Rebecca included; “Rebecca is such a wonderful manager and has been amazing at getting everyone ready for our Ofsted inspection. We are very lucky to have her as our manager!” and “Rebecca has prepared everyone so well for Ofsted and she is so thorough with everything she does and for supporting everyone at all times. Rebecca you are FANTASTIC!” Well done Rebecca, what a well deserved achievement.

In other staff news, we have now waved a fond farewell to both Alice and Tanzeela who are now beginning their next adventures at University but we are delighted to say that they will be remaining on our bank staff team and we hope to see them during the academic holidays.

We are all delighted to welcome Tasha back into the nursery as she begins a gradual return to work by using ‘keeping in touch’ days over the next couple of months.

We have all thoroughly enjoyed working with Vikki who has been covering Tasha’s maternity leave and she now embarks on her own maternity leave so we wish her all the best on this next chapter with her family.

All of our staff photos and profiles can be viewed at any time on our website www.therailwaynursery.co.uk

News from our Baby and Toddler Room

Our babies and toddlers have been enjoying lots of outdoor play and they have been intrigued about the building site coming to life next door as they have front row seats to all the action! We have seen diggers and lorries and lots of workmen and women arriving which has all been very exciting.

Our indoor environment has had a big makeover to ignite the children's interests even more and the downstairs team have worked so hard to ensure we have an environment that is conducive to the children's learning. I'm sure you will have seen our brand new reading area underneath the arched canopy of trailing ivy which makes this area particularly appealing for all to enjoy. A huge thank you to the whole team for helping with this latest project - the sensory room and book corner are particular highlights in our downstairs rooms. The younger children have also enjoyed their French lessons delivered by Katie from Kidslingo who is highly skilled in introducing a new language to very young children through songs and other interactive activities.

Chloe, Natalie, Allie, Tasha and Megan.

Pre-School - News from the Pre-School Room

Our children have continued to work hard to ensure our plants and vegetables have been growing. August is always bittersweet as we have to say goodbye to our older children who leave to begin their adventures at school. Our Pre-School team completed such a wide range of activities to ensure they were ready for school including practising how to get dressed in their uniform, looking at all of the schools on a map so they could see where they were all going, talking about the routines of their school day and using various interactive photographs of the inside of lots of their schools to help them become familiar with their new environment. Our Graduation party on 6th August was a huge success and a lovely way for us to celebrate the children's memories with their families. Thank you to Gary, our second chef who provided the catering for the party which went down a treat.

We now start a new term and have welcomed lots of children into our Pre-School room from downstairs and they are all settling in extremely well. Our Forest School sessions have also just begun for this term and again we have various new faces which is all very exciting. Children begin their

Forest School adventures the term after they turn 3 and parents receive information about this beforehand to ensure everyone is well prepared and any questions have been answered.

Terri, Niamh, Sue, Marta, Kirsty, Tanaya and Ceri.

Please could we remind you about…..

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 coats/waterproof suits and wellies for children even on sunnier days as we use these when playing in the mud kitchen in the garden. As we now enter into Autumn please ensure children have enough layers to protect them from the cold.

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