

# Newsletter

## May/June 2022

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We have lots to report as we have been very busy with exciting activities - the children and staff all love our brand new Storytelling chair in the garden and we have been enjoying lots of stories in the fresh air. We also have a brand new picnic table and benches for the garden so we can play different tabletop games in the garden and enjoy snacks and drinks at the table too.

As part of our garden makeover we now have a range of brand new resources which are all organised neatly in the shed and the children are learning to choose their resources then help to tidy them away at the end of each outdoor play session, encouraging their independence skills.















We have added a new pedal bike and a 3 wheeled scooter to our bike collection and the children have been learning these new skills with energy and enthusiasm! Our front garden is in full bloom and the children have been watering the plants each day and learning all about how to look after them.



### **Our Team**

Congratulations to our staff members of the month in May - Tanaya and Rebecca. Comments for Tanaya included "She has settled in really well and just has so much energy!" Well done Tanaya. Comments for Rebecca included "For always being so wonderful, supporting all the staff and keeping the nursery running so brilliantly!" Well done Rebecca.

In June we congratulated Niamh and Kirsty as they were also joint winners for the staff member of the month. Comments for Niamh included "Niamh has good bonds with the children and she does great activities with them." Kirsty's comments from the team included "Kirsty always goes the extra mile with energy and enthusiasm. Kirsty always ensures the garden looks super tidy at the end of each session too." Huge congratulations to Niamh and Kirsty, keep up the good work!

We have welcomed 2 new staff members into nursery over the past few weeks and they are delighted to have joined our fantastic team of experienced practitioners. Tanaya is Level 2 qualified and is now studying for her Level 3 qualification in childcare. She is based in our Pre-School room and works 3 days. Tanaya loves the natural environment and in her spare time she enjoys walking up mountains and has recently conquered Ben Nevis during a trip to Scotland! Tanaya has a passion for reading and loves story time with the children, reading with expression and getting them throughly immersed in the story.

Megan is currently studying for her Level 3 childcare qualification and is a passionate and talented dancer! Megan comes from a large family and loves to get involved with the children's physical development at nursery, using her balance and co-ordination to help the children with their development. Megan is based in our baby and toddler room.

All of our staff photos and profiles can be viewed at any time on our website <a href="https://www.therailwaynursery.co.uk">www.therailwaynursery.co.uk</a>

#### News from our Baby and Toddler Room

Our babies and toddlers have been enjoying lots of fun in the sunshine over the past few weeks. They have enjoyed trips to the train station, the library and local walks around the village. We have welcomed several new babies into the room and they are settling in very well, enjoying the routines of nursery life and exploring our indoor and outdoor environments. They have had lots of messy play opportunities and have enjoyed sand and water play too - transporting the sand and water using different sized containers, developing their fine motor skills and throughly enjoying this learning opportunity. The new low level 'tuff tray' in the baby garden has been extremely popular and has seen lots of action over the past few weeks! We are looking forward to welcoming everyone into nursery for our next stay and play session on Wednesday 27th July, 10-11am. All children can invite a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle into nursery to play with them.

Chloe, Natalie, Allie, Vikki, Tanzeela, Megan and Nicola.

#### Pre-School - News from the Pre-School Room

Our Pre-School children have been enjoying learning all about how to 'save the planet' and how small changes can make a big difference! Talk to your child about this and I'm sure they will be able to tell you lots as it's been a big topic of conversation here. The children have been busy planting in our front garden with 'Bramhall in Bloom' - planting various seeds and seedlings and watering the plants each day, watching them grown and learning about the natural world. We have enjoyed several gardening sessions with

Bramhall in Bloom (in very mixed weather!) and the garden looks vibrant which is lovely to see. We are eagerly awaiting the harvest of our tomatoes and we are even growing some herbs! Our Pre-School children have also enjoyed trips out in our local area - we are so lucky to be based right in the centre of such a vibrant community and we have been to the flower shop in Bramhall, the Greengrocers and the children have been thoroughly enjoying attending story time sessions at the library with the library staff, choosing new books each time they visit to bring back to nursery. Terri has been busy with the beginning of our school transition process and we have welcomed lots of primary school teachers into nursery over the past few weeks to begin this process and ensure the children will settle into school well. The children have enjoyed trying on all of the school uniform that we keep here for them and looking at the different uniform colours and different badges for where they will be going to in September. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone into nursery for our next stay and play session on Wednesday 27th July, 10-11am. All children can invite a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle into nursery to play with them.

Terri, Niamh, Sue, Alice, Kirsty, Tanaya 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