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A Note from Angela

Welcome back to all the children who were off during the Easter break. Last half term we welcomed several new children and their families into Nurture and we continue to do so this half term.

STAFF:

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed Sian, Hannah, Karl and Leonni to the team. We are also delighted that Hannah has returned to our team and remains within the 1-2 room. We are sad to say that Meesha has decided not to return after her Maternity Leave, but wish her lots of luck for the future.

- Sian is based within the 1- 2 room and was working at a local nursery for several years before joining us.
- Hannah has joined our 2-3 room and is about to embark on her NVQ Level 2 apprentice training.
- Karl has recently moved to the area. He is Level 3 and has joined Amy and Amy in preschool.
- Leonni has also joined our 2-3 room and brings with her a wealth of experience.

We are looking forward to getting to know these practitioners more over the coming months.

We bid a fond farewell to Steph who is beginning her maternity leave. We wish her lots of luck and look forward to meeting baby in the near future.

We would also like to pass on our congratulations to Kayleigh who is also pregnant. Kayleigh's baby is due in September and we are hoping she will remain with us until the end of the summer term.

Congratulations to Alison who has successfully completed her NVQ Level 3 and good luck to Amy A who is nearing the end of her Childhood Studies Degree.

TRAINING:

Our staff meetings have focused on in house training, this consisted of:

- Characteristics of Effective Learning and how we support children in developing the tools to learn.
- Core Values – the whole staff took a Saturday out to discuss the core values and behaviours within the nursery and how this manifests itself in day to day practice. The core values

we have agreed upon are:

- Teamwork
- Equality
- Passion
- Nurturing
- Trust
- Respect
- Communication

Our workplace values drive the attitudes and behaviours which we want to see within our team. We aim to create a positive and co-operative environment where everyone is valued and included and are working collaboratively with each other and for each other. We are striving to create a dedicated, enthusiastic and open minded team who take ownership of their actions and can help solve their own and each other's problems. We will be revisiting this over the coming weeks.

Angela, Rachel and Kayla attended an Early Years Conference which provides useful updates with regards to national changes and legislation and also provides a fantastic opportunity to network and share good practice with other settings. This is a challenging time for the Early Years sector on the political front and we will be sharing our thoughts and opinions with the cabinet in its Cutting Red Tape review and the 30 hours Consultation which are taking place during May and June.

Rachel attending training on the Early Years Pupil Premium and how this can be used effectively to support children and their families

Alison and Lucy attended training on Play and Creativity with children who are under 2. This provided a fantastic insight into the range of activities we can engage our youngest children in.

Rachel and Amy A attended Phonics training which provided a better insight into how and why the sounds are taught in the order they are as well as exciting and interesting activities and resources which are readily available

Rachel attended Health and Safety to ensure we are up to date with current legislation.

UPCOMING TRAINING

Whole staff meetings will focus on British Values and the Prevent Duty, Safeguarding, Core

Values and focusing on Maths through everyday activities.

- Preparing for OFSTED – Rachel
- Tremendous 2 year olds – Emma
- Safeguarding – Kayla
- Aiming High in the EYFS – Rachel and Kayla
- Early Movers – Amy H

First Aid for practitioners whose training has expired.

TRANSITION

It is that time of year when parents find out which school their child has been allocated.

We would appreciate it if you could inform Amy which school your child is going to so we can contact their school to begin the transition process and we are gearing up to make sure all our children are school ready. This includes children being fully toilet trained and also being confident in dressing and undressing themselves.

NURSERY SPACES

As a result of a sudden influx of babies, we have very limited space available at present and in the near future.

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a childcare place please book your child in ASAP to avoid disappointment.

HEALTHY BODY HAPPY ME WEEK

Week Beginning 23rd May 2016 we are dedicating the whole week to 'Keeping fit and Healthy.'

Each day will be celebrating a different area of health. This includes:

- Healthy eating
- Caring for our bodies
- Keeping moving
- The great outdoors
- Things to do as a family at home

More details to follow but we hope as many of you will support this event.

I hope you enjoy reading what the children have been doing and find the information for this term informative

Staff



Lucy
Nursery Nurse



Alison
Nursery Nurse



Kayleigh
Nursery Nurse

Spring

Spring is here and the sun is finally coming out to play. With that, we will be venturing outdoors more with our babies, so we do ask if you could provide us with sun hats during these next sunny weeks.

Easter

In the last month we have celebrated Easter with our little Easter bunnies providing various themed sensory activities for our babies to get involved with - finding hidden eggs, emptying and filling with tissue paper and exploring the various textures of feathers and straw.

What we have been doing



We have been sharing the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with our babies using puppets and props. We even enjoyed a trip out to the green grocers to buy the various fruits from the story for our tasting activity. The babies ate through all the fruits that week and we have some lovely photos from this on display.





New resources

We are continuously developing the baby room to provide a stimulating environment and this month has seen the introduction of our new kitchen for the home area. This has been enhanced with play food, pots and pans, and our babies have enjoyed exploring the kitchen and crashing the pots and pans together.



Trips

We were lucky enough to take some babies on a trip to the garden centre this month, where they enjoyed a ride on the train and the sensory experience of smelling and touching the various flowers and plants. We are planning another adventure soon, this time to our local farm, to introduce our babies to some of the animals.



New developments



We are making the most of the sunshine and taking our babies out in our nursery garden as often as possible. We have future plans to create a 'baby garden' - a separate area of the garden for them to enjoy and explore safely, and new outdoor age appropriate toys provided.

We are still making additions to our family board in the 'home area', so please do continue to send in your family photos. The babies have really enjoyed pulling them off the walls and looking at recognisable faces.

Finally we'd like to share the exciting news that Kayleigh is expecting her first baby later this year in September. Congratulation Kayleigh.

We have recently had a very successful parents evening and we hope you enjoyed sharing the learning journeys with us. Could we remind any parents that have taken these home to return them to us so we can continue to add photos to them. If you weren't able to attend parents evening we are always available to talk and share them with you at a time that is convenient to you, so do please ask.

Thank you from the baby room.

Dates for Your Diary

Photos

Please check your emails for more information

Tuesday 26th April

Healthy Body Active Me week

wk beg 23rd May

Mrs Preece from All Saints coming to visit the pre-school children

(we will keep you posted when other teachers are due in)

Tuesday 24th May

Half term

Fri 17th May - Mon 6th June

Sports day for Over twos

More details to follow shortly

Monday 20th June

Break up for Summer

Friday 29th July



I am sure you will all want to share in us sending our huge congratulations to Rachel Bowden who is getting married on Saturday and in wishing her and Damien an amazing day!!!

When she returns next week she will be

Mrs Tonge