



Nurture News

January 2019

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A NOTE FROM RACHEL

Welcome back following the Christmas break and a warm 'welcome' to all of our new families, it has been lovely seeing how well the children have settled back in.

STAFFING:

Thank you to all our families past and present for the kind wishes, donations and support they have shown following the sad news about our beloved Alison, she was a huge part of Nurture and will be sadly missed by all.

Hannah Plunkett is embarking on her Nursing Degree, we wish her all the luck with the exciting times ahead and are delighted that she will be staying on at Nurture on a part time basis alongside attending University.

Following the Christmas break we have welcomed several new practitioners to the team, all of whom have experience of working within an Early Years Setting.

- Courtney has joined babies
- Caitlin has joined 2-3's
- Laura has joined Pre-school
- Jess has joined Toddlers
- Chloe will be working between 2-3's & Pre-School
- Sophie will be joining Toddlers W/c 12th Feb.

Laura F has taken on the role of Admin and has settled in well, you may notice over the coming weeks she will be responding to your queries and emails.

TRAINING:

This term we will be continuing with Quality Counts training to evaluate our current practice.

We will be evaluating the audit in more detail and implementing and working towards an action plan to ensure we are continuing to provide a high level of quality care and Early Years Education.

30 HOURS FUNDING:

The uptake for the 30 hours funding has been in huge demand since it was introduced, however the uptake has left us with extremely limited availability within Pre-School right through to January 2021!!!!

If your child will be in receipt of the funding before this date and you would like to increase your days/sessions to reflect this please speak to Rachel.

Parents Evening:

Thank you to everyone who came along, it is great to be able to speak with families. Previous years we have held parents evening 3 times per year however we have noticed that attendance for the Easter parents evening is significantly less than at Summer and Christmas. With this in mind we will not be holding parents evening at Easter and instead will have one June/July & Christmas.

We operate an open door policy and actively remind parents that they are welcome to come in at any time to discuss their child's learning and envelopment with their child's Nurturer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

I have attached a copy of this academic year's term dates. If your child attends term time only and your dates vary slightly to those attached could you please let me know.

Tuesday 5th February - Chinese New Year.

We will be holding a Chinese themed day, this will include a Chinese themed meal and a variety of activities.

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Children are welcome to bring in and share their favourite stories with their friends, fancy dress welcome!

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

More details to follow.

W/c 18th March - Sports Relief

We will be holding a sports themed week, more details to follow.



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2-3 Room

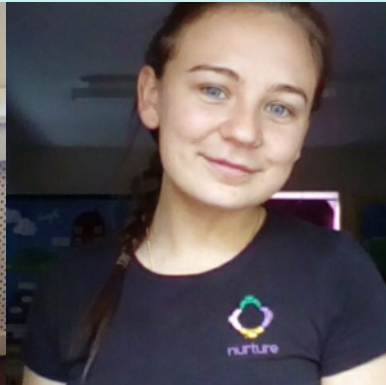
Staff



Sarah
Room Leader



Nichola
Deputy Room Leader



Chloe



Hannah



Olivia



Shannon

Welcome back to all the 2-3 children.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

The ladies have enjoyed hearing all the stories the children have been sharing about their experiences.

Last term was a fun packed term and we all enjoyed the festivities, we are very much looking forward to another fun packed term ahead. Thank you for your continued support!



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2-3 Room

Our focus book



This term we will be reading the Usborne first experiences range. This fits in well with our focus this term 'People who Help Us'

What we have been doing in the 2-3 Room

Last term we focused on our term topic 'Events and Festivals' and what blast we had!

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Diwali celebrations. We created our own Diva's, tasted a variety of delicious food and listened to cultural music.



2-3 Room

What we have been doing in the 2-3 Room ...

We thoroughly enjoyed the countdown to Christmas and December flew by! We created our Christmas bags alongside other Christmas craft activities, had an amazing time at the Christmas party alongside Sally and were very excited to welcome a special visitor



What we will be doing in the 2-3 Room

Our focus this term is...

'People who Help Us.'

We will be exploring this through smaller topics throughout the term, this will include:

- Doctors
- Dentist
- Fire Service
- Police
- Vets



We will be discussing how all professions are important to us and we are excited to welcome 'Dental Playbox' in Monday 4th Feb to speak to the children about the importance of oral hygiene.

We are also hoping to welcome the fire service in.

If we have any parents who would like to share their profession through a show and tell session with the children please speak to Sarah or Rachel.



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2-3 Room

Ideas for activities at home

- Visit local services within the area and chat about how they help us.
- Get crafty through creating your own representations of 'people who help us,' this can be through junk modelling, painting/drawing. Don't forget to bring it in to nursery to share with their friends.
- Act out roles of doctors, vet etc through role play.

Songs and Rhymes

In keeping with our focus of 'People who Help Us' some of the songs we will be singing during circle times are:

- Miss Polly had a dolly ...
- I had a tiny turtle ...
- Jack and Jill



We love to explore the garden in all weathers, please can parents provide child/ren with appropriate clothing at all times.
Clearly labelled and bagged appropriately on pegs!
Staff try their best to ensure all children's belongings are returned correctly however this can be difficult when items are not labelled.
Thank you!