



November 2017

Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new families who have recently joined Nursery on the Heath (NOTH).

Natasha and Jack Millard set up the Nursery back in 2011 – they wanted to create a home from home environment, somewhere they would both like to take their children. From this idea, NOTH was born and has gone from success to success, priding itself on the support, recommendations and word of mouth of our families past and present.

We are continuously looking at ways to improve our service to you, so if you have any comments please do let us know. Your feedback is always welcome. Please call, email or simply pop into the office for a chat. Thank You.



“Look what I’ve found!”
Millie, age 2, out on a scavenger hunt.



Aiden making blueberry muffins during our Bake Off Week for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Getting To Know You

I joined NOTH at the beginning of July and am slowly getting to know all 106 families! Nearing 12 years in early years, I achieved my degree in Early Years Education last year through the University of Hertfordshire and with Erasmus mobility funding, have had the opportunity to visit nurseries in Norway, Portugal and Poland. My vision for NOTH is to enhance and enrich the children's learning experiences with a blend of European practices.



Sally Hough
Nursery Manager



Marisa Pickett
Deputy Manger

Marisa is returning from maternity leave next month and will be working Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the office. Marisa has been at NOTH since it opened in September 2011, initially as the Baby Room Leader before progressing on to become the Deputy Nursery Manager. Her daughter Evelyn is 10 months old.

Julie also joined NOTH at the beginning of its inception as the Nursery's cook. It didn't take her long to fall in love with the children and a move from cook to childcare practitioner was imminent.

To support the move, Julie studied her Level 3 childcare qualification, which she achieved with a distinction in 2013. Julie has since worked in all rooms over the years and now supports Sally and Marisa in the office. If anyone can, Julie can!



Julie Cross
Third in Charge



Inspiring Excellence in Paediatric First Aid

We are working towards achieving Millie's Mark, a special endorsement that is awarded when 100% of staff are trained in paediatric first aid.

NOTH wants to go above and beyond the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) minimum requirement of having just one person qualified in paediatric first aid on the premises and available at all times when children are present. We currently have 19 staff (out of 30) trained in first aid.

We would like to acknowledge that children's safety is at the forefront of the Nursery's mind and aim to provide reassurance that every team member is confident, ready and capable to care for your child and knows what to do in a paediatric first aid situation.



Macmillan

A very BIG thank you to everybody who baked or bought a cake (or two!) during our Bake Off Week. We raised an amazing **£188** for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity very close to our hearts.

THANK YOU



Our next fundraising event is taking place **13th – 17th November**. Spotty activities of all kinds will be taking place throughout the Nursery to help raise funds for Children in Need.

From a teddy bear's picnic to collecting old £1 coins, there'll be something for everyone!

Let's make this the most **Spotacular** year ever!

Employee of the Month



Keeley Bird

Every month a staff member is recognised for their exceptional practice, such as going the extra mile to support a child, family or colleague. This month the certificate is being awarded to Keeley Bird who has been nominated by colleagues for “always being kind, calm and full of patience” and “always being there to help”.

Congratulations Keeley!

If you would like to nominate someone, please send an email or post your vote in the box.

NURSERY UNIFORM

We have a fantastic selection of Nursery on the Heath polo shirts and fleece jumpers for sale in an array of colours:

Polo shirts £6

Jumpers £10

Sizes: 2 / 3-4 / 5-6

Please place your order with the office.

Thank You.

MEET THE TEAMS

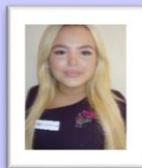
The Baby Room



**Terri McWilliam
Room Leader**



**Sue Sugar
Key Person**



**Charlotte Trevitt
Key Person**



**Karen Roethenbaugh
Key Person**



**Katie MacDonald
EY Practitioner**

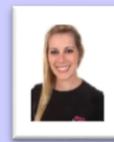


**Kaylee Gregory
EY Practitioner**



**Emily Price
EY Practitioner**

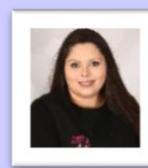
The Barn



**Sian Collins
Room Leader**



**Holly Monaghan
Deputy Room Leader**



**Kiera Jackson
Key Person**



**Lucy Pryor
Key Person**



**Megan Hillier
Key Person**

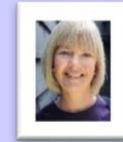


**Claire Wallace
Key Person**



**Emma Hart
Key Person**

Pre-school



**Keeley Bird
Room Leader**



**Elaine Taylor-Mayes
Forest School Leader**



**Keeley Newman
Key Person**



**Carol Speed
EY Practitioner**

EY Support Staff

Ann Jackson

Jenny Chamberlain

Jo French

Karen Pollack

Rachel Simms

Sophie Williams



Christmas 2017



Thank you for your Sainsbury's vouchers donated earlier on this year. They have been traded in for some resources to extend the children's physical activities: a Zig Zag tunnel, hoops, activity rings, juggling scarves and egg & spoon sets! I feel a race course coming on
get ready, get set, go!

This year's Christmas Party will be taking place on **Tuesday 12th December** between 10am and 11am at the Village Hall. If your child does not attend Nursery on Tuesdays and you would like to join the festivities, please let us know.

Please note the Nursery will be closed from **Monday 25th December to Monday 1st January inclusive**. We will reopen on **Tuesday 2nd January 2018**.



Loose Parts

Loose parts are natural or synthetic materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways.



Loose parts:

- * encourage creativity
- * can be used in combination with other materials to support imagination
- * encourage open ended learning

Donations Needed:

Corks
Jars
Boxes
Tubes
Pots
Stones
Shells
Buttons
Feathers
Flower pots
Pegs
Fir cones
as well as
newspapers
unused wallpaper/lining paper

Remembrance Day 11th November 2017



NOTH will be collecting donations for the Poppy Appeal this year to raise funds for welfare and benevolent work for all serving and ex-Service people and their dependants who are in need.

Remembrancetide runs from 28th October to 11th November.

NOTH'S MASTER CHEFS!



Jill Brownlie (left) and Wendy Bonner (right) are our wonderful cooks, who make and bake wonderful fresh foods every day for the children. Please remember to keep us updated with your child's special dietary requirements.

Thank You.

