

Nursery
on the Heath



March 2018

Spring 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.



“Building is hard work - time for a biscuit break!” Tom, 3 years.



Working together; Georgia, William and Sophia making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.



Ellie uses her senses to explore the snow!

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What's next for Nursery on the Heath?

We have an exciting year ahead as foundations are being made to extend our fantastic Forest School provision. From the start of the Autumn term the plan is to facilitate two days per week at Birchanger Woods for the Pre-school children and one day per week for the Barn children (over 2s) to visit the paddock for a gentle introduction to Forest School life.



The reason to extend our outdoor provision for the children is to enrich their learning and development opportunities. Research shows that children are stimulated by the outdoors and typically experience, over time, an increase in their self-belief, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, communication, problem-solving skills and emotional well-being.

This development to our provision will be led by Elaine Taylor-Mayes, who is our qualified Forest School Teacher and an ambassador for outdoor play. As I think many of you already know, Elaine eats, sleeps and breathes Forest School – she is a dedicated and outstanding practitioner and we are all looking forward to gaining some Forest School knowledge and skills to broaden our own individual practice.



What is Forest School?

1. Forest School is a long-term process of regular sessions with a cycle of planning, adapting, observing and reviewing
2. Forest School takes place in a woodland or natural environment to support the development of a relationship between the learner and the natural world
3. Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all those involved, inspiring creative learning and fostering resilience, confidence and independence
4. Forest School offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves
5. Forest School is run by qualified Forest School practitioners who continuously maintain and develop their professional practice
6. Forest School uses a range of learner-centered processes to create a community of being, learning and developing



Reminders

Mobile Free Zone



Whilst we appreciate we live in a wonderful world of modern technology, please be reminded that mobile phones are not permitted to be used inside the Nursery or its environs.

Lost Property



Please remember to name all of your child's belongings: hats, coats, gloves, scarves, comforters, bottles, toys.

Thank you

Signing In and Out



Please remember to sign your child in at the start of the day and out at the end of each day.

Thank you.

Goodbye!



To maintain the security and safety of the Nursery please ensure a staff member lets you out of the building when you leave.

Thank You.

2018 Fundraising

Each year NOTH is approached by many Charities asking for their support. To ensure we help others whilst keeping the fundraising in context for the children and inline with the Nursery's ethos, NOTH staff have decided to join up to two fundraising events this year:

Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk for Save The Children 23 - 29 April 2018



How your fundraising will help

Save The Children believes that every child should get the chance to learn, play and grow up healthy and happy. But millions of children around the world are missing out on this - just because of where they're born. NOTH will take part in a Muddy Puddle Walk to raise funds for children across the other side of the world to help them have lots of fun at nursery school and get healthy food to eat and help change their future.



November 2018 (date tbc)

Our second charity fundraiser will be the ever popular Pudsey Bear and Children In Need, a charity whose vision is for every child in the UK to have a childhood which is safe, happy and secure and allows them the chance to reach their potential.

More details will follow later on the in year.

Fire! Fire!



Each term the Nursery staff and children practice the emergency evacuation procedure. These termly drills occur at different times of the day every day for a week to ensure evacuations are possible under different circumstances and all children and staff participate in the rehearsals.

This term everyone did a fantastic job with five swift and efficient evacuations, which the children coped with admirably.

Well done NOTH!

New Accident Procedures



Part of our duty of care to ensure we strive to give the best provision is to regularly review and update our policies and procedures.

At the start of the year we implemented some changes to our Accident & First Aid Policy. Should your child have a bump or bang to the head we will give you a call at the time of the accident as is reasonably practical to let you know the details of the incident. We will then closely monitor your child for the remainder of the day.

Should his/her well-being deteriorate in any way, you will receive a follow up call requesting they be taken home to rest or to seek medical help.

You will also now be given a **Head Injury Advice** sheet, as sometimes children may appear well immediately after the injury, but become unwell later. Therefore, it is vital someone stay with your child to keep an eye out for any new symptoms over the following 24 hours.

If you have any queries about these new procedures, please let us know.

Thank You.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

The Barn staff gave the mums, grans and nans a wonderful afternoon tea last week to acknowledge and thank them for all the hard work they do. Sandwiches were served, followed by lashings of cakes and scones with strawberry jam and fresh cream – delicious!



Mummy Fran with Delilah & Ezekiel



Mummy Julie with Molly



Mummy Victoria with Parker



Mummy Katie with Sophia



Mummy Anna with Mila



Mummy Ria & Emilia (left)
Mummy Selina with Ryan and Imogen (right)



General Data Protection Legislation

The General Data Protection Legislation (GDPR) is an EU directive regarding data protection and management. This is being managed by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) and becomes enforceable from 25 May 2018. The GDPR aims primarily to give increased control to the public over their personal data and will introduce new, specific legal responsibilities for organisations processing children's data. Children's information rights are also likely to be given added protection in the Government's Data Protection Bill, currently proceeding through Parliament and which will complement the GDPR.

Nursery on the Heath is busy writing up a Privacy Notice, updating policies and working in partnership with our IT support company to ensure our systems and procedures become GDPR compliant. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, if you do have any questions, please let us know.

Transition Passports



NOTH has recently introduced 'Transition Passports' to share specific details about your child's visit when moving between rooms. This is a great visual aid as it shows both you and your child how many times they have visited their new room and what they got up to. Timing of transitions between rooms are managed on an individual basis and we will work in partnership with you to ensure individual needs are met. We usually allow about one month for transition visits, to allow plenty of time for your child to become familiar with their new friends and Key Person, as well as the room layout, routine and resources.

Employee of the Month



Keeley Newman

We congratulate Keeley Newman on becoming our latest Employee of the Month! Keeley has a huge amount of enthusiasm which she applies to her practice to ensure the children are continuously listening and learning. Furthermore, Keeley has recently achieved her Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning and Development and is keen to learn more: next week she will be signing up to begin her Level 3 studies!

Congratulations Keeley!

If you would like to nominate a staff member for Employee of the Month, please send an email or post your vote in the box.

Five Stars

HUGE congratulations and a BIG thank you is awarded to our fabulous cook Jill Brownlie. Jill achieved a 5-star rating in our recent Environmental Health inspection. Well done Jill!



MEET THE TEAMS

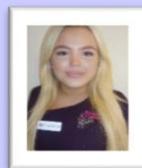
The Baby Room



Terri McWilliam
Room Leader



Sue Sugar
Key Person



Charlotte Trevitt
Key Person



Karen Roethenbaugh
Key Person

The Barn



Sian Collins
Room Leader



Holly Monaghan
Deputy Room Leader



Kiera Jackson
Key Person



Lucy Pryor
Key Person

Pre-school



Keeley Bird
Room Leader



Elaine Taylor-Mayes
Room Leader



Keeley Newman
Key Person



Carol Speed
EY Practitioner

EY Support Staff

Ann Jackson

Jenny Chamberlain

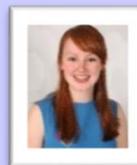
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Karen Pollack

Sophie Williams



Megan Hillier
Key Person



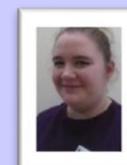
Claire Wallace
Key Person



Emma Hart
Key Person



Katie MacDonald
EY Practitioner



Emily Price
EY Practitioner



CHILDREN'S
Theatre Productions

Jack and the Beanstalk

A 'MINI' pantomime about
a GIGANTIC adventure!

30th, 31st March & 2nd - 7th April

DAILY AT 12pm & 3pm



ALL TICKETS £9.50

TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/JACKANDTHEBEANSTALK

OR CALL 0333 666 3366

The
Victoria Hall Theatre
Old Harlow