



Activities News

Spring Term 2018

The Nursery as a whole has been a hive of activity in the recent months! As well as the individual rooms being full of activities, we have had a busy year so far fundraising for our soon to be Sensory Room. With the help from all of you, we have raised £588!! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping us to reach this amount so far.

We recently produced a poll on our closed Facebook page with several questions for you to answer to help us improve our provision. One of the questions was if parents/carers felt that they knew about their child's day. Some of you felt that you could be more informed, so as a result of this we now email the individual rooms weekly planning to all parents/carers. This provides you with an insight into the activities that your child(ren) will be doing at nursery.

The children enjoyed preparing for the festive period by trimming up the nursery, making decorations and making lots of handmade surprises to bring home to parents! In the star room (0-2's), it has been messy/sensory play all the way! From exploring slimy spaghetti to finding vegetables in the mud, the babies have been very busy.

Here the children explore strawberry delight with Jeanette. The children used their senses to explore the food, surely enough using their sense of taste!



The sun room (2-3's) have also been having lots of fun. The children have been exploring with oranges and spices and even making their very own neon dens!



They've also been having lots of fun with shapes. Here they were exploring the shapes in the flour!

In the rainbow room (3-5's), they have been making the most of the festive period and enjoying lots of wintery activities. The children enjoyed their 'Frozen' themed play tray, with the



characters frozen in ice. Some of the children attempted to break them free using wooden hammers.



We would like to encourage our 3-5 parents/carers to come into nursery and bake with the children. If you are interested please speak to a member of staff from the 3-5 room.

Christmas Party

As you will know we have recently had our Christmas party over at the Levett School. We booked Mr Dan to entertain the children and we also had a surprise visit from Santa himself who handed out his sack of presents. The children thoroughly enjoyed the party and after receiving very positive feedback so did the parents! Thank you to all those who generously contributed to our raffle and to those who bought raffle tickets. A fantastic, successful afternoon was had by all!

WOW Moments

Please document your child's WOW moments on the sheets that your child's key person will provide you and bring them back to us, as these sheets are used towards your child's development.

High Scope DVD's

We would like to remind you that we have several HighScope DVD's, which are available for you to borrow if you want to. The DVD's give you an insight into the High Scope approach.

Staff News

We are also happy to say that Ashleigh will be returning in April and will be working 2 days.



We would like to welcome our newest member of staff, Charlie. Charlie has a level 3, Early Years Educator qualification. Welcome to the team Charlie!!

All members of staff have had recent threshold training due to the changes in reporting concerns.

Millie's Mark Celebration Day

We have successfully been awarded 'Millie's Mark', a Quality Mark for nurseries where members of staff working directly with children are trained in Paediatric First Aid. This has been awarded by National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) in association with Department for Education and Millie's Trust. Many of you will be aware that over the past 5 months we have been working hard to achieve this award, which acts as an indicator that we go above and beyond the minimum requirements to keep children safe and minimise risks and accidents. We are delighted that our efforts have been rewarded and that we have achieved this very special award!!

We would like to thank you for your support during this time, and for your helpful feedback on the new developments in the nursery that have been introduced as part of Millie's Mark. Although we are now an official Millie's Mark Quality Assured setting our hard work of continuously developing our quality care and education will not stop. To celebrate this amazing achievement we are going to be having a Millie's Mark Celebration Day. We have invited the Millie's Mark mascot to the nursery and will also be sending photos to the Free Press.

Mini Kicks

Booking is now open on the mini kicks website to book your child onto the Mini Kicks. The sessions are going to be on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9.15 am from w/c 8th January. Payment will be £15 p/m term time only. Children do not need to be attending that day to join in the session. Parents are more than welcome to bring them to just join in the session. To book your child onto these sessions please visit the Mini Kicks website. If you could please confirm your child's place with us once you have booked. Please go to www.minikicks.org

Makaton Workshop

Stacey Speedie and Adi will be holding another Makaton Workshop for all parents/carers to teach you the Makaton signs that we use here at nursery. The workshop will be on Wednesday 24th January 2018 6:00-7:00pm, if you would like to attend the workshop, please pass this onto a member of staff. We hope to see you all there.

Forthcoming Events

- Makaton Workshop for all parents – Wednesday 24th January 2018
- Millie's Mark Celebration Day – Thursday 1st February 2018
- Chinese New Year Friday 16th February 2018
- Pancake Day Tuesday 13th February 2018
- Valentine's Day Wednesday 14th February 2018
- Mothers Day Sunday 11th March 2018
- Easter Sunday 1st April 2018

Term Dates

The Spring Term will start on **Monday 8th January – Friday 23rd March 2018**

Half term is **Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February**
Easter holidays starts on **Monday 26th March – Tuesday 10th April**. If you do require **extra** sessions for your child over this period we need at least one month's notice, to ensure your invoice is accurate.

Local Offer

The local offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs (SEND) and their parents/carers. It explains to families about what they can expect from a variety of local agencies, including education, health and social care. Knowing what is out there gives these families more choice and therefore more control over what support is right for their children. For further information on how we support children with SEND, please go to the website -

http://www.doncasterchildrenandfamilies.info/ccare_fsupport.htm

Parents/Carers Forum Group

The parent/carers Forum for all those that don't know is an online version. This is done through our face book page and is organised by the parent chairs. May we take this opportunity to re-introduce you to our Parent Chairs – Bethany and Jenna.

Our Nursery Philosophy

High Scope is a way of working with children based on the idea that children learn best from active learning experiences which they plan and carry out themselves. In this way children learn that they are capable, able to make decisions and solve problems about activities which are personally meaningful to them.

Reminders

- It is very important that you make sure you **do not leave any medicines in your child's bag**. Please make sure that you pass medicines onto a member of staff for it to be signed in.
- Reminder – all medication needs to be prescribed other than paracetamol and ibuprofen.
- Please could we remind everyone to ensure that all clothes and shoes are labelled clearly with your child's name on. Could we also ask that all children have a spare set of clothing in their bag and that if they go home in nursery clothes that they are returned to us so we can use them again.
- Can we please ask that children come in appropriate clothing and footwear, including coats, wellies for outdoor play.
- Hats and gloves and a spare change of clothes for the colder months
- **May we remind you to be prompt in collecting your child at the end of their session**. We ask that parents/carers arrive five minutes before the end of your child's session, so staff can discuss your child's day.
Late collections could mean that we are in danger of going out of ratio and our insurance only covers us between the hours of 8:00am – 6:00pm. Morning sessions finish at 1:00pm and afternoon sessions at 6:00pm. **Late collections will incur a £10 late charge for every 15 minutes or part of.**
- Please can we ask that all children bringing nappies and wipes on a daily basis always have at least 5 nappies a day in their bag. We have four nappy changing times throughout the day and then there is always one spare to allow for an extra change.
- Please can we remind you that we do not swap children's sessions as our staffing is calculated in advance on the number of children attending each day.
- Can we please remind parents/carers the importance of attending your children's 3 month reviews; this is to keep you informed of your children's progress.

Thank You for your continued support
The Sunny Bright Team