



# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to our October Newsletter

### September

How lovely the world is  
In September

Warm air  
Leaves just turning gold

Summer still lingering  
Autumn coming nearer

It is a time of bittersweet endings  
And bittersweet beginnings

It seems that every September  
The world takes a deep breath

Shakes off the August heat  
Prepares for a long winter

Knowing no one will feel this way again  
Until next  
September.

Nina Dringo

### Parents Evening

We are holding our next Parents Evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their key Person and to look at their development records.

The evening will start at 6.30pm and 10 minute appointments will be made. Please see you child's key person to make an appointment. Should you be unable to attend, another agreed time may be made.

Please may I remind parents that staff, are no longer responsible for the children after 6.15pm.

### **Nursery Christmas Closure**

Would all parents please be aware that the Nursery will close at the slightly earlier time of 17:00 on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, and will re open again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January at the normal time.

### Jo Jingles



Join in and have fun!!!!

Jo Jingles has really settled in well and the children are enjoying his company lots. Jo provides fun music, singing and movement classes for our babies, older babies and toddlers, offering a series of varied educational programmes. For further information on these music sessions please see the leaflets and parent packs that are displayed in the foyer area.



I'm forever blowing bubbles!!

### **Staff News**

Congratulations to Terri who was awarded staff member of the month.

We would like to welcome Rose, Trisha and Elspeth who are our newest members of our staff team.

Rose is a qualified Nursery Practitioner who has previously cared for children within a day care environment. The children have helped make her feel very welcome and she is now very much a part of our toddler room team.

Elspeth is also a qualified Nursery Practitioner who has recently completed her training, and has cared for children in many placement settings. We are looking forward to her sharing all of her new ideas.

Trisha has cared for children of a variety of ages and is beginning the process of signing up to gain a relevant qualification within the early year's sector.

Well done to Helen who has completed her level 2 qualifications with flying colours, and good luck with your level 3 which she has already begun!

### **Parking**

All parents should have received a letter regarding the parking of your cars during the drop off and collection of your children. Thank you for your co operation in this matter and adhering to the requests that were made, and for making full use of the Nursery car park.

### **Outdoor Clothing**

Outdoor learning thoroughly complements indoor learning and both are equally important. With the weather soon to begin changing please would parents ensure their child has suitable outdoor clothing, with appropriate coats and foot wear.

Remember there is no such thing as inappropriate weather but inappropriate clothing!!

### **Baby Room**

Welcome to Megan, Fergus and Saskia who have recently joined us within the Baby room.

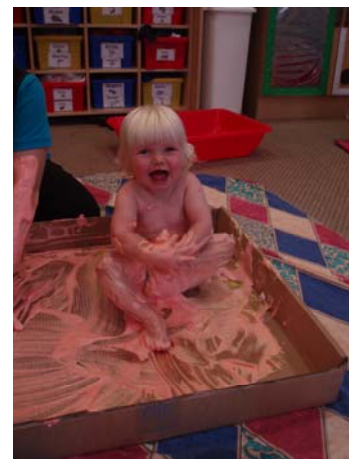
Within baby room this month we have been very busy learning about different animals. We have really enjoyed completing a variety of art activities linked to animals in the jungle, pets at home and animals that live on the farm.

During our story and circle time our favourite story has been "Fred's Baby Animals". It's a story where we can make lots of noise where we learn the different animal sounds and we also loved to sing along to 'Old Macdonald'.



Enjoying our favourite story

Getting back to messy... again... we have had a great time playing with different types of wet and dry materials such as shaving foam with paint and glitter which was all placed in a large cardboard box. The texture felt slimy, rough, and slippery and probably lots more to new little fingers!



Having a whale of a time!!!

## Older Baby Room

Welcome to Evie, Eleanor, Amelie and Jack who have recently transitioned through from the Baby Room.

Autumn has been our topic this month within the Older Baby Room and I'm sure that as you can see from looking around the room, that as usual we have enjoyed making and displaying lots of our creative work. We had an opportunity to go out for a walk to the local shops and park. We climbed on all the equipment and especially enjoyed the pirates' ship.



Ahoy there

Together we have spent lots of time in the garden with the weather being quite reasonable enjoying the fresh air. We explored in the digging area and built sandcastles in the sandpit with the help of our older friends.

Painting was great fun as we used different objects from the garden. We collected leaves and stones and used these to print with autumn colour paints which of course also went everywhere, these you can see displayed within the our room.

We have also looked at some nursery rhymes such as 'baa baa pink sheep' the children had great giggles making there own interpretation off a sheep.



Baa, baa pink sheep have you any wool?

## Toddler Room

Welcome to Liam, Georgia, Courtney, Jayden and Callum who have recently joined us within the Toddler Room, and also to Alex, Rebeca, Shivani and Gabriella who has transitioned downstairs from the Older Baby Room.

Within the Toddler room this month we have had great experiences learning about shapes and colours.



Completing a shape and colour puzzle

We have been shape sorting and colour sorting objects into the right category, made shortbread shapes making the dough ourselves and cutting out with our chosen cutters. Later on in the day we then made coloured icing to spread all over the top!



Which shape shall I use?

The children have been completing the shape and colour puzzle and enjoyed messy play activities like ice cube play with a variety of different shaped cubes and colours.

## Pre School Room

Welcome to Abi and Isabella who have recently joined the Nursery and to Marcel who has transitioned through from the Toddler Room.

Throughout September we have been looking at the alphabet and letters in our name. This is to help us recognise our names at circle time and on our draws and pegs.

We have also been learning the meaning of 'more or less' with unifix cubes and beginning to recognise numbers 1 -10.



Who has 1? Who has 2? Who has 6?

We talked about how to stay healthy, learning what food is best to eat and how to exercise. We talked about how exercising made us feel and within the garden we practised balancing, sit up, press ups and doing running races to feel how fast our hearts beat.



Balancing act....

We have been looking at rhyming words and making up our very own words. We spoke about and drew our very own family trees talking about who is in our own family. Our favourite times have been playing in the home corner with the babies playing mummies and daddies.

We had an attempt at making shortbread, which we had fun making but didn't quite get the chance to eat them as the mixture didn't turn out right, but never mind it was still great making a mess.

We participated in small groups turn taking activities which included the spotty dog number game.

We are going to be creating self portraits and pictures of our family next month. We would very much like it if the children could bring in various pictures of their family for the children to use.

## Nursery Invoices

We are now sending out monthly invoices to you via email to confirm the monthly nursery fees. These are sent to you before your payment is due for your perusal. If you find that the total is incorrect please forward an email to head office as soon as possible using the email address

[headoffice@positivestepsnurseries.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@positivestepsnurseries.co.uk) There will be a deadline on the invoice for contacting us with regards to changing any of the payments. We will then be able to correct our paperwork before we actually call for the fees via direct debit from your bank. Payments will be taken as per the invoice unless contact is made to head office to advise us of any change. We cannot be responsible for any charges accrued due to direct debit being taken.

## Dates to remember

Parents Evening 22nd October  
Half Term w/c 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Christmas Celebrations 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Last Day of Autumn Term 18th December  
Nursery closes 24<sup>th</sup> December at 17:00  
Nursery re opens 4 January 2010 at normal time

## September Birthdays

We would like to wish all those children who celebrated their birthday in the Month of September a very big 'Happy Birthday'!

Charlie M



## New arrivals

We would like to wish Lela and her family all the best in the safe arrival of their soon to be newest member of the Family. Good Luck for when the time arrives!

Kind Regards

Anna and team