



# NEWSLETTER



## April 2009

What a lovely month we have had, with lots of outside play and fun in the sun. Read on to find out what exciting activities the children have been doing over the last few weeks.

## Red Nose Day

### *Babies*

We all had lots of fun on Red Nose Day with red noodles to play with and investigate the cold sticky texture. We also pulled out all the different red toys that we had including making tall red towers. Those who allowed her to enjoyed having their faces painted by Emma.



### *Older Babies*

Red Nose Day was so much fun for Older Babies as we enjoyed baking our sweet and savoury scones to sell later in the day. We all thought they were very tasty.

### *Toddlers*

The Toddler children had a great time getting ready for Red Nose Day by doing some baking. We made fairy cakes with a smiley face and red

nose. We also had fun dressing up and being funny all day – the best bit was playing in the red jelly.

### *Pre-School*

The Pre-school children enjoyed the face painting and making red noses with funny faces on.



## Baby Room

March has been a great month for babies enjoying the sunshine. We have been outside playing with our toys and exploring the garden with our new crawling skills. We have also started pulling ourselves up on the furniture and getting our legs nice and strong ready for walking.



This month we have been looking at spring and painted lovely pictures of lambs and daffodils which are up on our display board. Come and pop in to see our pictures.

We have been doing lots of messy and creative play, exploring the texture of cornflour and experimenting with the toys in it. We also played with noodles and tried to eat them which was fun.

For Mother's Day we worked really hard on our beautiful cards and bookmarks and hope that all the mummies loved them. The painting part created a lot of mess and we think more paint went on the table, rather than the card, but it was all good fun.



We are all enjoying having the ball pit in the Baby room; we all take it in turns to sit in it and throw the balls at Emily and Emma.

We would like to welcome Ava back to Nursery after her lovely holiday in the Australian sun.

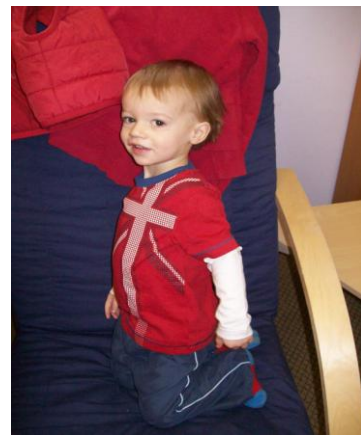
Emma and Emily

### Older baby Room

Our topic this month was all about Dinosaurs. Older Babies took the opportunity to decorate their Dinosaurs with different types of material. They all had different textures which were good to feel and investigate. We did painting, sticking

and colouring on the Dinosaurs which are displayed in the Older Baby Room.

We enjoyed getting our hands and feet messy making prints which we used to make the Mother's Day cards for our mummies – we hope you liked them.



As we began to see a lot of sunshine we ventured out into the garden taking our toys and activities with us to enjoy the warm sunshine.



Older babies are looking forward to getting messy making Easter Bunnies and spring animals.

Nicole and Yvonne

### Toddlers

This month in Toddler Room our topic has been Dinosaurs. We have been colouring and sticking Dinosaur pictures to make them very colourful. The Toddler children did a big version of the story 'Harry and his Bucket full of Dinosaurs' for our big display board. We coloured Dinosaur parts so that they could be cut out and stuck together to make a very colourful Dinosaur.



We have had lots of fun playing with some big and small Dinosaurs and we had a fantastic time on our Dinosaur treasure hunt in the garden. We

found lots of pictures of different Dinosaur footprints. We also enjoyed reading a wide variety of Dinosaur books, especially the Harry ones.



The Toddler children have been having lots of fun by painting train tracks for our new train birthday board which looks great. The children's names and birthdays are in a puff of smoke coming from each carriage.

We had a great time making things for our mummies for Mother's Day. The cards were made of handprints which are always fun to do and the 'wipe clean whiteboard's that some children made were a parrot design. The photo frames were very pretty with the beautiful sequins stuck on them. We enjoyed using the special new pens to colour on the frame. We hope you liked the presents and all had a lovely Mother's Day.

Sam, Claudia and Steff

### Pre-School

Dinosaurs has been our topic throughout March, we have made a dinosaur display using different coloured paint and a variety of materials. We have painted tyrannosaurs and stegosaurus and other dinosaurs with complicated names, which the children seemed to have picked up very easily.

We have read stories about Harry and his bucket full of dinosaurs and looked at some other stories with dinosaur in them.



We have taken the dinosaurs and the animal mats out into the garden for the children to play with outside now that the weather has seemed to brighten up. We have been playing with rice, pasta and

spaghetti in the sand tray; we looked at the different colours and the different lengths that the pasta had been broken into.

The children in Pre-School were very busy preparing their gifts and cards for mother's day, we hope you all liked your beautiful cards and we look forward to seeing some photos of your sunflowers once they have all began to grow.



St Patricks Day fell on March the 17<sup>th</sup>. We talked about it being a special day for the people of Ireland and we made a collage of Leprechaun and some clover using different coloured green tissue paper.

Henrietta has begun her travels again and she has been off on holiday with Benjamin. If you are going on holiday and would like to take Henrietta with you then please let us know so we can ensure she will be available as her holiday diary can become very full.

Please can I ask for children's shoe boxes as I am trying to put together some song and story boxes and children's shoe boxes will be an idea size, please pass any that you may have to Jen.

Jen, Heather and Shakila

### Forthcoming topics

Easter and spring are on their way and outside we can see lots of baby animals being born. This will be our main focus for the next few weeks as the children will be able to relate to what they have seen outside with their parents to what we are talking about in Nursery.

### Forthcoming dates

Easter Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holidays – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Precious Moments DVD's – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. If your child does not attend on a Monday or Tuesday, please speak to Nicole to arrange a time to come in if you want to.

### Rachel's moonlight walk

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at midnight I will be taking part in the moonwalk. It is a marathon walk raising money for breast cancer; it is a very well known walk that takes place in London. I am looking for sponsors to raise money for a very good cause. If you would like to sponsor me, please come and see me when I am in on an Thursday.

Rachel

### Reminders

#### Spare Clothes

*Please ensure that your child has **at least 1 full change of clothes**. This is especially important when your child is toilet training, but also at all other times. The children do lots of messy activities including playing outside (even when it is wet), water play and of course eating. It is very uncomfortable for them to be in dirty or wet clothes and worse if they have to wear clothes which are too small for them in Nursery spares. We do keep a selection of clothes, but we do not have enough for every child, particularly as our spare clothes do not always come back.*

If your child is sent home in Nursery clothes, it is imperative that these clothes are returned for the next child. However it is nicer for them to be changed into their own clothes.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

#### *Nursery vouchers*

We are collecting all supermarket vouchers for sports equipment and computer resources. If you have any for us, please post them into the box in the foyer (opposite the staff photo board). Please note that there is one box for all varieties of voucher.

#### *Menus*

You should have all received copies of our new Nursery menus with a letter attached. This lets you know what food we are offering on a daily basis to your child. Also at the bottom of the letter there is a form you can use to make any suggestions of meals you would like to see. It is good to get parents input into these decisions

when the menus are being revised, so please let us know what you think.

#### *Contact Details*

Please can you ensure that you have the correct contact details for the Nursery? My direct line is 01494 484737. Alternatively you can contact me by e-mail on [info@positivestepsnurseries.co.uk](mailto:info@positivestepsnurseries.co.uk) There are other numbers which come into the Nursery site, such as Head Office, however, there is not always someone there to answer these telephones as the Directors are regularly at other sites within the company. All communication for Stokenchurch should come through the above number or e-mail address.

#### *Prams & Pushchairs*

If you have a pram or pushchair that you no longer require, we would be very grateful if it could be donated to the Nursery. This allows the younger babies to have more regular outings into the garden and outdoor activities.

Kind Regards,

Jill and the Stokenchurch Team.

Last but not least . . .

We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday, as they will be celebrating in April:

Charlotte  
Ella  
Holly  
Eleanor  
Benjamin S

