



NEWSLETTER

Dear all

I think this picture sums up the boys who have moved through to the Toddler room. All chilled out, relaxed and enjoying themselves. The removal of the partition wall in the toddler room has really created a wonderful space for the children to relax and choose a book and enjoy a little bit of quiet time. It's difficult thinking back to how it used to look.



It's a hard life hey mate?

Its hard to believe that we are now coming into Autumn and Summer is leaving us behind. Where did it go?

It's been lovely seeing the nursery so busy with all the children back from holidays.

The garden will start to transform over the next couple of months, I have started to buy some of the items that we need to implement the changes, the main bulk of this will be the vegetable planters, the sandpit and the hedging and planting that will form the secret garden in the corner. It's really exciting to start work on this project, the sandpit will be a

welcome attraction for all I'm sure. The most costly item is the sun sail shade and will take the majority of our budget, but I am sure you will all agree we need some shade out the back.

Through our planning and our recent discussions within the team we felt it would be better to have raised vegetable beds as opposed to an allotment style patch, this is due to the wildlife that finds its way into our garden in the evenings, I think we would have as much luck as farmer McGregor in Peter rabbit.

Peter Rabbit



We have therefore changed that plan slightly, but hope that it will provide us with a more useful crop.

Preschool

What a lovely start to the autumn, the sun is shining the children are all happily settled into the Preschool, we welcome Isabelle, Sabine, Jacob and Joshua. All have settled so well it's hard to believe that they haven't been here all the time.



Enjoying the garden

Lots of organising and sorting has been taking place to make the Preschool room more class room effective in line with the Early Years Framework Standards.



We have been working really hard on our numerals, learning to recognise the numbers one to ten from sight. We have also been doing lots of sorting and matching of colour bears and beads, learning pattern making and recognising, small, medium and large.

The big thing in the Preschool is rehearsing for the Christmas play. We have been practising daily our Christmas songs and are all really good at those now. The tough bit will be deciding who's going to be who.

Watch this space. Angel, Shepherd or King?

Our Bugs and Beasties display is up and looking fabulous. The children have worked really hard to make this so do come and have a look. The children have also been using the camera to take their own pictures of the bugs and beasties in the garden, then looking at their pictures and doing some observational drawings.



Busy in the sandpit

We have been enjoying the garden too, and the sunshine has meant that we have been able to adopt the free flow approach. In doing this the children have been choosing to play indoors as well as out. We have set up activities in the garden to mirror the inside environment and provide lots of choices for the children. We created a sensory play table outside with gloop, play gel and beans with pasta, although the toddler's gate crashed and ate all of our beans!

Toddlers

Where to start with the toddlers this month, firstly let's welcome Harrison, Alex, William and Jacob from older babies, all have been settling in really well and seem to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. Another welcome goes to Egan who joins us for a

Friday morning, we also welcome Emily, known to us all as Millie, and we are very pleased to have you both too.

As you may all be aware Susan is leaving us, after four years with the company she feels it is a good time to move on and will be taking a job working with the elderly, so others will be benefiting from her care and support. Susan has been a big part of the toddler team and we will all be sorry to say goodbye. If you would like to sign a card for Susan please discreetly see Val who has one hiding.

Val will step up as Toddler Room Leader and I'm sure all of you will welcome her as much as the children have done in the last couple of months. Val has proven to be an enormous benefit to the Toddler room and is a big hit here with all of us.



Come on push.....

We have been looking at the farm yard this month and as you come into the room you will see our beautiful display board that shows a farmer's field and what we may find in it. A wonderful display has been created by the children using many different materials.

The garden has been used a lot as the sun has been out, enjoying our morning snacks, picnicking and also being creative and painting in the garden.



Enjoying the sunshine

As we are looking at the farm yard, if anyone has anything they would like to bring in and show their friends please do feel welcome to do so.

It's been wonderful to see so many of you sign up to our parents into play sessions. Thank you.

We are all looking forward to our sponsored toddle around the village for Jeans for Gene's day and look forward to reporting next month on how it all went.

P.S we didn't eat all the preschool beans.....

Older babies

The Older baby room has really been going through a transitional time, we say goodbye to Alex, Harrison, Alfie and Jacob. But we say hello to Alice and Freddie. It's lovely to watch the children interacting with all their new toddler friends, it's amazing how grown up they all look suddenly.

They have all been enjoying waving to us through the doors from the garden.

Alice and Freddie have settled really well, we enjoy having them with us.

Like the other rooms, we too have been enjoying the garden and as we tend to get out first we get all the trikes.

We have had such lovely sunny days that we have been in the garden most of the time.



We have been building dens to hide under and have taken the ball pool outside onto the lawn, also we have enjoyed creating all our lovely Christmas cards for our Mummies and Daddies to look at.

Tammie has been on a two week holiday to South Africa and we look forward to welcoming her back.



Does this thing have any more gears?

Babies

We have said a fond farewell to some of our babies as they move through to the older baby room, Alice and Freddie J. They haven't looked back at all.

We have been getting organised for Christmas and have produced some beautiful cards, I hope you all agree that they are really very cute.

We have been getting messy with sensory play such as foam, chopped tomato's and jelly, the children have really enjoyed this.



Enjoying getting messy

We've been working on some of the children's self feeding skills to get those ready for when they move through to older babies. Thank goodness for catcher bibs, but they are now showing us how clever they all are, not only with feeding but crawling and walking too. It's all go as they climb, toddle and manoeuvre about.



Come on copy us too

Birthdays



Maddie 10th September who is 4
Egan 20th September who is 2
Alex 30th September who is 2

Happy Birthday to you all

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 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.

Reminders

2nd October – jeans for genes, please smart jeans for a donation to charity. Press from Jeans for Genes will also be here.



10th October – Open day, please tell all your friends to drop in.

2nd November – Halloween party at Nursery, please wear fancy dress



12th November -Ladies night at the community hall.
£5.00 a ticket towards a local charity



21st December - Christmas play.



Safety Warning

Can all parents please adhere to the speeding limit in the village. We have received a complaint from a local villager about the speeding levels and it is not acceptable to be breaking the 30 mph limit, it's a busy village for the children who use the nursery as well as the school. We have been in touch with the community police to see if we can use a mobile speed camera to stop this from happening in the future.



Labelling of clothes

Can you all ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled, including their shoes. We have a growing lost property box, so please do take a look and see if any thing belongs to you.

We have the opportunity to purchase name labels at a very reasonable cost, a form for these can be found in the entrance foyer.