



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our September 2008 newsletter.

This month we all had lots of fun preparing for our Caribbean fun day. We made lots of palm trees, fruit and beach pictures to decorate the nursery.



Caleb, Robin & Gabriel made fruit kebabs for our Caribbean day

We had lots of fun at our Caribbean fun day and we made masks, had our faces painted, made fruit kebabs and had a Caribbean tea, with rice, kebabs and salad. Thank you to all the parents who attended and joined in this special event. Look out for us in the Herald Express local newspaper as it contains an article on our Caribbean fun day, with a lovely photo of Caleb and his father Alistair.

New Children

As mentioned in our last newsletter we have welcomed lots of new children into the nursery this month. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and friends of Positive Steps who have recommended our provision and hope we can all work together to continue to provide a fun and welcoming environment for all.

The toddler room is expanding and has welcomed this month Jamie Moss, Jamie enjoys playing with the train track and cars and has made lot of new friends.

Also starting in the Toddler room has been Curtis Poole, Charlotte Inman and Leah Allum.

Curtis has enjoyed playing outside in the garden and loves to climb on the large climbing frame and wizz down the slide! Charlotte is a budding artist and loves to get messy painting lots of bright pictures. Leah has also been enjoying the messy activities and has been doing lots of sticking using tissue paper.

The baby room has also had some new arrivals this month including Archie McAuley, Emily Harris and Emma Bergsland- Rognstad, Abigail Pratt and our youngest resident Liam Creasey. Archie loves music and will happily clap and bounce away to his favourite songs. Emily loves to explore the garden! Emma loves to be social and interact with others making lots of new friends and Abigail enjoys cuddling the soft toys and colouring.



Emily enjoys playing in the garden at Positive Steps

New Staff

We would like to Welcome Phoebe Achord to the Positive Steps team, Phoebe will be working alongside Zoe and Kirsty in the baby room. We would also like to welcome Lianne Maltman to the team; Lianne will be working alongside Ashley,

Sharon and Louise in the Toddler room. I hope you will joining me in congratulating Lianne and Phoebe on their new position and wish them every success in their future careers with Positive Steps.

Room News

Our topic this month has been 'History'

Baby Room

The baby room has also been learning about History. In the first week of our topic we learnt about old and new toys and coloured in pictures of toys from the past and present.

In the second week we attempted to make family trees, thank you to the parents who kindly donated photos for this use.

In the third week of our history topic we taught the children about the story of Guy Fawkes (bonfire night) The babies listened to a short story of the gunpowder plot and made firework splatter paint pictures.



Oakley enjoys exploring the wooden bricks which are one of our old toys

In the final part of our topic we learnt about the great fire of London and made fire pictures by sticking red, yellow and orange tissue paper in flame shapes.

We also sang the song London's bridge is burning down which related to our Fire of London theme.

The babies have also been enjoying their new Heuristic play items including pegs, hair rollers and baskets! Isabelle enjoyed carrying the basket containing the hair curlers around the room like a handbag and Jake found the pegs very tasty! We also made some sensory bottles using different material everyone helped fill them up!



Ava loves to carry the sensory bottles

Toddlers and Pre-School

History has been a fun and exciting topic this month. We started the topic by looking at lots of photos of each other's families. Thank you to all the parents who kindly donated photos. We had lots of fun sharing our photos and learning about each other's families. We also used these photos to make our very own family trees.

We also learnt about kings and queens and looked at pictures of what they usually wear. We used a variety of craft materials to create our own king and queen crowns.



Caitlin enjoys making her crown using sequins for gems.

Like the baby room we also learnt about the Great Fire of London. We learnt that London bridge burnt down during the fire so we made our own bridges and used our handprints to make orange and yellow flames to represent the fire.



Luca enjoyed making fire using orange paint

Uniform

We would like to remind all parents that it is compulsory for all children to have a positive Steps bag for their personal belongings; this can be purchased at £5.00 from the nursery office. There are also legionnaire style hats available which have adjustable straps and a detachable neck protector, you can purchase the hat also from Nursery office for £4.50.



Henry in the garden wearing our hat

For all Pre-School children we encourage them to wear the yellow t-shirts and the blue jumpers. Originally you were able to purchase the uniform from the Nursery, however to make it easier and quicker we have located a company where you can order and purchase the uniform online and is sent to you direct within 5 days! You can view all the uniform at their website which is www.simplyicons.com.



Robin driving the Fire Engine wearing our Pre-School T-shirt

At the Nursery we strive to make sure that everyone is welcomed and feels part of the group, by implementing the uniform it ensures that all children and their families are part of Positive Steps.

Future Events

On Tuesday 23rd September a photographer from Suga Free photos will be present in the nursery to take children and staff photos. All children are welcome to join in this photo session, including those who do not usually attend this day. Please ask a member of staff for an appropriate time to attend if you are not usually an attendee on a Tuesday. Please find further information in your child's draw and return the consent form provided.



Every Friday morning from Friday 12th September we are introducing musical movement dance sessions with "Bop about" Sessions. The classes will be divided into sessions for the babies and sessions for the older children. The session will consist of a variety of songs and music for children to dance along to with the use of different props to interpret the music and become more expressive.

Car parking

We have recently had a meeting with the estate manager from Trinity Estates who oversees the service agreements of the surrounding flats and garages, it has been reported that parents have been obstructing the residence garages. As a consequence it has been a major inconvenience for the local residence. Equally we have asked the residence to refrain from parking in or obstructing our nursery parking bays. We look forward to your cooperation in this matter.

Birthdays



This month we have lots of birthdays for September, We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:
Charlotte Inman on the 4th September
Leon White on the 6th September
Essen Khan on 14th September.
We also have lost of staff birthdays this month,
Happy Birthday to:
Sharon Jones on the 17th September

Ashley Clark on the 25th September
Zoe Nicholls on the 28th September.

Happy birthday from all your friends at Positive Steps.



We hope you have enjoyed reading our monthly newsletter.

Heidi and Team