

It's the Little Things

Children's Day Nursery

Welcome!

Well, the weather through July and August may have been a little poor but we've still been enjoying our beautiful surroundings whenever we can! And the government approves – more on that later! From this month we are going to be celebrating achievements throughout the nursery as there are so many going on.

Hello, Goodbye

We said an extremely sad farewell to Linda a couple of weeks ago.... She didn't want to leave us, but she had the offer of a job with lots of long holidays, so simply couldn't say no... she will be missed. Also saying goodbye is Yvonne (Jelly Beans). We are keeping our fingers crossed for her return at the end of the year.

With our two Jelly Bean Room Leaders departing there was a vacancy open and – as some of you may already know – we have appointed Cheryl Halsall to this position. Cheryl has a lot of enthusiasm and great ideas – although this is her first Room Leader post, she is already stamping her mark on the room.

Elsewhere in the nursery, we are making a few subtle changes to staffing, especially as there are so many children ready to move to the next room, moving staff as well should ease that transition. We would like to welcome Lynsey Whitley to the staff, she will be based in Jelly Beans mainly. She has a young daughter and is Level 3 qualified.

We have had a fabulous volunteer working for us over the summer. Linda has worked in every room of the nursery and has made a real impact on us all, with her exciting ideas and enthusiasm... we will miss her!

Pat on the back!

This month we are very proud of two children who have started to walk all by themselves and a couple more who are well on their way... WELL DONE!

Seven of our children in Jelly Babies are nearing their second birthday and are therefore preparing to move through to the Tots room. Staff in Babies would like to wish these children well and request that they wave to them through the window, or say hello on the corridor when going to the toilets!

In Jelly Tots, we have quite a number of children who are learning to use the potty or toilet and staff say that they are doing really well. Also, the children are getting much better at tidying up and there are lots of stickers being handed out at the moment.

Changes are happening everywhere in the nursery and Jelly Beans is no exception, with five children moving up from Tots and settling in brilliantly. Sadly though it is nearly September and inevitably, our oldest girls and boys are soon to be moving on to reception class at a variety of schools. May we take this opportunity to wish them the very best in this next exciting step... and please don't forget us, you can come back to visit any time!

Danniella on the mend

Danni, as I'm sure many of you are aware, has broken her ankle and has been off for about six weeks... The good news is that she has had her cast taken off and the break is mending nicely, so with any luck she should be back with us before the end of September.



Museum Fun

On the subject of leavers, Jelly Beans had a really exciting day out to the World Museum, Liverpool. Thirteen children and seven staff enjoyed a train ride into town, followed by the planetarium, a yummy packed lunch and hands-on experience of the many attractions of the museum.

An excellent day was had by all!

The Happy Faces Gallery!

It's summer – so we're smiling!



Something's cooking

You may have noticed that Irene is back at the cooker every day, producing those lovely meals... well, Irene really wants to cut her hours and have some time to herself so we have taken on a new cleaner. Adi, who is the current cleaner, but does a lovely job making tea each evening is going to do the daytime cooking and two of the teas and Irene is going to do the other teas. Phew! Sounds complicated but should work well!

Heuristic play

You may remember in the last newsletter we were asking you to collect things for our heuristic play sessions, including:

- Tins without lids
- Cardboard boxes
- Wooden boxes
- Wide-necked plastic
- Bottles
- Baskets
- Yoghurt pots
- Cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls)
- Cotton reels
- Hair rollers
- Old bangles
- Curtain rings
- Wooden mug trees
- Coaster sets
- Shoebboxes
- Large buttons
- Old CDs
- Purses, bags, wallets
- Ice cube trays
- Old colanders
- Old saucepans
- Thick, large link chains
- Wooden laundry pegs
- Jar lids (clean)
- Ribbons
- Seashells

Well, you can now start bringing these things in and we can begin to sort and group them.

THANK YOU!

Pat on the back (to the staff!)

Congratulations to Cheryl (Tots) who has successfully completed her full paediatric first aid course. Well done!
Also, Natalie has now qualified as Level 2 and immediately enrolled onto her Level 3 course, so well done Natalie!

Great outdoors

Our children play out rain or shine, and the government wholly approves! They're launching a new campaign to get children to explore the outdoors and say they shouldn't be "wrapped up in cotton wool". We agree!

Photographs

If you have ordered photos they are due back during the first week in September.

'Fame' comes to nursery

A new music and dance teacher is to begin teaching the children once a week from September. Charlie is a student at LIPA (the 'Fame' school) in Liverpool. She has some great ideas. As with our Spanish lessons – which we hope to restart in September – these extra lessons are free. We'll keep you posted.

Barnado's Big Toddle

This will take place on Friday, 25th September 10.00-11.30. If your child does not normally attend why not come down and join in anyway? Sponsorship forms are enclosed, so get asking all those relatives!

The moans!

PLEASE remember to close the front door behind you and do not put it on the snip under ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
Please remember to remove your shoes before going into your child's room.
If you bring bottles into the nursery, please make sure they are clearly labelled.

Fees

Fees will be increasing from 1st October. You will be receiving details of your new standing order amount very soon.

Lost

Baby combat trousers. Beige, age 18-23 months, with belt. Ladybird make. If you find them, please hand them in.

Parking

There are a few strange things going on in the car park over the road, but I have been assured that the markings are wrong and are going to be changed shortly, so we will have to put up with the confusion for now and proceed with caution, as the buses are finding it impossible to follow the new directions. So take care, and remember the 10mph speed limit.