

It's the Little Things Children's Day Nursery

Welcome!

Hello and welcome to you all as we begin an exciting new year!



King of the castle

Four-year old Thomas Tubey is getting stuck into our newly-built indoor sandpit – one of our most popular additions since we opened the nursery. The sandpit is part of a big new investment, including new toys, resources and flooring throughout the 2-5 year old rooms, and the beginning of 'the big re-paint'.

New baby!

Big, big congratulations to pre-school room supervisor Bethan, who gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy Rowan, on 11th November. A little brother for Lottie.



Making a show

We're always on the look out for new ideas. Sue and I (Louise) went to the Nursery World Show in London this January to see what inspiration it had to offer. There were some good ideas, which we'll look to adopt, but the trip did test our commitment to the job. We travelled down on Friday night so as to be there bright and early on Saturday morning, when the train broke down – in the end we arrived four hours late! Plenty of time to catch up with our paperwork...

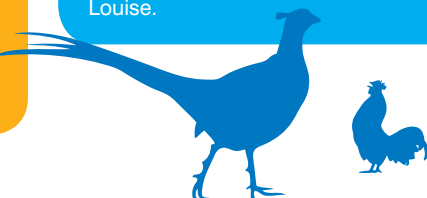
Ready, steady, go!

Everyone at the nursery will be taking part in Sport Relief on Friday 19th March. We'll be encouraging all children and staff to get on their leg-warmers and headbands for a sponsored workout. It may look more like an episode of Fame than an Olympic gathering. To find out how you can get involved, speak to Sue or Louise.



Name game

It's a big step to go from mark making to writing your name, but that's what some of the children in the pre-school Owls Room have been working towards. Here we have four year olds Kian, Beth, Aimee, Grace and three year old Harry all very impressive with their crayons. Top marks.





He's behind you!

In Owls room last month there were cries of 'he's behind you!'. The Christmas trip this year was to Jack and the Beanstalk at Southport Theatre. Twenty three adults and 24 children thoroughly enjoyed the performance by 'H' from Steps and the rest of the cast. The children were up and dancing along to the tunes and had a fantastic time. Aimee Webb was still singing with her dad on the way back on the coach.

Staff training

Good luck to three members of staff who have enrolled at college to develop their skills further. Charlotte has started her Level 3 while Lyndsey Rimmer and Lynsey Whitley (Little Hedgehogs) have both started an evening course for Level 4/5. We've also organised a room leaders and supervisors course, led by an experienced practitioner. The course takes place on Saturday mornings – we'll keep you informed.

Moving on up

There have been lots of lovely, glittery activities going on all over the nursery which the children have been enjoying taking part in! All staff in Robins and Hedgehogs would like to say good luck to their children who have moved on to the next room. You will all be missed!

Staff news

Sadly we said farewell to Danniella at the end of last year. Danni has made the tough decision to move on for personal reasons. She would like to thank parents for their support over the years and we wish her the very best for the future. Anna has also moved on, she has moved into a new house in Wirral. It is too far for her to travel and continue working here. Following her success at achieving her Masters, she is looking for a different challenge in the world of work and we wish her the very best of luck!

We have a few new staff since the last newsletter: Natasha started with us full-time in January. She is Level 3 qualified and is going to be our new Room Supervisor of Little Robins room.

Val, who has been with us for a couple of months now, has settled in well. She is based mainly in the Little Robins room. Katie and Stacey who are apprentices studying for their Level 2 qualification. They both work four days, with a day at college. Katie is based in Little Hedgehogs and Stacey in pre-school Owls.



A very special nativity

Once our Nativity play was a huge success, with more than 20 of the older children in the pre-school Owls all playing a part. Jesus and Mary were joined by Santa Claus, some fairies and a few elves – there was even a guest appearance by Thomas the Tank Engine.

More than 70 parents and grandparents attended the 20 minute performance, joining in the songs, which ranged from Little Donkey and Away in a Manger to Jingle Bells and When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney. Angels, Jessica and Beth, show off their fantastic costumes.

Children in Need

Can we say a big thank you to everyone for giving generously for Children in Need and to staff and children who wore their clothes inside out and back to front!! A special mention has to go to Sarah and Lyndsey who managed to stay quiet for an amazing (and very peaceful) four hours!!! The grand total raised this year is £248. Well done!

A lovely stew

From January, Adi is introducing a new winter menu. She is aiming to incorporate lots of new vegetables into her recipes which include some lovely, warming stews. One particular recipe will contain coconut milk, so if there is anyone with an allergy can you please talk to Sue or Louise.

It's all white

You can't have a winter newsletter without mentioning the snow! We've never had it so good, which is why the children have been out having fun, and to be fair, creating more washing for their parents. It was worth it, as young Jim McCubbin will tell you.



Urgent: Registration Forms

We need to ensure that all of your contact details etc. are up to date. We have sent out new registration forms for you to fill in. Please take the time to do this and bring them in as soon as possible – it is essential that we have the correct information.

Don't forget we put all of our newsletters on our website: itsthelittlethings.co.uk

