

Newsletter

January / February Newsletter 2019



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It's time for our first Newsletter of 2019 and we have so much to tell you about already! Where do we start? We think we'd like to start with welcoming our new families who have joined us in 2019 and also to the new siblings of children who are already here. Welcome to our homely environment and join our lovely group of families who are already part of The Lyme Nursery. We have just over 100 children on our registers now which is just amazing. That's over 100 little faces, little smiles and little giggles that we have the pleasure of seeing and caring for each week. Thank you to all parents who continue to recommend us to their friends and family, we are so grateful for your word of mouth recommendations. I personally love showing potential new customers around the Nursery. Having been a customer here myself, before becoming an employee, I see the Nursery from a Mum's perspective. Seeing the children laughing, playing and learning brings real warmth to me. Our staff are just simply wonderful. They often pop into the office to tell us about what they are doing, or what some of the children have said/done. They have great passion for what they do which is why our mission statement "Invest in the best" is just perfect for us. Happy Newsletter reading! Mandi x

Staff updates:-



In January Laura Duncan joined the Nursery assuming the position of Team Leader in the Juniors group. Laura has worked in Early Years for a number of years and brings a vast amount of knowledge and experience with her. Already, the Juniors are now learning the first part of Jolly Phonics, satpin, singing the relevant Phonics songs and pronouncing the letters. "The snake is in the grass, the snake is in the grass, 's', 's', the snake is in the grass". Laura—you're doing a fabulous job with the Juniors, well done!



We also welcomed back Hannah Burlace-Colquhoun in January. Hannah previously worked with us on a supply basis. Degree qualified and full of enthusiasm and energy Hannah is now the Team Leader in our Toddler room. The children love how many activities Hannah fits in during the day—they never stop, unless it's time to eat or sleep! Keep on going Hannah—you're great!



Another pleasing return to the Nursery, again in January was Billie Meadon who had also worked for us on supply. Fully qualified, Billie is now a full-time member of staff in the Tiddler room. It's quite often we find Billie lying on the floor with the Tiddlers jumping all over her! Billie certainly gets "stuck in" and involved with whatever the children are doing and they absolutely love her—as do we! Well done Billie.

Baby / Kitchen updates:-

Our Nursery Cook, Hannah went off on maternity in the New Year and we are delighted to announce that on Wednesday 13th February Hannah gave birth to a beautiful baby girl who they've named Elodie. We all send our best wishes to Hannah, Dave and big sister Elsie.



Josie joined the Kitchen team in January as Kitchen Assistant to support Emma (who has taken on Hannah's role). Josie has worked in the catering industry for over 30 years and has settled really well into Nursery life—with dishes and bibs coming out of her ears!

In February Mali and Samera also went onto maternity leave and already a big congratulations goes out to Mali and her family who had a baby girl, Livvy, on Sunday 10th March. So happy for you. Samera is due end of March, also with a baby girl, so we will keep you posted!

Dates for your diary:-

Parents Evening

Wednesday April 10th—7pm to 9pm

Easter Fun week (details to follow)

W/c 15th April

Nursery closed for Easter

Friday 19th & Monday 22nd April

May Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Paolo Loras Photography at Nursery

Wednesday 22nd May (am)

Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May

Child Contact Information

Please could we remind all parents to let us know if there are any changes to your personal details such as change of home or work address, phone/mobile number, e-mail address etc etc. We just want to ensure that we have our Child Emergency Contacts folder up to date at all times. We'd like to thank you so much for your assistance.

The Sky Dive Happened!

Leanne and Maria finally completed their sky dive on Friday 1st March, having already raised money for the British Heart Foundation. To jump from a plane at 10,000 ft, we think you're both absolutely amazing!

Bruce & Izzy's Visit to Nursery

At the end of last year and the start of this year both Molly & Mandi brought in their little fur babies to Nursery. They took Bruce and Izzy around each room to show the children and if they wanted to everyone had a turn to stroke the puppy! Bruce and Izzy's tails wouldn't stop wagging as they received so much attention!

Valentine's Funday, February 2019:-

Here's some photo's from our super Valentines Funday. There's always lots of love being shared around The Lyme Nursery!



February's Heatwave!

We couldn't believe the temperature in February when it suddenly shot up to t-shirt weather! Of course, out comes the sun and out go the children into our fabulous garden. Here's a few pictures showing the children enjoying themselves!



Update on Nursery refurbishment, investments and No. 96:-

Continued improvements to the Nursery are still taking place. The old kitchen is being turned into a storage area (for toys / tents / ball pits etc) and we have invested in new toys and furniture for the rooms. Work is still taking place on the garden of No. 96 with the hope of it's grand opening in September 2019. We'll keep you updated and hope for a glorious summer so that work can continue!



Baby FUN de de, de de de de, Baby FUN de de, de de de de! Baby FUN de de, de de de de, Baby FUN! January & February have been so much fun in our Baby room. They've hosted a winter fun day to coincide with their 'Winter' theme, dressed in their cosiest PJ's, taking part in shaving foam play, water play and made some yummy s'mores to take home! Babies also had fun creating a bright blue sky (for their wall display) by walking or crawling over a big sheet of backing paper covered in blobs of blue paint. They also made full use of the garden when the sun came out and finally had a visit from Boogie Beat Music and Movement with special guest, Giggles the cuddly monkey! What a start to the year Babies!

"We are a Rainbow full of possibilities" - this is the first thing you see on the Tiddlers wall as you walk in and how so true! The start of 2019 has seen lots of bonding and cuddles with Jade, the new Toddler Team Leader and Billie our new member of staff. Jade, Billie and Jess have kept the Tiddlers very busy with lots of activities. They've created new displays such as 'Three Little Pigs' wall, a fabulous Jungle display and a new All About Me handprint area. Not only that but you can see from the pictures the Tiddlers had fun with shredded paper, bathing babies, play-dough and sand play. They also enjoyed their dance class with Melody Bear who wanted them to do 'Row Row Row Your Boat'. Finally every morning after breakfast Tiddlers enjoy sitting on the carpet by the learning wall, counting up to 10, learning colours, shapes and then looking at their flashcards!



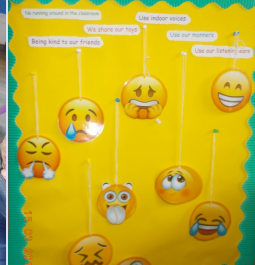
We welcomed Hannah back to the Nursery in January as Toddler room Team Leader and Hannah, together with Georgia have kept our Toddler group on their Toddler toes! Not only have they completely re-arranged the Toddler room, creating a fabulous Home Corner, separate activity areas, they've had green activity days (colour recognition), baby bathing mornings and they created their very own car wash in the tuff spot and also lots of animal pictures for their new display. They've worked on sea creatures, arctic animals and lots of jungle characters too! Let's see what March and April have in stall for Toddlers!



Well done to our Juniors who won Room of the Month in January! We're not surprised though as Laura (our New Juniors Team Leader) and Maria have done a fantastic job within the room (new displays) and also with the Juniors themselves. In just a few months the group can recognise the first Jolly Phonics letters 'satpin' and sing the songs that match the letters. At the start of the year their new theme was 'Healthy me.' The children cut out pictures of healthy foods and stuck them onto a paper plate to show what a healthy meal looked like. Laura and Maria also taught the children about hygiene and how important it is to wash our hands. They set up an activity where the children's hands were covered in glitter (germs) and the children had to wash their hands thoroughly to remove the "germs"! During February their theme was 'Traditional Tales.' We have never seen a beanstalk so big as the one on display in Juniors! To coincide with other tales, Juniors baked their own gingerbread men and also ate the three bears' yummy porridge. Can't wait to see what you're doing next Juniors!



"Ahoy me hearties"! Our Seniors have definitely been enjoying the pirate theme that they started in January. They've worked so hard on the wonderful display. Each Senior appears on the display as a pirate and they have made their own treasure maps using soaked cold teabags (which they were amazed by and loved)! Next they baked some cakes and instead of putting them to one side to take home, the grown up "pirates" hid them around the classroom for the younger pirates to find! The group have also enjoyed role play, pretending to be pirates and playing with lots of themed toys. Seniors have also been talking about classroom rules and using emoji's, they've created a little display board showing emotions and promoting positive wellbeing. Some of the rules include being kind to our friends, using indoor voices, using our manners and sharing our toys. Our Seniors are so well behaved



2019—a new year and a new classroom for our Pre-schoolers! Kelly and her team set to work with re-backing all of the walls ready for lots of new displays. One of the walls features all of the planets from outer space. The children have learned all about space and have even made their own constellation pictures. It's fabulous to see and hear as they re-tell what they have learned. We know that parents have been amazed at their knowledge. They created a large sun using everyone's handprints as you can see from the picture. As well as doing lots of learning with our Jolly Phonics and High Frequency words we've also had lots of messy play with flour and shaving foam in the tuff spot trays, and outside we've loved playing in the mud kitchen as well as hop scotch that was drawn on the ground with chalk. Finally we've danced around to heads, shoulders, knees and toes! What



a fun few months!