

Newsletter

August 2023



Hello, and welcome to our August newsletter! We have had a very productive start to the year and can't quite believe it is August already!! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the many new families that have joined us, this year and send our thanks to the families that continue to support us.



Staff News

We would like to take a moment to welcome some new members of our team.

We have chef Dave, who is producing wonderful meals for the children.

Ange Y, Chloe, Hayley, Heather, Katy R, Meg, and Paula have all joined us and are busy working throughout the nursery and out of school.

Katy S has returned from her maternity leave with her daughter, Freya.

Chelsea from preschool, has recently given birth to a beautiful baby boy called Kaeson.

We have had some new additions to our ever-growing list of animals!

Meet, Babs, Rita, Harriet, and Peggy our new chickens.



Our 'Shining Star' Tina!



The National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) awards were held on June 9th, where Tina was awarded a NDNA Shining star, special recognition award.

This was awarded to Tina in recognition of her achievements and commitment to NDNA, her role as Trustee for Wales and her continued work in the childcare sector.

Although we know Tina's greatest reward is seeing our children thrive and grow during their time with us, it is always an honour to be recognised.

We are all very proud of you, Tina!



We have recently purchased all the children in the nursery water bottles, which we will label and re use daily. These will be provided to your child in between snacks and meals so they can have a drink whenever they want one. There is no longer any need to provide your child with their own drinking bottle (except from baby room), as unfortunately, we do not have the space to store them all throughout the day.



Preschool recently observed the life cycle of a butterfly, the children, and staff, have enjoyed watching our caterpillars go through each stage to transform into butterflies, we then released them in our wildlife garden, which they enjoyed staying around for a long time before flying away.



You may have noticed that at the bottom of our car park, near the out of school building. We have a 'Dragons Bags' clothes recycling bank! Dragon Bags is a fundraising scheme that helps nurseries across Wales raise funds through textile recycling. We have used money raised so far from donated clothes to reinvest into our wildlife garden. Thank you for your donations!

Dragon Bags



We have had brilliant success in transferring on to 'Blossom', all families are set up and we have received many positive feedback messages regarding the new programme we are using. Occasionally, there may be some errors, and we do apologise for this, we are still adjusting to the system, however, we do keep a hard paper copy daily, so if any information is wrong, please do get in touch. We hope you are enjoying using Blossom as much as we are, and we welcome any feedback you may want to offer.

Due to the success, we have had using our new software 'Blossom', we gave all families notice that we would no longer be using 'Seesaw', as of the 1st of August all groups on Seesaw will be archived.





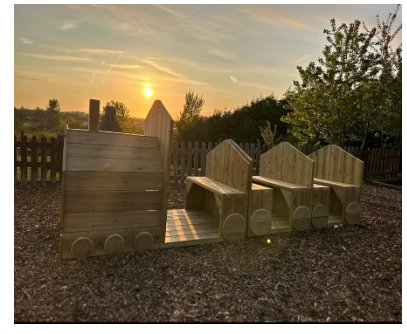
We are very proud of our food hygiene score, and to ensure we keep our standards high, many of the team have recently renewed their Level 2 in food handling.



As part of our annual quality review, we set ourselves targets at the beginning of every year, that we would like to achieve.

We have managed to tick so many things off our target list already this year, we have been very productive!

We are due to shortly have new flooring throughout many of the areas within the nursery. We have new wooden tables and chairs in the toddler area, along with new storage and have enhanced our wonderful outdoor space with some new wooden garden furniture and have raised our allotment beds making them much more accessible to all!



The children are loving risky play in the outdoor area, and quite often will be found climbing on scaffolding planks and reels, we would love to further enhance this type of play, do you have any spare scaffolding planks, wooden reels, or plastic crates that you are able to donate, please? We know the children would have lots of enjoyment from them!

Reminders

- Please provide sufficient wet wipes, nappies/ pull ups, and nappy cream for your child's day in nursery, we have very limited spares available.
- If your child is potty training, please provide several changes of clothes, including socks and preferably spare shoes (Crocs/ sandals are ideal during potty training as can be cleaned and air dried).
 - Please label all your child's belongings, including coats, jackets, shoes, and dummies. This will help keep all children's items safe and make it easier to identify, unfortunately, if items are not labelled, we will not be held responsible.
- Please provide a coat daily for your child, so we can enjoy the very unpredictable British weather!

Please can we remind all families to adhere to their agreed drop off and pick up times, staff rotas are arranged as per children in the nursery, and if drop off and pick up times are changed without notice, this compromises staff: child ratios, which we must legally follow. If you would like to double check your child's nursery hours or amend them, please get in touch and we will do our best to accommodate. If families are found to be outside of their agreed hours, fee bands will be amended accordingly.

We have recently purchased CCTV, which has been installed throughout the nursery and on entrance/ exits, this has been a target of ours for some time. The CCTV is purely used to safeguard all within the nursery and complies with the Information Commissioners CCTV Code of practice, to ensure it is used responsibly. The use of CCTV and the associated images and audios are covered by Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR policy. The CCTV is not a "webcam" facility; families will not have access to view recordings and audios. If you would like any further information, please contact Tina.



- August 28th (Monday) Bank Holiday
- Christmas shut down- We close Friday 22nd December at 6pm and return on Tuesday January 2nd.
- We will arrange charitable events during the remaining of the year and will give notice prior to these.

Please refer to our terms and conditions regarding payments and banking days over our closed periods and bank holidays. Bank holiday days can only be swapped in the same week, on a first come first served basis, and providing there is availability to do so.

We are aware that many parents need invoices and receipts, and whilst we try are utmost to do these as soon as possible. Sometimes there are occasions beyond our control where we have not been able to access accounts via blossom. Please give as much notice as possible when invoices and receipts are needed. Thank you.

We receive lots of compliments, which are uplifting for our hard-working team and are lovely to hear.

We would love to spread the word about all the fantastic things we do at nursery.

Please could you visit
daynurseries.co.uk and leave us a review?
We would be very grateful.



Thank you for your continued support,
Best Wishes, Tiny Tots Team x

