

# Summer Edition

## A note from Jenni

As you may have noticed I am standing in for Beccy as manager, while she is on maternity leave. If you have any queries I will be here to help. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that we no longer accept cash payments we only accept card/standing order payments. If you would like to set up a standing order please see me in the office for more details. We would prefer to try and get all parents onto monthly standing orders if you would like information on this pop into the office

Let's us take a look at what's been happening in the rooms over the last few weeks.

Throughout the nursery we have all been looking at summer and holidays. Although the weather has not been so great on some days, the children have loved making ice lollies and creating sand pictures.

The Toddler room children have had a busy time doing some fantastic art and craft. They have been creating sun shines using their hands, sail boats with paper plates and even building sand castles in our large sand pit in the garden. Each



child is individually planned for everyday. Some of the have children enjoyed trips out to see the boats at Seacombe ferry and had a picnic in the park after feeding the ducks. Summer time has been great in the toddler room. Love

Laura, Rebecca and Claire xxx

The baby room children have been extra busy throughout summer getting very messy. We enjoyed painting our hands, feet and even faces during a large messy play activity. All of our babies have also been making lots of beautiful summer work, to put on show for all to see. They made beautiful strawberry lolly ices, a huge sunshine using everyone's hand prints and even baked sunshine biscuits. Our babies also had a great time on trips out in the sun to the park.

Love  
Stephy,  
Rach and  
Lisa xxx



The Pre-school children really set about their summer activities. They made fantastic summer fruit cocktails/smoothies, ice lollies and even food tasting strawberries and cream to go with the Wimbledon theme. A lot of the preschool children had a great time in our

splash pool cooling down after hot days in the garden. This was such fun all the children really enjoyed this. Our preschool children also enjoyed making great art and craft activities such as sunflowers. Also enjoyed cutting up holiday brochures for the children to built on their cutting skills.



Activities like these are individually planned for the stage of development each child is at.

Love Amy, Andria, Craig and Mavis  
xxx

## School leaving

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to a lot of our pre school children, who have all grown up and gone onto their big primary school. This has been a very sad time to see them all go, as some of these children started with us in baby room. Pre-school. We will miss you all and hope you all enjoy your time at big school.



## Learning journals

Our learning journals are for you and us at nursery, to see how your children is coming along at nursery and how well they are developing we write daily observations which are both planned and spontaneous we follow each child's developments through doing termly reports and annual parents evening. Also at the bottom of your child's learning journal there is a parent comment box which you should write comments or observations that your child has been up to while not at nursery.

Each child is individually planned for, by using their next steps through the learning journal and put onto the weekly planning. This gives us as key workers, the opportunity to see which area a child needs more support, our to build their learning development up. At the back of the learning journal there is a tick chat, which the key worker's tick the observation, their key child has achieved that day. This helps us work out which area their key child needs support or more observations.



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## The early years foundation stage

As you are all aware our learning journals have changed slightly, to give you more information on how your child is meeting the early years foundation stage. We now have more input from the Early Years Foundation Stage. (EYFS) In case some of you are unsure what the EYFS you can find this information on website below . Here is a brief outline from the foundation stage to tell you a little more about it.

“The EYFS is a single quality framework to support children's learning from birth to 5 years (end of child's reception year) The framework recognises that there is a development continuum for children and this is reflected in the development of early learning grids”.

We at nursery follow this framework by doing daily observations. You at home can also follow this by writing observations in the parent comment box at the bottom of your child's journal. We feel this is a great way to stay communicated with you and your child's development and to help you and us learn more on how they are developing.

[www.early-years-foundation-stage.co.uk](http://www.early-years-foundation-stage.co.uk)



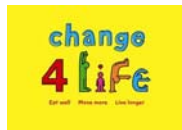
## Summer Sun



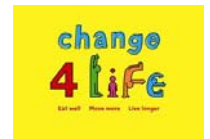
With the weather being so British we never know what to expect, whether it be sun or rain, so please try to provide the weather appropriate clothing for your child. Every child should be coming into nursery with a change of clothes .

In our sun policy at nursery it states parents are responsible must ensure that children have had sun cream on before attending nursery. The nursery does have sun cream at least factor 20 which we will put on the children if you tell us that you have not do so. Sun cream works best when applied 20 minuets before going into the sun, staff will reapply sun cream throughout the day.

There are sun creams available that work all day which we recommend you use.



## Change for life!



At nursery, this summer, we are promoting change for life. This is a healthy eating/exercising programme, to advise children and families on the importance of healthy eating. We have put together a take home teddy especially for this programme, he is called Tumble Ted, who loves nothing more than jumping, skipping, running and eating fruit and vegetables. Over the next few weeks your child will have the opportunity to take home tumble Ted to enjoy some fun filled activities under your watch full eye. Inside Tumble Ted's bag there will be a skipping rope, egg and spoon set, stop watch and even sweat bands for your child to enjoy for a weekend or if going on holiday, perhaps a week. We will be starting Tumble Ted in the pre-school room , so remember take lots of photographs and write a diary for us to see what you have been up to.



## Notices

### Congratulations

A big Jack and Jill congratulations to Beccy who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on 14th July weighing 7lb 15oz. Both Beccy, Stephan and Ollie John Lewis are doing great. We are all excited to see him and get lots of photographs.

Also a big congratulations to Laura, Jason and big sister Chloe to the new addition to their family baby Jack Dearing who is just beautiful.



### What's going on in Seacombe Children's Centre?

Tel: (0151) 630 1845

You can pick up a what's on leaflet from reception at the children's centre

Please remember we can only administer prescribed medicines



## Life boat Fundraising event 8th July 2011

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children and parents who took part in our RNLI fund raising day. we had so much fun at nursery, we dressed up as pirates, sailors and even star fish. The children made lots of yummy cakes which were sold in a cake sale. We had a raffle with lots of lovely prizes, well done to all our winners.

### £500 for Charity



Jack and Jill day nursery raised a huge £250 on the 8th July for our fund raising day for the RNLI, Marjorie and David (owners) were so pleased with everyone's generosity that they have matched our total of £250 to make a huge £500 for this charity.



### Thank You

I would like to thank Awen's mum who very kindly donated cakes to be sold and raffled off. A huge thank you to Rach for donating the fantastic pirate cake to guess the weight which was 6lb 4 1/2 oz. William's Nan for donating a fantastic pirate ship and cakes to be raffled off. Steph Bowie for making cakes and putting together all of our raffle prizes they looked beautiful.

A cheque will be presented to New Brighton Lifeboat station on behalf of all the children, parents, carers and staff's kindness.



## Tesco's and Sainsbury's



## Potty training

### Potty training

When potty / toilet training, you must provide plenty of spare trousers, socks and underwear.

We recommend at least 3-4 changes. Potty training information can be found on <http://www.babycentre.co.uk/toddler/pottytraining> There are links on the website to find tips for boys and girls that may find useful.

If you would like your child to begin potty training we can work together and support your child at nursery when going through this process.

### Spare Clothes

I would like to thank all parents who have donated any spare clothes to

nursery as they have come in very handy.

I would also like to remind parents that if your child has come home in nursery clothing then could you please return it back to nursery as soon as possible.

Thank you



## Rhythm time

### A note from Rhythm time

The children of the toddler room and now baby room, have been enjoying the wonderful rhythm time with Frank. Rhythm time is a great way for your child to enjoy group activities and learn about different types of musical instruments. Frank has made rhythm time age appropriate for all of our children and encourages sharing and turn taking. Frank has even managed to get some of our staff singing along with the music and enjoying the session with the children. This is a lovely way to spend Tuesday afternoons in the toddler/baby room. Rhythm time is a great way to let your child express themselves through action and sound. All of our toddlers and babies really enjoy the session.



# Key person information



We have a Key Person System working at our nursery. Please approach your child's Key Person if you have any worries, concerns or other information that you think is important and would like to discuss. All information will remain confidential.

## A key person: -

- Has special responsibility for a set amount of children
- Will work alongside you to help your child settle into nursery.
- Will ensure that your child's needs are recognised and met at each session
- Will regularly observe and assess the development of your child and monitor their progress
- Is responsible for updating your child's records
- Will feedback any information or concerns about your child to you

## *IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT A KEY PERSON DOES NOT*

- Shadow the children throughout the session
- Only work with their key children
- Prevent other adults from developing a relationship with their key children

## Baby room supervisor

As you may have noticed we have a new baby room supervisor, covering while Jenni is working in the office, this is Steph Bowie. If you require any information from baby room, please talk with Steph or Jenni.

Special Educational Needs Co Coordinator  
Martina our S.E.N.C.O is working with some of our families if you require any information about the S.E.N.C.O please see Martina or Jenni.

## Parents evening

It is almost time for our annual parents evening, this will be held on Monday 10th October 2011. We will be arranging time slots for you to talk with your child's key person, about their development and general time at nursery. This will give you a chance to speak to your child's key person in depth about their developmental progress or any other issues you may wish to discuss. The evening will take the format of an appointment system to ensure everyone has an equal amount of time. Partnership with parents is very important for us and parents evening will help to strengthen the strong links between home and nursery. It also gives you the opportunity to look around the whole nursery and speak with staff from other rooms especially if your child will be moving up in the near future.

Times will be confirmed in due course. I hope everyone will be able to attend. If you can't make this date, please let me know and we can arrange a date and time that suits you.