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### **Staff News**

We are delighted to let you know that Becca has been promoted!! She will become the Acting Manager of our Strensall nursery; sadly their gain is our loss! So that we can make sure her key children and their families' transition to new key people here, comfortably and securely, Becca will remain a part of Fulford. She may do a shortened day here for some of the days each week and the team will work with her and you in making sure we handle the transition well.

Nicole will step up to lead the room and I'm also delighted to announce that Neil will take on the role of Deputy Manager here.



### **Thank You**

A great big well done to all those who took part the Riverside Walk to raise funds for the York Rescue Boat. We were so lucky with the weather and the arrival of the actual boat and crew on a training exercise! Please hand any sponsor money into the office as soon as possible. We will let you know how much we have raised.

### **Nursery News**

**Babies** – this month the children have been looking at all things transport! They have seen many different kinds in our local area from boats to bikes and buses to army lorries. They have created lots of works of art using wheels on different toys and the staff created different transport themes sensory trays for the children to explore. The babies have also enjoyed spending time at The Yard test driving the tricycles and pushchairs. We have loved hearing about your trips out and about and the experiences the children have had. As part of out In the Moment Planning we have enjoyed role play tea parties, tested our climbing skills on

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different obstacle courses and spent lots of time splashing in our watery sensory trays.

Thank you for your continued support with out In the Moment Planning the children are really enjoying the varied experiences we are sharing! Next month we will also be exploring our senses.



**Toddlers** – the river walk has created lots of sparks in Toddlers this month! Some of the older Toddlers joined Pre school for the visit by Mark from the Rescue Boat team and talked about things we can use to help people who may have fallen in. This led to lots of floating and sinking activities and water play. The children made life ring shaped biscuits for everyone to have at the half way point on the walk – they were very tasty. They talked about the shape and colour of the life rings and used paper plates to create their own. The children have also enjoyed digging in the garden and have talked about which vegetables grow in the ground, this led to lots of discussion about favourite foods.

The staff appreciate the sparks you and your children are giving us, again this encourages fabulous discussions and great activities! We can't wait to hear what you get up to next!



**Pre school** – have looked at a variety of topics and interests over the last month. After reading 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs', a story brought in by one of the children, they created a working volcano using mod roc (a fabulous - but

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messy - craft medium if you have never come across it!!) The children acted out the story to great dramatic effect! Long hair and how to get it has also been a hot topic!! There has been lots of super Montessori Cultural work happening in the room too, the children have used the materials sensibly and with great interest. They have been learning about birds and bird boxes.

As you can see the sparks from you and your children lead to very varied learning experiences – I can't wait to see what comes next month!!



### Forest School

Knots have been the order of the day at Forest School! The children have enjoyed lots of rope work, working together to learn how to tie knots and figure out many ways to use the ropes including making rope bridges! Lots of opportunities for problem solving!!

### Down on the Allotment

Work is in full swing and after many discussions with the children we are (trying) to grow 'massive' pumpkins, broccoli, beans, courgettes, peppers and strawberries. The children helped to prepare the soils and planting area months ago and have continued weeding and turning over the soil now they can plant, water and watch their crops grow!

### Events we will be celebrating

Butterfly Education Day – 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Healthy Eating Week - 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June  
National Picnic Week – 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Summer Fayre – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

### Pre School Graduation

I say this every year but I can't believe we have got to this time already!! This will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30. All school leavers are welcome to join us for the celebration and special tea. If it is not a normal nursery day you will need to accompany your child. Please let the room staff know if you will be attending so we have numbers for food.

### Sun cream

We are changing our current Sun cream brand of Soltan to Nivea as a member of staff has a severe allergy to shea butter. Please see the attached leaflet for more information. Thank you.

### Facebook and Twitter

If you'd like to follow us on twitter and facebook, we keep you up to date with lots of activities here and any other interests too. We are @yorksmontessori on Twitter and on facebook at @yorksmontessori

### Illness

Please can you let staff know if you have given your child Calpol or any other medication before they come to nursery.

We ask that you **PLEASE** respect our policy to reduce illness spreading and keep children out of the nursery for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help prevent everyone else from catching it, including staff who offer the continual care valued by your child. If **antibiotics** are prescribed you are asked to keep you child away from nursery for the first 48 hours following initial medication.

### E mails

You can contact me at the nursery on [fulford@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:fulford@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk) and Allison at Head Office on [headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk)

**Invoices and Payments: Could you please ensure that all New Government Tax Free Childcare, Voucher and Bacs Payments are made by the 7th of the month at the latest please, in line with our Terms and Conditions? If you are changing the way you pay, including starting vouchers and paying by the new Government Tax Free payments, please let Head Office know by the 15th of the month**  
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### Nursery Holidays for 2019

26.8.19 – August Bank Holiday  
24.12.19 – Christmas Eve – close at 1.00pm  
Re-open 2<sup>nd</sup> January

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