

October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

We really enjoyed October which saw lots of new children being welcomed to the nursery as well as transitioning between rooms. The children have settled well with their new Key Person and the other significant practitioners within the rooms.

We have an annual membership for Meanwood Valley Farm and some of our children enjoyed day trips out. There are some lovely family events taking place at the farm, do take a look.

Our lovely staff team are enjoying our book swap, let us know if this were something you would like to take part in or have any books you could donate.

Nursery Holidays for 2023

22.12.23 – Close for Christmas – Re - open 2nd January 2024

We hope you will come and join us for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December 10-12

There will be activities to explore throughout the nursery, refreshments and a Festive Tombola.

As always contributions for the Tombola and cake stall will be gratefully received. We will be raising funds for St Gemma's Hospice.



Staff News



We have welcomed **Abigail** to our Baby Room team, and she is enjoying getting to know everyone. Abigail has three children; she enjoys spending with her family going on lots of exciting outings. Abigail has lots of great experience in various settings.



Phoebe has joined our Toddler Room. She has a BA in History and recently completed a teaching English Qualification and completed an internship in Thailand and has experience of working in nurseries. She loves to spend her spare time with her family & friends.



Tanya has joined our Pre school Room. She has a BA Honours degree in Teaching and Learning. Tanya is also taking the SENCO role for the setting. Tanya has two children who are university and 3 cats. She loves to spend her spare time with her family & friends, doing yoga, reading, and relaxing.



Mahsa is a Montessori Teacher and has joined our Pre school team. She loves working with children and aims to provide them with lots of opportunities to explore, communicate and learn at their own pace, following their interests. Mahsa likes to spend her free time with her family, painting and playing with her dog.

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Baby room

The children have enjoyed exploring some exciting new resources. We have sensory squares for stepping and crawling on which sees the colours move, mix and change. For crawling through we have a new tunnel and the best bit - coming out at the end and smiling at our friends, this is also helping to develop turn taking. We have also been balancing on our new stepping stones in the garden.

We explored paint and mark making in different ways, we used broccoli to print and create tree's, painted with our feet and made footprints on paper. We have also explored slime and cornflour - feeling the texture, squishing, squashing, and mixing it.

The children have been mark making using sticks in flour and scooping and transferring it. We have had fun outdoors with waterplay, splashing and exploring bubbles, we added various items to the water and the children experimented with tools and containers.



Toddler room

Toddler room children were so busy, we made ice pops, flap jack and used the piping bags to ice our buns, developing our fine motor skills.

We went to the local park and had a go on the swings and seesaw, taking turns really well.

We had lots of fun both indoors and outdoors splashing in water and exploring bubbles, tipping

and pouring. The children loved putting chairs together to make a bus and take their teddy bears on rides to all sorts of wonderful places.

We created an obstacle course outdoors, and the children really enjoyed the challenge and practiced their balancing and climbing skills.

We went on a rainy day walk and splashed in lots of puddles and listened to the sound of the rain.

The children enjoyed making salt dough figurines and painting them.

We continued the transport spark by creating cars out of large boxes, painting them and riding in them. Musical fun has been had by all, we have been making shakers and drums and exploring the sounds they make.



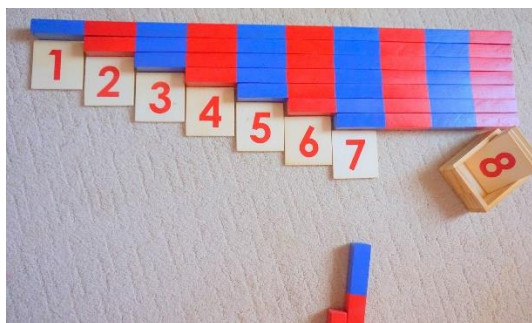
Pre-school room

Our Pre-School children enjoyed making their own lemonade, squeezing the lemons and mixing the liquid and pouring and tasting it. We are enjoying being independent learners using the mats and choosing the Montessori teaching materials, our favourites are the Pink tower, Broad Stair & Large Number Rods. Practical life skills such as the Dressing Frames and using the special knives to saw boxes are popular too.

We have been on walks to the park and have enjoyed exploring minibeasts and collecting natural resources to create artwork back in the classroom. Outdoors, we love playing hide and seek and large group games, performing on our stage and den making. We are developing our friendships and enjoy sharing books together and making up our own stories.

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We have been taking turns on the balance bikes outdoors and enjoy the large climbing frame which we turn into a truck, bus & pirate ship - using our imagination.



Home Learning

The children have been enjoying washing tables and toys and sweeping and cleaning up. The children could be your best helpers and it gives them a sense of responsibility and teaches them to respect their everyday living environment. Please let us know what tasks they like to do with you.



3 & 4 Year Old Funding

If you currently have 30 hours funding you need to revalidate your current code with HMRC to continue to get the funding from April.

If your child has their third birthday between 1st September 2023 to 31st December, your child will be eligible for funding from January. You can check your eligibility via Childcare Choices at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you have already applied, please make sure you revalidate before the end of December as **you cannot** access funding for the first time if it is over three months since you initially applied!!

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads at Nursery are Suzanne Walwyn (Manager) and Ursula Rowe (Deputy Manager). Please do come and talk to us if you have any concerns or need our help.

Emma Greenwood (Third in Charge) is DSL trained and is available in our absence.

Please ensure the doors and gates are closed behind you. Please take care when driving in and out of the car park.

Instagram, Facebook and Twitter

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

Invoices and payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare, Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the 1st of the month, in line with our terms and conditions. Thank you.

If you are changing the way you pay, e.g. with the Tax-Free Childcare payments, please let our accounts team know as soon as possible, or by 15th of the month on headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help. Notice re payments after the 1st: Some payments have been increasingly irregular, such as Tax-Free Childcare, bank payments and voucher payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the 1st of a month. A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late.

Our thanks again for your help

Emails

You can contact us at the nursery on: moortown@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk and Allison at Head Office on: headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk

Regards Suzanne & The Team