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# Newsletter



Hello, and welcome to our beginning of the year newsletter! As we enter our 51<sup>st</sup> year of Tiny Tots Day Nursery we have so much to look forward to. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the many new families that have recently joined us and send our thanks to the families that continue to support us.

With the number of children increasing throughout the nursery, we would like to take the opportunity to welcome back Georgia. Georgia worked at Tiny Tots a couple of years ago and has returned to us after pursuing a different career.



## Dragon Bags

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 will use any money raised from donated clothes to reinvest into our outdoor facilities.

We are fully set up and running with Seesaw, a digital individual learning portfolio. If you need your child's QR code again or need help getting set up, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



We were making a transition over to the nursery software 'Famly' from First steps, which we had used for over 30 years, before their company retired. However, we felt it was not fully meeting our needs. We made the decision to sign up to 'Blossom', a similar software company, and have been successful in transferring lots of information over. Throughout this new year, our priority is to set up the parent/ staff section of the software, which will allow the whole team to instantly send messages, pictures, and routine updates.



Into the Wild, had a very busy and successful first Christmas period. This was run by Ben and Kira within the nursery grounds. Many families enjoyed meeting and petting our Alpacas, visiting Santa in his wonderful grotto and the meeting the mischievous grinch! Ben and Kira received fantastic feedback, look out for their upcoming Easter event! Find out more by following 'Into the wild Alpacas' on Facebook.





We were inspected on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by the environmental health, we yet again scored the highest rating of 5- Very good. The inspector looked at food safety, hygiene, food preparation and our monitoring systems in place. As we have now had three consecutive top 5 scores, we have been awarded an Elite award. A fantastic achievement, I'm sure you will agree! Well done to our kitchen team.



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

Last year we managed to tick so many things off our target list, we had a super productive year!

This year we plan on being just as productive and have lots of exciting plans in place already. We will shortly be sending out parent questionnaires and would love to hear your feedback!



7<sup>th</sup> April- Bank Holiday Good Friday

10<sup>th</sup> April- Bank Holiday Easter Monday

1<sup>st</sup> May (Monday) -Early May Bank Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> May (Monday)- Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

Please refer to our terms and conditions regarding payments and banking days over our closed periods and bank holidays.

**Unfortunately, we are aware that some accounts are missing payment contributions. It is very important that regular weekly payments are made towards your child's nursery fees please, if you are struggling to make payments towards your account, please contact Tina as a matter of urgency.**

**Thank you to the parents and carers that pay regularly without any prompting we really appreciate it, especially over the Christmas period.**