

October 2023

Newsletter



Hello, and welcome to our end of October newsletter! We have had a very productive year so far and can't quite believe it is nearly over already!! We would like to take this opportunity to send our thanks to all families that have supported us throughout the year so far.

Staff News

Congratulations to Beth who has recently given birth to a beautiful baby boy called, Alfie.

Ben has recently qualified in Level 5 Playworker and Management.

Recently many of our staff have or are about to attend a safeguarding refresher course. We always ensure that all staff are confident with the safeguarding policies we have in place. You will notice from door entrances that Tina and Vickie are the designated safeguarding leads for the nursery and out of school, if you ever feel you need to raise a safeguarding concern of any nature, we are always here if you need to talk to one of us.

Eight staff members recently attended a Paediatric first aid training course. This helped us reach our target for this year, of having 100% of our staff members first aid trained.

You may have noticed 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 in Wales raise small amounts of funds through textile recycling, diverting textiles from landfill. Guidance from their website suggests **Acceptable items are-** Shirts, Trousers, shorts, t-shirts, jeans, jackets, jumpers, hoodies, bags, belts and ties, boots, hats, shoes, skirts, dresses, swimwear, underwear. **Unacceptable items are-** Ripped or stained items, socks, dirty underwear, bath robes, workwear, pyjamas, uniforms, printed items. Any funds raised will be reinvested into our outdoor area.

Unfortunately, we did not escape the October floods! Preschool suffered from a flood in all three of their rooms, due to the amount of rainfall against the preschool front door.

The team worked fantastic together to make sure the day flowed as smoothly as possible. The floors have been cleaned, and order has resumed!

For the out of school children who were collected early from school and safely brought back to nursery, Tina is not charging for the extra hours between their early arrival and 3pm.

Many thanks to the families that managed to collect their children earlier during the adverse weather conditions. It helped to ensure that nonlocal staff members were able to get home safely during the floods.





Blossom Questionnaire Summary

A few months ago, we gave you the opportunity to give us some feedback regarding your experiences with Blossom. Thank you to the families that completed the questionnaire, we found it very useful and informative. The feedback has made us aware of what we are doing very well and what areas we could improve on.

We have taken from the feedback that participants-

- Enjoy seeing photographs of their child and would love even more.
- That it would be helpful if dairies were sent out earlier in the day.
- Accurate collection details (We have informed Blossom that there is an error with this section, we do not input who drops off at nursery, only who collects, however, when the section is uploaded, it goes on arrival and departure).
- Invoices and receipts- Within the blossom app there is an 'Account' section, in this section you should have the option to be able to download and print receipts for tax credits e.t.c., pending your account is up to date. If you are unable to access this section, please get in touch with Tina or Kirsty.
- On the go updates, rather than end of the night (Currently we are not in a position to do this, however, we agree that it would be informative for parents).

We have set the above as targets to work towards and have contacted blossom to assist us in some areas.

Blossom questionnaire summary

100 % of the participants said they found Blossom easy to use and enjoyed using blossom software.

90.9 % of participants said they feel informed about their child's day at nursery.

100 % said they enjoy seeing the activities their child has participated in during the day.

99 % of participants feel their child's needs are met, with added comments of

"The staff are amazing at Tiny Tots".

100% say there is nothing they would like to see less of on blossom.

45.5% of children (when applicable) enjoy looking at blossom.

Thank you for taking the time to give us feedback it is very much appreciated.



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!



Preschool and Toddlers have had their flooring changed recently, with Preschool having had extended lino wet floor areas, which gives us more space for messy play!

Toddlers have also had their lovely wooden tables and chairs.



We have been a little bit quiet on Facebook recently, whilst we have been busy getting used to Blossom within the nursery areas. We are hoping to be uploading a lot more of what we get up to in nursery on social media. Our open Facebook group is called 'Tiny Tots Day Nursery', and our closed (current families only) Facebook group is called 'Kirsty Jones' both Facebook pages have our Tiny Tots logo as the profile picture, if you have not had a look at our Facebook pages, have a look, we get up to lots at nursery!



Our Tiny Tots profile picture -



With the weather getting colder and wetter, if you could provide wellies and all in ones for your child to wear at nursery, it would be beneficial, so we can continue using our wonderful outdoor space. We do have some spares at nursery available.



During our Flying start sessions, we are regularly monitored and supported by Flying start advisors. Recently, we had an annual baseline assessment inspection, which assess' our quality assurance and monitors framework. The team did fantastic during their inspection, and we received amazing feedback!

"Staff's interaction with the children is excellent, providing lots of stimulating opportunities for the children to explore".

"Learning experiences offered to the children are varied and engaging, whilst posing enough challenge to help develop the children".

"The environment is well planned and encourages resilience with learning".





Santa's Grotto

With the Alpacas

@ Into the wild.

- 🌲 Meet Santa in his grotto
- 🌲 A present from Santa
- 🌲 Meet, greet and feed our Alpacas
- 🌲 Make your own s'more on our fire pit
- 🌲 Make a tree decoration
- 🌲 Meet the Grinch
- 🌲 Make reindeer food
- 🌲 Temporary Tattoos
- 🌲 Hotdog and Hot drink included

There will be Snacks, and souvenirs available *
(additional charges may apply)

child - £25 (one adult £5 entry per paying child)

additional adults - £10

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To book Santa's Grotto with the alpacas, please visit 'Into the Wild Alpacas' on Facebook or additionally speak to Ben or Kira.



Upcoming Events



- Halloween- 31st October (Tuesday), If your child wishes too, they can attend nursery in Halloween costumes.
- Children in need- 17th November (Friday). We will have themed activities throughout the day and welcome your child to come dressed in something Pudsey related or yellow, we will be collecting money for Children in need, any donation amount would be gratefully received.
- Christmas Jumper day- 7th December (Thursday). We welcome your child to come wearing a Christmas jumper on this day. We will be collecting money for Save the Children, again any donation would be gratefully received.
(Please do not feel pressured to buy specific clothing for the events).
- We will be collecting for the Prestatyn and Meliden Foodbank from the beginning of November, any item of nonperishable food is welcomed to be dropped off to a member of staff and we will deliver to the foodbank centre when we have finished collecting donations. The foodbank is particularly short of- UHT Milk, Tinned meat/ Fish, Sponge and rice puddings, Tea/ Coffee, Long life cordial, Pasta, and rice.



Thank you for your continued support.



We have a fantastic website, that has lots of information available on it, including tours of the nursery, policies and procedures, terms and conditions and family information.

Please visit- www.tinytotsprestatyn.co.uk

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.
- 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 use your child's Tiny Tots Day nursery red bag, especially in Babies and Toddlers as we are short of space in these cloakroom areas. If your bag is misplaced or broken, these can be replaced at a charge of £5.00.

We are aware that recently we have had to cancel child places within all areas of the nursery to be able to maintain correct legal ratios, this is due to staff illness within nursery areas and the inability to cover staff absence. We are working hard to make sure this disruption to routine happens as little as possible, but in some circumstances, it cannot be avoided. We would like to reassure all families, that it is the very last option we take and when doing so, we are putting the safety of our staff and children first. We would like to thank all families that have been very understanding during these cancellations.

We would like to add, that if your child is unwell prior to attending nursery please can you keep your child at home, until they are well again to return.



Christmas shut down- We close Friday 22nd December at 6pm and return on Tuesday January 2nd.

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

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](https://www.daynurseries.co.uk) and leave us a review? We would be very grateful!