



The Red Squirrel
Children's Nursery

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Autumn Newsletter 2013

Dear Parent/ Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who completed our annual questionnaire- we were overwhelmed by all the wonderful comments! Your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated and will be used to improve our service. You can see the results of our questionnaire and some of the steps we are taking displayed in the cloakroom. As always, we welcome your feedback at anytime throughout the year!

Autumn has arrived and the children are having a wonderful time exploring and investigating their changing environment and creating some fantastic artwork using crunchy leaves and spiky conkers. The rooms are changing and developing following the children's interests and sparking their imagination through their play.

This is an exciting time of year with all sorts of events coming up! It will be Christmas before we know it!



Amanda Higgins (Nursery Manager)



Michelle Tandy (Depute Manager)

THE RED SQUIRREL NURSERY TEAM

Dotty Deer

Victoria Milne
(Room Head)
Gosia Mazanka
(EYP)
Rebecca Dallas
(EYP)

Tilly Trout

Katrina Bird
(Room Head)
Carole Japp
(Dept. Supervisor)
Vikki Ellis
(EYP)
Jennifer Stephens
(EYP)
Hayleigh Boyle
(Support Worker)

Henrietta Hedgehog

Katrina Bird
(Room Head)
Toni Nicholson
(EYP)
Giulia Gattermayer
(Trainee EYP)

Rusty Squirrel

Michelle Tandy
(Depute Manager and
Room Head)
Shirley Whyte
(EYP)
Natalie McIntyre
(EYP)
Nikki Philbin
(EYP)

Also on the team: Joyce Welsh (Nursery Cook) Grace Garvock (Nursery 'Granny') Michelle Grant (EYP)
Fiona Lindsay, Heather Welsh, Ico Maresca, Pamela Lannen, Ada Cieslik (Support Workers)

Staff Updates:

A warm welcome to our new members of staff: Nikki and Ada - Nikki is part of our Pre School Team and Ada has joined our supply team.

Congratulations to Vikki Ellis who has recently become the Manager of Evergreen After School club (previously Liff After School Club). This is an exciting opportunity for Vikki but it is also a lot of extra work and therefore she has decided to take a step back from the role of Room Head in our Tilly Trout Room. Katrina Bird has now taken over as the Room Head of both Henrietta Hedgehog and Tilly Trout and will oversee the two rooms.

Natalie McIntyre has now joined our Forest School team. Natalie has lots of outdoor experience as she has been a part of the Army Cadet Force and has huge enthusiasm for learning through nature.

WHAT'S NEW AND HAPPENING AT NURSERY

Clothing

Now that the colder weather is starting to appear, please ensure that your child attends nursery with a pair of wellies, a waterproof coat and wet suit as well as a complete change of clothes.



To prevent the spread of infection throughout the nursery, please could you also provide your child with a set of indoor shoes or slippers.

Facebook and Website

Please continue to stay connected on our nursery facebook page which is updated regularly. We will also be using this to provide information about upcoming events in the nursery.

Our brand new website is in its final stages and will be launched in the very near future. This will be another way to keep in contact with us as well as providing helpful information about the nursery.

New Opening Hours over the Holiday Period

This year, the nursery will be open between Christmas and New Year.

The nursery will be closed on:
25th December (Christmas Day)
26th December (Boxing Day)
1st January (New Years Day)



As always, it would be very helpful if parents could fill in our Holiday Forms (located on the notice board) to allow us to plan and use our Staff effectively.

Shoebox Appeal

This year, we will be taking part in the Blythswood Care, Shoe Box Appeal 2013.

“By filling a shoebox with simple gifts you can bring joy and laughter to someone this Christmas”

This year, boxes will be sent to:
Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

For more information, please see take a leaflet from the cloak room, or visit <http://www.blythswood.org/shoebox>

Dates for your Diary

31st October – Halloween Party

15th November – Children In Need (Pyjama Day!)

13th December – Pre School Nativity Play

14th November – Parents Evening

7th December – Christmas Fete

20th December – Christmas Party