



The Red Squirrel Nursery

Spring Newsletter 2014



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, we have recently undergone our annual Inspection from the Care Inspectorate. Through the hard work of the entire staff team, we are delighted with the final report and grades that we were given!

Our Grades are as follows:

Quality of Care and Support – Very Good - 5

Statement 1: We ensure that service users and carers participate in assessing and improving the quality of the care and support provided by the service – Excellent - 6

Statement 3: We ensure that service users' health and wellbeing needs are met – Very Good - 5

Quality of Environment – Excellent - 6

Statement 1: We ensure that service users and carers participate in assessing and improving the quality of the environment within the service – Excellent - 6

Statement 2: We make sure that the environment is safe and service users are protected – Excellent - 6

Quality of Staffing – Excellent - 6

Statement 1: We ensure that service users and carers participate in assessing and improving the quality of staffing in the service – Excellent - 6

Statement 3: We have a professional, trained and motivated workforce which operates to National Care Standards, legislation and best practice – Excellent - 6

Quality of Management and Leadership – Very Good - 5

Statement 1: We ensure that service users and carers participate in assessing and improving the quality of the management and leadership of the service – Excellent - 6

Statement 4: We use quality assurance systems and processes which involve service users, carers, staff and stakeholders to assess the quality of the service we provide – Very Good - 5

A copy of the full report can be found in the nursery cloak room, alternatively you can access it through the Care Inspectorate website: <http://www.careinspectorate.com/> and searching for the Provider Name 'Red Squirrel Nursery.'

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

Victoria Milne
(Room Head)
Carole Japp
(Dept. Supervisor)
Jennifer Stephens
(EYP)
Hayleigh Boyle
(Support Worker)
Toni Nicholson
(EYP)

Henrietta Hedgehog

Katrina Bird
(Room Head)
Gill McMahon
(EYP)
Giulia Gattermayer
(Trainee EYP)

Rusty Squirrel

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

Also on the team: Joyce Welsh (Nursery Cook)

Grace Garvock (Nursery 'Granny')

Sandra McAlpine (Administrator)

Vikki Ellis (Early Years Practitioner)

Fiona Lindsay, Heather Welsh, Ico Maresca, Emily Dunnett, Ada Cieslik, Christine Black (Support Workers)

Staff Updates:

Welcome to Gill who has joined our Henrietta Hedgehog team. Gill has worked in Poland and America as well as Scotland, and we are looking forward to utilising her skills and experience in the nursery.

We are excited to welcome Kim and Eda who will be joining our team as Nursery Assistants.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Nikki, who has unfortunately needed to move away to Edinburgh for family reasons. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

WHAT'S NEW AND HAPPENING AT NURSERY



Suncreams and hats

The warmer weather is approaching and as you know, the children spend a huge amount of their time enjoying the outdoor environment. New permission slips will soon be provided in your child's room and we ask that you please provide a brand new, unopened bottle of suncream (factor 50) that is labelled and dated and a named sun hat. Thank you.

Bills and Invoices

We appear to have a few parents falling behind with their bills – we do try wherever possible to avoid adding late payment charges however these will be enforced as from the 1st April 2014.

Please support us by ensuring that your bill is paid on time – before the 15th of the month.

As part of our Eco Initiative, we are no longer sending out paper invoices for children under 3 as, apart from changes in sessions, the amount remains unchanged each month so we feel it's unnecessary.

Please add your child's name as a reference for any electronic payments
Thank you!

Spare clothes/ change of clothes

Please remember to provide a change of clothes for your child in all rooms of the nursery. The children may need changed for a number of reasons including toileting, messy play, meal times and mud or rain from walks.

We would also be very grateful if you could donate any spare trousers. Thank you!

Absences from Nursery

Please let us know if your child is going to be off nursery for any reason. This assists us with planning our staffing and meals.

It is our Policy to contact parents and carers if a child does not arrive at nursery on a day that they are expected.

Food and Drink

We ask that all parents and carers please refrain from bringing food from home into nursery. This is to protect children with allergies and special dietary requirements and to ensure that all children are being treated equally.

Throughout the nursery day children are provided with fresh water and fruit, as well as their delicious and healthy meals.

For more information about food within nursery, please speak to Joyce Welsh (Nursery Cook)

Dates for your Diary

Dad's Day – Saturday 26th April – 10am to 12pm

Parents Coffee Morning – Saturday 24th May – 10am – 12pm

Pre School Graduation – Friday 27th June – 7pm

Garden Party – Saturday 5th July