



Welcome to Funtasia First Steps Nursery News. Our very first edition!

Wow! What a busy first half term we have had at the nursery. All the children have settled in really well and have built up lovely relationships with their key person. New Key Person meetings will be planned for February for our January starters where we will update you on settling in, and next steps of development, we will also give you tips on how you can help your child at home. We have started the New Year with our new theme, People who help us; we are covering -doctors, police, dentists, firefighters and superheroes. We will move into our spring theme after half term.

A message from Karen...

Hi Everyone,

I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for choosing Funtasia First Steps Nursery. We now have 44 children on the register, which is an amazing achievement in 4 months. We have enquiries almost daily which all come from recommendations and compliments given from the parents who bring their children to our nursery. I hope everyone feels the caring, passionate family feel the moment they step through the door. When you join our nursery you become part of our family and I don't need to tell you this, as you will feel it but the passion and dedication from the team here at Funtasia runs throughout the nursery. We are blessed with a wonderful, dedicated and highly skilled team. We love parent partnerships and our door is always open to answer concerns, give reassurance or advice, or for anything at all.

Our Nursery Team

We are so lucky to have a team of practitioners who are not only highly skilled but are also passionate and dedicated. Our team comprises of:

Karen Sanderson : Karla Headdock:
Managing Director Nursery Manager



Kim: Operational Manager



Emma: Nursery Practitioner



Elaine: Nursery Practitioner in Baby Nest



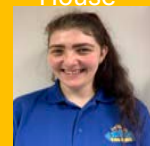
Mia: Nursery Practitioner in Baby Nest



Leanne: Nursery Practitioner in Tree House



Katie: Nursery Practitioner In Tree House



Heather: Level 3 Apprentice in



Kelsey: Nursery Practitioner in Toy Town



We have spent a lot of time this half term really getting to know the children by completing an All About Me theme, we then moved on to farms and ended the half term looking at space in line with the National Space Week.

All About Me:

During our all about me theme the children in the Baby Nest room spent a lot of time playing and exploring with various sensory activities such as: spaghetti, gloop, water, rice Krispies and many more. They explored body parts through lots of singing and playing with the mirrors. In the Tree House room the children spent a lot of time exploring play dough where they got to make their own face. They also explored different emotions- they made emotion monsters and talked about what makes them happy and sad. We discussed our family and made our very own stick families after reading the Stick Man book.

We also celebrated Remembrance Day with lots of fun crafts; we also celebrated Children In Need with a cake sale and Funny fancy dress costumes.



Farm:

During the farm theme the children in the Baby Nest room explored the different animals and the noises they make. They spent lots of time singing songs such as old Macdonald. They then progressed up to doing lots of dancing to 'Animal Boogie'.

In Tree House room the children had a fun sensory experience with our toys farm set up with hay, sand, saw dust and soil- the children really enjoyed exploring this. They also had lots of fun playing with the fruit and veg in the farm shop. The children practiced milking a cow; they sang lots of farm songs, explored with making different marks using animal footprints and even made their own sheep.

Space:

During the Space theme the children in the Baby Nest room explored the stars by creating their own star picture with lots of glitter, they made a rocket picture using shapes, they have made a rocket in the soft play and role played flying in a rocket. The children have made their own planets and sang lots of space songs.



The Funtasia Christmas Party was a huge hit as always. Everyone had a fantastic time and it was lovely to see so many of our families having fun and enjoying themselves. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make the night a huge success and to the amazing team that we have who make Funtasia what it is today. If anyone would like to pre book their tickets for the party, they can pay and buy tickets and they will be saved for them for the party this year.

We Raised £550 at our Christmas Party, and all this went to our Defibrillator Fund. If you would like to donate towards this, please visit:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/funtasia-kids-clubs>



Over Christmas we did lots of fun things at Nursery We did a dress up silly for Santa day; we had a yummy Christmas dinner and Christmas party. We went did lots of Christmas activities and we did carol singing too at our local care home where we met lots of nice elderly men and ladies.





These two little children who attend our nursery are the best of friends. And their mummies went to school together too! We love that our funtasia family is continuously growing through word of mouth and through the love that people have for us.



Dates for your dairies:

Funtasia Christmas Party 2019: Saturday 14th December at Dukinfield Masonic Hall.

Carnival: End of June 2019



We love our new outdoor area, physical development is a must. We love going out for walks such as our wet Welly walks.



As a nursery, we are always looking for ways to improve as a whole and as individuals, continuous professional development allows every member of the team the chance to grow and develop. We always ensure each team member is up-to-date with training as possible, because of this, this term Katie Byrom has undergone her first aid training. We also have lots more training planned over the next couple of months for all the team at the nursery. We have also set up '2 stars and a wish'; this is located in the foyer. We thought we would try this as it allows parents to give feedback on our nursery and allows us to improve or change different things we may be doing.

