**September 2013 News**

**Carousel trainee**

We would like to welcome Danielle Weir to our staff team ☺

Danielle has worked in a few nurseries gaining experience in different services to further develop her career in childcare. Danielle will be based in the 2-3 room mostly alongside Mari, Angie and Kate. She has recently been taken on by Carousel Training Centre who will work with her every month to support her in gaining her SVQ 2 and 3 in Childcare and Education.

**Partnership funding – Authorisation codes**

I would like to remind all parents that the authorisation codes have been sent out and should now be with you. Can you please therefore ensure that these are handed into the office as soon as possible? Failure to do so will result in your child not receiving their funding in December.

**Schools work experience programmes**

In the following months we will receive a high volume of work experience students from various high schools all over the city. We would like to inform you of the work experience taken place throughout September.

Week beginning Monday 2nd September – Antonia Katula from Hillpark Secondary School

Week beginning Monday 9th September – Charley Reid from Eastbank Academy

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**Staff development**

Heather Hughes – Early Touches Football Course – 10th and 17th Sept – 4pm – 7pm

Natalie McCreadie – Autism Training – 11th Sept – 10am-2pm

**Stars of the month**

Maya Palmer Green – For doing very well with her toilet training.

Marisa Dundas – For eating well at lunch times and trying new foods.

Max Mondrzyk – For settling great in the 2-3 room and making new friends.

Alex Trzaska – For choosing to not have his dummy at nursery.

Emily Cochrane – For becoming more confident in walking.

Scott Pringle – For walking confidently and developing his own self-esteem

 **0-2 Room**

 We will be continuing to look at stories and nursery rhymes incorporating numbers, colours, shapes, animal noises and names.

Could we ask that parents ensure all children have warm outdoor clothing for exploring the garden? A pair of outdoor shoes would be great also.

**2-3 room**

We will continue to look at numbers 1 through to 5. We will recognise different colours and continue to learn and explore activities such as songs, rhyme, ring games, name recognition, role play, arts and crafts, sand and water play plus outdoor exploration.

3-5 room

We will learn about friendships and other people around us. During this topic we will become aware of feelings and emotions. They will be given many opportunities to share their own feelings and we will encourage this through the use of various resources. We are also looking at people from around the world where we will learn about countries and cultures.

Can we ask that parents remember to empty their child’s dookets within the 3-5 room each day please? And to provide suitable outdoor wear for playing outside. Thanks

Preschool Vision Team

Our pre-school visit has been booked for Wednesday 11th September from 9.30am onwards. This is only for children who will be attending school in the following academic year of August 2014. We would encourage all parents to make sure their child can attend nursery on this day but please do not worry if you can’t as children who are not seen on this date will be given letters from the NHS Vision Team to attend a test at your local hospital.

**Bank Holiday**

**We will be closed on Monday 30th September 2013**