



Merrydale

Private Day Nursery

Newsletter

Welcome to our nursery newsletter. We are excited to share updates on what the children have been learning and enjoying along with important dates and reminders. A regular newsletter will be sent out throughout the year, please let us know if there is anything in particular you would like us to include!

Important moments:

Baby room stay and play



Some of our recent outings:

- Walks along the canal
- Train to Marsden
- Going to the park
- Library trip
- A trip to collect freshly baked bread and fed the ducks
- Babies went to the train station to watch trains
- A walk to see the horses

Sustainability:

We are committed to teaching children about sustainability by encouraging recycling, creative junk modelling, and hands-on activities that show how everyday actions can help the planet. Through learning to care for our environment, children develop lifelong habits of responsibility, respect, and environmental awareness.

How can you join in at home?

- Talk with your child about recycling at home
- Encourage turning off lights and taps together
- Going on a nature walk and talk about what you see
- Sending in any recyclable materials (clean boxes, tubes, lids) for junk modelling.

“By learning to care for the environment now, children develop habits which support a healthier planet for the future”

FRESH FUTURES Kirklees Local Offer ECH Families Together

NORTH KIRKLEES SEND SUPPORT DAY 2026
FOR FAMILIES & YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 25

A free event for families and children with special educational needs and disabilities where you can chat with local support providers and see what's available across North Kirklees.

WHAT'S ON

- Support & advice for parents & carers
- Interactive stalls
- Facepainting

Mount Pleasant IT Hall
February 17th - 10am - 3pm
Purlwell Ln, Batley, WF17 7NQ

Friday Club

Join us for this month's Friday Club – a free, family friendly evening with dream catcher crafting, play area, and pizza from Cuckoo Stone Pizza.

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY
3:30 - 7:30 | BAR OPEN
MARSDEN MECHANICS
WWW.MARSDENMECHANICS.CO.UK/EVENTS

FREE



Baby Room Learning:

This term we have been focusing on the theme "Our World." The babies have thoroughly enjoyed exploring ice, observing how it melts and changes, and extending this learning through colour-mixing activities. We have also explored our local environment by going on walks along the canal, where the children loved spotting animals and learning about the natural world around them.

Weather has been another key focus, and we have brought the outdoors indoors by exploring a variety of natural resources across all areas of learning. Alongside this, we are continuing to introduce Makaton signs into our daily routines. The babies are really enjoying learning the weekly signs, and we will be sharing these with you shortly so you can practice them at home too



**"Play is
the child's
natural
way of
learning"**



Home learning:

As the weather is still cold, why don't you have a go at baking some healthy treats! This is a great way to teach maths in everyday routines.

Idea: Breakfast Banana Bars

Step 1: Pre-heat your oven to 200C. To a large mixing bowl add the peeled bananas and mash with a fork.

Step 2: Now add in the oats, cinnamon and water and mix together.

Step 3: Line a with baking paper and pour in the mix. Press down firmly with the back of a fork to compact it into the tin. Bake in the oven for 20-25 minutes at 200C.



Preschool Learning:

Our planning focus has been "Our World." The children in Preschool have had the best time learning all about the world around us. We have been on lots of walks along the canal and to the park - we even went on a train ride to Marsden!

Inside the classroom, we have explored different textures through ice, warm water, ooblek and many more things. We have been really busy creating lots of crafts recreating the world we live in, and all the things on it! We have used leaves to make pictures, played in the mud, discovered how to melt ice, spoken about the weather and different seasons, holidays, we've done it all!

We have also focused on school readiness, including things like basic phonics, independent dressing, discussing emotions. A big focus for us is behaviour and understanding red choices and green choices. We believe it is really important for a child to understand their feelings and emotions, discover their likes and dislikes and support their independence. This creates a strong sense of self and supports school readiness.

We can't wait to share with you what we have in store for the next few weeks, we think you'll be just as excited as we are!