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Independent Nursery

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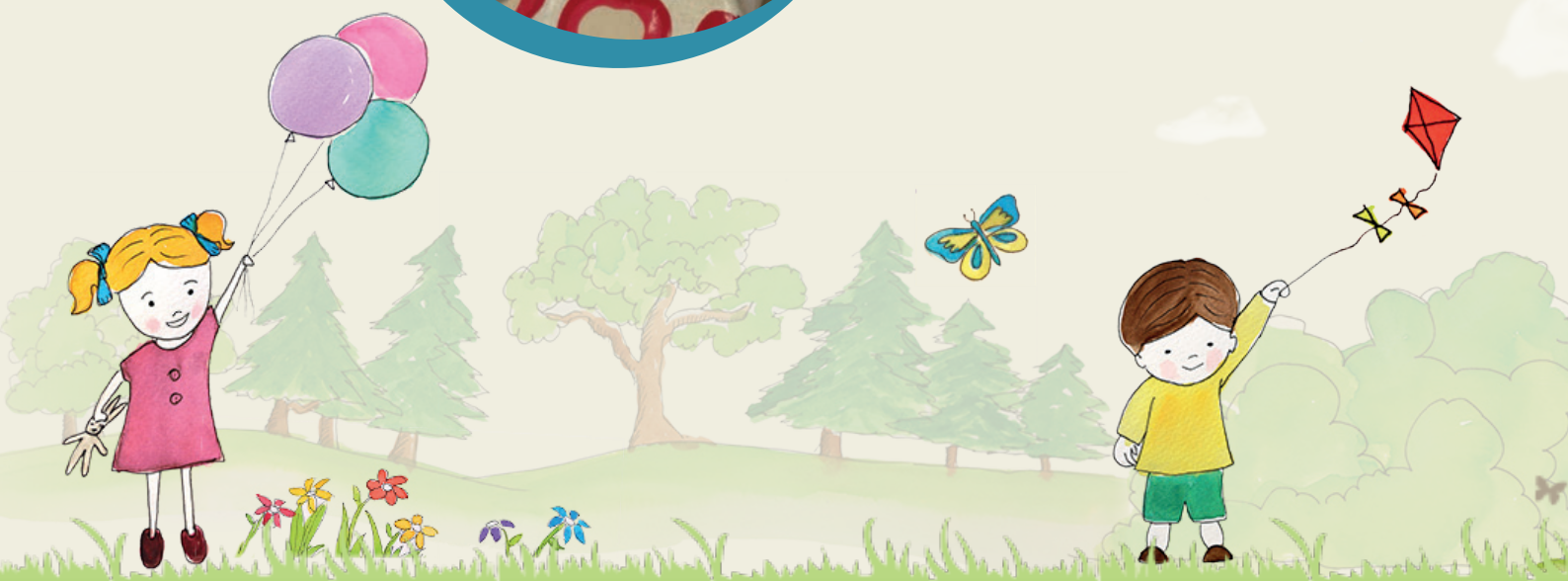

ABOUT ST CATHERINE'S

CELEBRATING OVER 20 YEARS IN THE CHILDCARE SECTOR

St Catherine's Independent Nursery in Leyland was established in 1998, and although is situated within the Primary School building, enjoys the benefits of an independent establishment.

The nursery welcomes everyone in the local community, we maintain a happy, lively and stimulating environment, where pre-school children aged two to five years, enjoy a high standard of pre-school education and care.

We are a registered charity and a non-profit making organisation. Our nursery is about passion rather than financial gain. Our excellent reputation is based upon providing high quality care in a home from home environment where you and your child will grow to love.

We are a "full daycare" facility that also offers limited free places to parents seeking part-time / sessional places.

"St Catherine's Independent Nursery is a place to learn, develop and grow happy healthy children"

OUR AIMS & MISSION

We are passionately committed to ensuring that we provide a nurturing, inspirational, stimulating and secure environment for every child at St Catherine's Independent Nursery.

The first five years in a child's life are crucial in setting the foundations for their future. It is paramount that the children in our care feel safe, secure and happy.

Our aims include:

- Providing a safe, secure and happy nursery environment, where each child is treated as an individual.
- To establish a broad and balanced early years curriculum working towards the Early Learning Goals, as set out in the statutory practice of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.
- To ensure that each child has equal opportunities to engage in the curriculum provided, irrespective of gender, race, religion or additional needs.
- To provide opportunities to establish lasting relationships with other children and adults, encompassing learning, how to respect, share and co-operate with one another.
- To develop an appreciation and respect of the wider world, including respect for: one another, individual people, ethnic minorities, cultural differences, the environment and the surrounding community.

OFSTED OUTSTANDING

We were inspected by Ofsted and graded OUTSTANDING in every single aspect.

We are very proud of our fantastic report that sums us up perfectly.

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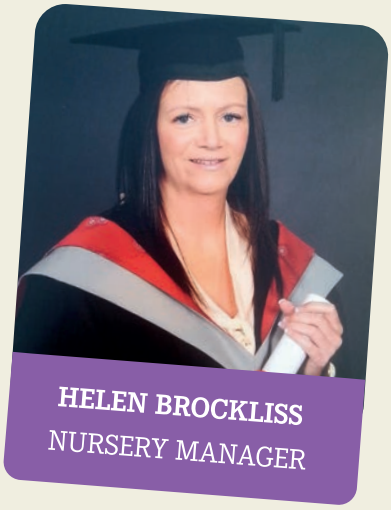
STAFF TEAM

OUR EXPERT CHILDCARE TEAM



HELEN BROCKLISS
NURSERY MANAGER

St Catherine's is a unique daycare setting, as our nursery staff are a dedicated established long serving team, who have a wealth of knowledge, and collectively have over a hundred years' experience.

Our nursery staff retention is excellent, therefore our nursery provides consistency for you and your child which enables strong relationships to develop, which in turn supports children to grow in confidence and self-esteem.

The nursery staff team are dedicated to working with parents to provide the best start for each individual child. We draw on a wealth of experience in order to support you through the challenges which parenting brings by working with you through our Key Person system.

Here at St Catherine's Nursery, our staff are our most valuable asset, as we have a strong professional team who are passionate about early years. We are providers of continuing training in the workplace and offer staff every opportunity to continue further studies and training with our full support and encouragement.

YOUR KEYPERSON

When your child joins nursery, they'll develop a very special bond with their 'key person'. This friendly face will be your child's main carer; providing comfort, support and consistency on a daily basis.

The key person approach means your child is being cared for by someone who knows all about their unique, likes, interests and needs. This enhances your child's development; providing them with a sense of security and giving you confidence that your child's emotional and physical needs are being met.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Lancashire Quality Award 2017 – 2020

Leading early years practice in Lancashire

Millie's Mark® Inspiring Excellence in Paediatric First Aid

NDNA Member of National Day Nurseries Association

OUR CURRICULUM

THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Every child is born ready and eager to learn, it is our role as Early Years Practitioners to nurture this. We create enabling environments and positive relationships that support every child's unique development.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets out the learning and development stages for children as they grow from birth to five years.

There are seven areas of learning and development that must shape educational programmes in early years settings. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.

Educational programmes must involve activities and experiences for children, as follows: -

THE 3 PRIME AREAS:

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. Children must also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings, to understand appropriate group behavior and to have confidence in their abilities.

THE 4 SPECIFIC AREAS:

LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

to link sounds and letters and begin to read and write. Children must be given access to a range of reading materials (books, poems, other written materials) to ignite their interest.

MATHEMATICS

to develop and improve their skills in counting and using numbers, simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces and measures.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities for sharing their thoughts and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, dance, role play and technology.

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

We teach the children about the importance of healthy eating and living through projects and activities.

The children have access to the outdoor environment every day during all seasons. We operate a free flow system, so that the garden is accessible through children's choice at times throughout each day.

Our nursery children gain a growing understanding of the importance and benefits of fresh air and physical activities

OUR MEALTIMES

HEALTHY LIVING AND NUTRITION

St Catherine's is committed to offering children healthy, nutritious and balanced meals and snacks which meet individual needs and requirements.

We fully understand the importance of promoting healthy living, we offer a healthy and nutritious two week rolling snack menu which adds variety along with ensuring your child is offered the recommended quantities of all the food groups on a daily basis and children have access to drinking water at all times throughout each day.

Any special dietary needs are catered for with each meal.

As part of promoting a healthy lifestyle, we encourage all children to adopt healthy habits, these include washing hands before and after meals, after they have been to the toilet or nappy change and after all creative activities.

" Menus are supplied by Lancashire County Council's Catering Division and are planned in advance, rotated regularly and reflect cultural diversity and variation."

OUR ACTIVITIES

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School is holistic learning through play and exploration; children learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks and to use their own initiative to solve problems and cooperate with others.

During Forest School children will build a shelter, light a fire and use woodworking skills to create and build objects from the woodland around them.

They will use full size tools; learn the boundaries of behaviour, both physical and social, establish and grow in confidence, self-esteem and motivation.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DIDDY DRIBBLERS

Our Football coaching sessions are led by qualified football coaches, who are fantastic with the children. These sessions are held in St Catherine's RC Primary School sports hall on Tuesday mornings.

Ball sports are a great way to encourage not only physical development including cognitive skills, balance and co-ordination, but also self-confidence and social skills and understanding the health benefits from exercise, not forgetting most importantly having fun.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

Every session, both morning and afternoon a staff member is the 'Activity Coordinator' and children are invited to participate in a variety of fun filled learning experiences, which all aim to increase a child's confidence, co-operation and concentration in an enjoyable way.

These activities include; Yoga and Mindfulness, Woodwork, Local Walks, Dough Disco, Funky Feet Music, Communication and language groups, Story Scribing, phonics, Makaton, How to Keep themselves Safe, and Children's Council Meetings plus many more...

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

We are extremely dedicated in developing excellent relationships with all our parents and families. We fully encourage parents to be actively involved in your child's Nursery life.

We understand that each family is unique and so encourage all families to share with us their child's needs and interests, how they learn and what aspects are important to them for their care and education within the Nursery environment.

We are continuously pursuing ideas for improvement taking every opportunity to engage with parents to seek their views on how we can improve.

Connect by parentapps

The Parentapps Connect System provides parents with instant access to our calendar, event information, newsletters/ letters home, website, social media and much more. Parent's can report absences and update their contact details directly from within the app.

Additionally, parents are able to view and submit consent forms easily, receive secure documents, and it also enables us to invite multiple family members to download the app, ensuring that the right people have access to important information regarding your child.

We believe in working in partnership with our parents, therefore as well as communication with your child's keyworker, we communicate via our parent app, emails, parent's evenings, notice boards and monthly newsletters to keep you up to date with news and events.

We warmly welcome all parents as volunteers to come in and take part in activities or projects that they have an interest in, as well as joining us on excursions.

LEARNING JOURNAL APP

Blossom is a brilliant app that allows you to see what your child has been doing at nursery from home.

It also allows you to add your own information, so your child's key person can see what your child has been getting up to away from nursery. Parent's are provided with Next Step's for Home, so that you can support your child's learning and development at home.

It makes sure both you and your key person are on the same page about your child's latest milestones and interests, helping us to work together to give your child the best possible start to their education.

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CONTACT US

GET IN TOUCH

We would love to hear from you! Please find contact details for our nursery below.

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