

In October, a number of the staff attended a Montessori Staff Workshop that looked at



'The Prepared Environment' and its contribution to learning and development. One of the Lecturers from Montessori St Nicholas came to the setting to deliver the course. From this the staff who attended have decided to set up a couple of Montessori practical life trays appropriate for our under 2's and also to review our Ground Rules that the children refer to in the classrooms. We have spoken about including the following:

- Kind hands
- Good listening
- Good walking
- Mutual respect
- Helping to look after our nursery

Each of the above will be displayed with a picture on the wall so we can always take them down and speak about them with the children at any time.

We would welcome any of your ideas or suggestions that you may think we should include.



Staffing in the Setting

We continue our search for new members of staff trained to the appropriate standard and embracing our setting ethos. Head Office have asked if I will stay on as Manager for the setting for the foreseeable future and I have accepted. I am really excited about being part of a project that is striving towards developing the setting to becoming exemplary so we can be assured that we provide every opportunity for children to reach their full potential. We have begun our review of staff practice, resources and the environment across the setting to support our project.



Any Changes

The 2 & 3 year olds and the Pre School group are now having lunch together on the mezzanine level. They also have their snack on that level. The 2 & 3 year olds sitting with their staff team and a more independent approach for our pre schoolers who serve themselves and cut their own fruit. We are working with the children so they can become more independent.



Dates for your Diary

**Zoo Lab 2 Nov – Parent Meetings w/c 7 Nov – Tempest Photographer 7th Nov – Parent Workshop
15th Nov 8.45 to 9.45am**