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the MORE things  
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The MORE that You  
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the MORE places You'll go.



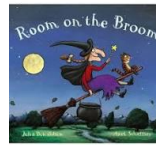
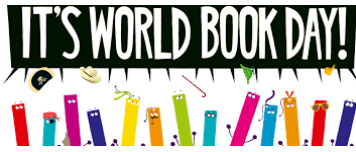
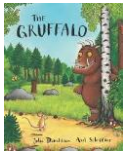
# Crossley Mill Nursery

## March 2021



### World book day.

World book day is on the Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March and we would like all children who attend this day to come dressed as their favourite book character. We will be celebrating world book day all week, reading our favourite stories, and encouraging children to share their own stories about their home life and favourite activities. Also, if you would like to upload your favourite story times with your children on Tapestry, we will happily share them here too.



### Lateral Flow Testing

Some of the Crossley Mill staff will be testing themselves for covid-19 through the Calderdale Lateral Flow Testing Programme. Crossley Mill are happy to be a part of this programme to help assist with the pandemic.

### Employee of the Month.

Congratulations to Charlie who won employee of the month. All the team were asked to nominate two of their fellow colleagues and their reasons why. Everyone had a lovely comment from the team and here is one about Charlie:

“for fitting right into the team and bringing a warm, friendly nature to everyone’s day”

Well done Charlie and thank you for all your hard work

In February.



In February, the nursery underwent a deep clean over three weekends. We had all the nursery floors cleaned by Dave at DAB Cleaning. A HUGE thank you to Dave who has done an amazing job making our floors sparkle again.

Please follow him on social media ‘DAB Cleaning’ and check out our Facebook page for some photos of the results.

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<https://www.facebook.com/crossleymillnursery/>



### Staff news

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March Alex will be joining Olivia, Ryan, Courtney, and Charlie in Lilliputs in the afternoons. Alex has experience in Early Years settings and has her PGCE and QTS. I am sure you will all join us in making sure Alex is made to feel very welcome joining our Crossley Mill family.



## Health & Safety

**We completely understand that you all thrive for the social aspects of life again, we do too! However please vacate the car park immediately after you have dropped off/collected your children to support us in ensuring everyone is being safe in the middle of this pandemic and remember to social distance.**

**Please know that this is the advice we follow and we do NOT want to move to staggered start times again.**

DFE Actions for Early Years 2021

*'We know that travel to setting patterns differ greatly between settings. If those patterns allow, you should consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave the setting. A staggered start may, for example, include keeping the length of the day the same but starting and finishing later to avoid busy periods. You should consider how to communicate this to parents and remind them about the process that has been agreed for drop off and collection, including that gathering at the setting entrance and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed.'*

**Please ensure you and your child are safe by holding hands whilst the car park is busy, ensure children are by your side and not at risk of running into the busy road. Use this as a time to teach your children about road safety using this helpful link below.**

[6 ways to Teach My Child Road Safety in 2020 - Children's Traffic Club](#)

**As you are all aware the ends of the days are a hectic time for us all as we continue to operate this way, and your co-operation is much appreciated in these times.**

**Thank you.**

### Helping Crossley Mill Thrive

It's hard to express how important our charitable status is to the experience our children receive at Crossley Mill nursery. This was most clear in the first lockdown when we were able to take decisions as a Board which protected Nursery financially, but did so without reducing our staffing levels or salary, and without passing costs on to parents or guardians at a time when other nurseries charged fees for holding places open or have subsequently increased their fees. We invest strongly in staff and facilities because we don't have to generate profit – we have more practitioners per child than most nurseries – and we reduce the financial burden on parents (our main local alternative presently charges £1,000/year more than Crossley Mill).

Of course, this simply gives our management team and staff a platform to do the brilliant job they always do. The Nursery staff have shown great resilience and commitment over the last year. Whilst I shouldn't single anyone out we are hugely lucky to have Sarah Godfrey's steady hand as acting Manager during Jess's maternity leave. In her 17 years of service Sarah has done as much as anyone to shape the Crossley Mill ethos and experience, and her values embody those of Nursery.

For Nursery to continue to thrive, we need each year to add new members to the board, as trustees with children moving to primary school leave us. This is a low effort role (90 minute board meeting 9 times a year with pizza and wine) but it is hugely rewarding and the patchwork of skills trustees bring to the Board comes in handy supporting the management team with advice. Most of all though, the ethos of Crossley Mill has been maintained by generations of parents making decisions which put children first. Please do consider coming to a Board meeting to test drive it first hand! Contact the office.

Adrian Bradley  
Chair of the Board

# What we have planned this month

## The office

Following the Government's announcement on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February The Management Team will be busy with Crossley Mill's very own road map to getting everything back to 'nursery normal' Our aim as the Management team is to offer our full nursery service to all families and welcome all parents/carers back into the building to drop off and collect children. We are also planning events which will hopefully once again bring us all together. We are staying very positive that everything maps out as expected and an end is in sight but in the meantime, we continue to follow government policies and messages.



Sarah  
Nursery  
Manager



Claire  
Deputy  
Manager



Andrea  
Assistant Deputy  
Manager

## The Baby Room

This month we will be encouraging the children to sit for longer periods of time to enjoy story books, we will be doing this by offering lots of our favourite books, The Barefoot books so we can all sing along too. This will also encourage the babies to make choices for themselves. We will all add more action songs to our singing sack hope the children like our renditions to some old favourites.



Caroline



Astrid



## Bobkins

Throughout the month of March Bobkins have lots of celebrations including Mothers Day and Holi but firstly we will be bringing in Spring by having our focus as the Hungry Caterpillar and learning about the world through change. The second half of the month we will then be looking at festivals and cultures.



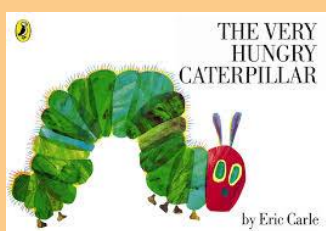
Aneesa



Georgina



Rebecca



## Lilliputs

Hey up everyone, we hope you are happy with the recent news big boza announced. March is going to be a super crazy month for the Lilliputs. We have world book day on the 4<sup>th</sup> and are asking children to be creative and come in dressed as their favourite characters from their favourite books. We are also hoping you parents will get involved by recording yourselves reading books and put them onto Tapestry for everyone to enjoy, if you fancy going the extra mile why do not you all dress up as a character to read your stories (fun for everyone).

We then have Mother's Day this month so we will be busy creating cards for all you amazing mums out there. We will be celebrating my favourite festival St Paddy's Day, so I have planned hat and beard making and we will be rocking out and having a party, but unfortunately no Guinness aloud!

Two whole days later we will recognise Red Nose Day, so get your reds out and we will fill the day with lots of games and music to enjoy a good dance.

It is also Holi, the festival of colour. Please can you bring an old white top to nursery so we can enjoy a colourful extravaganza. And finally, to end this EPIC month on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March we will celebrate Van Goughs birthday, he would have been 167! So, we are going to attempt to recreate his famous painting 'Starry Night' and who knows in 100 years they could be worth millions of £££££££ too 😊

All the best – Rvan and the Lilliput team



From left to right,  
Olivia, Courtney,  
Ryan, Charlie and Alex.



## Gullivers

In Gullivers this March we are going to be remarkably busy celebrating Mother's Day, making butterfly poems, and reading our favourite stories from home for world book week. We will be as always getting highly creative and colourful to celebrate the Indian festival of Holi and celebrate St Patricks and St Davids Day. We will also be conducting some history lessons learning about Van Gough and his birthday – so if anybody has any wonderful art or facts about Van Gough please feel free to share on Tapestry.

Thank you from the Gulliver team.



Katie



Bethany



Sally