Welcome to Little Wrens Day Nursery

Little Wrens day nursery and pre-school is situated in the village of Selston, which is close to the M1 motorway and we have 3 local schools nearby. We are a attached onto Wren Hall Nursing Home, where we will be providing intergenerational care, where the children will visit the ladies and the gents and participate with different activities.

We have two beautiful rooms: The Hummingbird Room for ages Birth to 18mths where we can have 6 babies per day. The second is the Kingfishes Room which is for 18mth to 5 years. Within this room we can have 8 toddlers and 16 pre-school age children per day.

We will also provide creche sessions (subject to availability), along with breakfast and Afterschool Club and Holiday Club during school holidays.

We as a nursery are very lucky to have some beautiful grounds for the children to access and explore. We have an enclosed wooded area which we will be turning into our Forest School. This will house a tyre garden where the children will grow their own vegetables, a stage, a mud kitchen and much more. We have booked 2 of our staff members onto the Forest School training which commences in October 2018. Within the grounds we also have our very own chickens and rooster, guinea pigs, fish pond and aviary which we share with the residents of Wren Hall. We also have a mini golf course and wet wall in the gardens.

In the nursery play area you will find a range of activities that link into the EYFS Framework and 7 areas of learning, for example, bikes and scooters which link to Physical Development, and sand and water play which links to, Expressive Arts and Design, Communication and Language, and Personal, Social and Emotional development . We have many more activities which link to Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Expressive Arts and Design and Understanding of the World.

Throughout the nursery and outdoor play areas we have a range of age appropriate toys that are made from a variety of materials to provide the children with different learning opportunities and skills to promote the children's development.

We are lucky to have an exceptional staff team with many years of experience working in the childcare sector. These include:



Angela Linton-Bann – Nursey Manager

Angela has 17 years of experience within the childcare sector. She holds her level 2,3 and 4 in Early Years, Level 4 in Advanced EYFS Teaching, Paediatric First Aid, Health and Safety, Phonics Training 1 and 2, Safeguarding for Designated Officers, SENCO Training, Prevent Duty and Channel Training, Moving and Handling, Signs in the Early Years Environment Communication for All, and Leading on Attainment Training. She has just begun her Level 5 in Operations/Departmental manager Apprenticeship.

Jane Lister – Senior Nursery Nurse - Kingfishes Room Leader



Jane has 23 years of experience within the childcare sector. She holds her BTEC Level 2 in National Childcare, Teaching Assistant Level 3, Outstanding TA Training, Paediatric First Aid Training, Child Protection Training and EAL Training.
She will commence Forest School Level 3 Training in October 2018.



Casey Stocks – Senior Nursery Nurse an - Hummingbirds Room Leader

Casey has 4 years of experience within the childcare sector. She holds her Level 2 and 3 as an Early Years Educator, Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding, Prevent Duty and Channel Training, Implementing British Values and Prevent Duty in the EYFS, Combined Joint Approach to Support Children with Autism, Journey to Literacy, and Manual Handling Training.

Natalie Ashmore – Nursery Nurse - Based in the Hummingbird Room



Natalie has 8 years of experience within the childcare sector. She holds her level 3 in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Level 3 in Early Years, Paediatric First Aid, Working with Babies Training, Creative Brain Training, Missing Children Training, Embedding the EYFS, Safer Sleeps for Babies, Prevent Duty and Channel Training, and Moving and Handling.
Natalie will be studying Forest School Training in October 2018.



Kirsty Smith –Nursery Nurse – Kingfishes Member of Staff

Kirsty has 5 years of experience within the childcare sector. She holds her Level 3 in Teaching Assistant Training, Health and Safety, Paediatric First Aid, EAL Training, Creative Brain MAPA trained, Moody Footprints Training, Prevent Duty and Channel Training, and Safeguarding Training. Kirsty will be studying for he r Level 3 in Early Years.

Shona Elgie – Nursery Nurse – Kingfishes Member of Staff



Shona has 15 years of experience working with children as a Childminder. She holds her Prevent Duty and Channel Training, Paediatric First Aid, EAL Training, and Health and Safety. Shona will be studying for her Level 3 in Early Years.

Anita Astle MBE – Managing Director – Registered Nurse

Following requests from Wren Hall Nursing Home Staff for the provision of a day nursery for their children, Anita Astle MBE – Managing Director of Wren Hall Nursing Home, agreed to open Little Wrens Day Nursery.

Anita trained as a Registered General Nurse in 1984 at the Nottingham School of Nursing, University Hospital, Nottingham. Qualifying in 1987, Anita worked as a staff Nurse on the Burns Unit at Nottingham City Hospital before moving to Basildon and Thurrock Health Authority to undertake the English National Board (ENB) full time course in Burns and Plastic Surgery Nursing. On completion of this course Anita returned to Nottingham City Hospital to work on the Intensive Care Unit. She worked on this unit for two years before leaving in 1990 to run Wren Hall Nursing Home on a full time basis.

Anita has gained a wealth of experience relating to the Care of Older People in Nursing Homes; she has commissioned newly built homes, managed groups of homes, liaised with both Health Authorities and Local Authorities, and represented the independent sector at a local, regional and national level. Anita has been a proactive member of the Nottinghamshire Care Homes Association since 1993, holding positions as Company Secretary, Chairman and Nurse Advisor. Through this role Anita has worked at a strategic level with stakeholders to raise standards within care homes. Anita completed a BSc (Hons) degree in Nursing and gained the English National Board (ENB) Higher Awards as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner. Anita also holds NVQ Level 5 in Operational Management. Anita completed the Dementia Care Mapping Course in January 2009, and is currently working towards gaining a Masters with Surrey University in Person Centred Dementia Care.

Anita has been working 3 days a fortnight for the Community Programme – based at Nottingham City Hospital as the Organisational Development Lead improving leadership, knowledge and skills within care homes across Nottingham/shire.

Anita was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List 2014 for services to older people.

Anita has a real passion for quality care, workforce development and improving Dementia Care.

Anita has had responsibility for the day to day management of Wren Hall Nursing Home for the past twenty five years and has loved every second of it!

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DAY TO DAY AT THE NURSERY

On a typical nursery day, the children will have a set routine where they learn through playing with age appropriate equipment and toys that link to their interests. The child's Key Worker will spend time with their Key Children and create learning opportunities for which they will observe the child to see if they are meeting their developmental goals according th the EYFS Framework guidance.

During the day the children will have the opportunities to have their relevant meals, for example, breakfast, am snack, dinner, pudding, pm snack and tea.
The children can access water at all times during the day at the drinking stations.

Our vision for our nursery is to mirror the Wren Hall ethos by providing a safe and secure, stimulating and homely environment that is full of love and laughter. A place where children can explore and gain confidence and make their own choices, developing into self-assured and independent individuals. At Little Wrens Day Nursery, the children's well-being and happiness is our priority. We pride ourselves in exceptional communication skills and friendships with not only the children but parents/carers alike.

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