

When I stood here a year ago we were facing a time of change. I had only been in my current role for a few weeks, we had a new Headmaster, the Early Years Foundation Stage was about to be introduced and the world was facing the greatest economic changes most of us had ever seen. All of these were going to make the year ahead a challenging time. For most of us change isn't easy but everyone at Trinity Lodge took up the challenge and a year later the changes have all proved to be very positive ones. I have enjoyed the last year more than I ever thought possible and with the support and at times endless patience of so many colleagues I have learnt many new skills. Some people still look surprised to see me sitting at the computer with something other than a blank screen in front of me! Our Headmaster Tim Waters has earned our respect and loyalty. His wife Ruth has supported the Nursery in so many ways from running a half marathon to raise money for outdoor play equipment, to working with the children often at short notice. William and Caio enjoy the facilities the nursery has to offer. William is obviously being tutored well by his father as he can always be relied upon to speak to anyone who visits the lodge! Introducing the Early Years Foundation Stage has given us the opportunity to reflect on our practice and continue to maintain our high standards. This enabled us to achieve a very positive outcome during the ISI inspection in November. We have continued to see a very high demand for places in the Nursery and we have been able to support many young families who are having to work incredibly hard.

However not everything has changed. The young children in our care continue to be a constant source of delight to us all. How little boys view their mothers doesn't seem to have changed either.

Recently two friends were enjoying snack time together in the dining room and discussing what they liked to eat. "Do you know" said one of them " My mum eats nuts!" "Well" replied the other "In my house my mum is nuts!"

The hard work and dedication of every member of staff in the nursery and the support we receive from colleagues throughout the school has not changed. We congratulate Caroline Eves and Joop Aplin on achieving NVQ's and Chrissie Wray-Chance on achieving Early Years Professional Status. This means we have met the Governments target to have a Graduate in every Nursery by 2015, well ahead of time. Two of our Nursery nurses have even taken their dedication one step further and made sure they can help us if our numbers should dip in the future. Our congratulations go to Claire and Andy Savva on the arrival of Livvia and to Chrissie and Jeremy Wray-Chance on the very recent arrival of Ruby. A few weeks ago we said goodbye to Lauren Rigby who has taken up the position of Assistant Manager in an Exeter Nursery. Lauren has been with us since leaving school 7 years ago. We were sorry to loose her and wish her every success for the future.

Our thanks go to Eve Walters who has welcomed groups of children to the reception class throughout the year which has greatly enhanced their learning opportunities and prepared them so well for the transition to school.

For many children and staff one of the highlights of the week has been a drama session with Julia Ward. We have watched even the shyest children gain in confidence as they get their first taste of what drama at Trinity School will offer them.

The playground at Trinity Lodge has been transformed following a project undertaken by Prep 6 under the expert guidance of Alan Webber. Prep 6 talked to our children about their interests and produced very colourful wall plaques which are admired by everyone who visits the lodge. Thank you to everyone involved in this joint project.

A talking point inside the Lodge is a life sized collage produced by our children in the Senior Art Department thanks to the skills of Patrick Cairns.

We are grateful to the PE department who allow us to share many of their facilities. From stamping in puddles on the hard courts to using the gym, every child at the nursery benefits so much from the large open spaces available to us.

So many people help to enhance the opportunities we provide and this year we are particularly grateful to Reverend Caroline Luff who continues to be a regular visitor in spite of the long drive this now involves, Michelle Keay who leads a weekly dancing session , Gina Morris who just happened to mention she enjoys paper mache and Lynda Ward-Philips who has read numerous stories.

As you can see there is never a dull moment at Trinity Lodge and everyone who works there feels privileged to do a job which although can be incredibly hard work, is richly rewarding.

I now pass over to Mrs Jean Whatling who will reflect on the achievements of the Prep Department.