



# Verwood Day Nursery April Newsletter 2017



If you come to our front door you will be greeted by the wonderful smell of the wisteria in bloom and over the last few weeks the children have enjoyed running around in the blossom snow falling from the apple trees.

## Annual Easter egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone that came along to join us on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning for our annual Easter egg hunt. We all had a fantastic morning and hope you did too!!





# News from The Nest

This month I'd like to welcome Joshua, Isaac, Isabelle and Nelina to The Nest. I hope that together with their families they have settled in to nursery life!

## Bubbles ...

Developing the children's interest, enjoyment and fascination with bubbles, the staff have introduced lots of different ways of exploring them.

With a little bit of help from the grownups, the children have been practising how to blow bubbles and then they used their bubbles to paint with!



They have also enjoyed lots and lots of bubbly water play

Exploring the sensation of the soft bubbles and enjoying lots of splashing about!



## Wanted please!

We would like you to save your jar lids for us please and unwanted cake trays and tins so that we can add them to our heuristic play resources.

Thank you



## Developing fine motor skills



Fine motor skills are what eventually each baby and toddler will use to feed themselves, dress themselves, draw and write so at every opportunity children are encouraged to handle and explore objects and resources to strengthen the muscles in their hands.

Jigsaw puzzles are one of the ways we do this and using peg puzzles encourage the movement and use of the hand and the fingers. After a little bit of practise and determination it's a skill that is quickly mastered!



## Parent's evenings –

Don't forget we are offering the opportunity to come in and meet with your child's key person during the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Have you made your appointment yet?



**If you have 5 minutes we'd be very grateful.**



## Apple and Plum room news

This month I'd like to welcome Max, Rennel, Jayce and Alexa to the nursery. I hope that together with their families they are settling well into nursery life.

### Our bodies

In Plum room the interest in learning all about our bodies continues and the staff have introduced lots of new words to the children by teaching the names of all the bones hiding underneath our skin!



The children have been drawing around each other and then adding the bones that they remember to their drawings.



The younger children have explored their bodies in a very exciting way – painting it!

Before they painted they talked about all the different parts of their bodies they could use, naming each part as they went.





## Observing the trees

While out in the Orchard the children have noticed several nests in the trees. This sparked an interest in making nests and so they set to, collecting sticks to build a giant nest and make some nest pictures – discussing how clever the birds are to build the nests and make them stay up in the trees!



In Apple room the children had noticed the beautiful blossom on the apple tree and recreated their observations using drawing and collage.





## Our African land snails

Our baby land snails are growing quickly now and the children enjoy taking care of them. Each week they help the staff to change the soil in their tank and provide them with fresh food and water. This month we have been talking about how they have changed and how much they have grown – we are soon going to need a bigger tank!



## Technology

Children growing up today are surrounded by new technologies. ICT is embedded in children's everyday experiences. We see children everyday recreating experiences they see – such as chatting on the phone or using a computer.

Technology encourages children to communicate. Whether they are sat on their own having a conversation on a phone with mummy or busy in the office typing out letters on their keyboards.

At nursery the children have access to a computer, programmable robot called Bee bot and also use of our over head projectors. They also get chances to come to the office and use the photocopier and use the computer to find pictures and print them. All of these opportunities help them understand how ICT is used in everyday life.



## Welcome

I'd like to welcome Victoria to the team. Victoria is working together with Craig, Rosie, Kelly and Kaitie in our Plum room and comes to us with an NVQ Level 3 in Early Years Care and Education which she gained in 2006.

Victoria has 2 young children of her own and after a break from childcare decided to return to the profession here at Verwood Day Nursery.

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Victoria to the nursery.



## Welcome back...

I'd also like to welcome Kaitie back to the team after her maternity leave. She is back in Plum room and it's like she's never been away! Just before her maternity leave Kaitie gained her NVQ Level 2 and is already back studying for her Level 3.

Well done Kaitie!

## A few reminders

### Door security

When entering or leaving the building can I please ask you to ensure that the door is safely and firmly closed behind you.

If another parent wishes to enter the building and there is not a member of staff present to identify them, we ask you not to hold the door and let them in, please find a member of staff to come to the door.



### Suitable clothing

As the weather remains so unpredictable and the mornings are really very cold, we ask that all children please come to nursery with suitable clothing for outdoor play.

We are outside as early as 8am on some mornings and recently the temperatures have been as low as 6 degrees, which is a little chilly on little bare legs!

Thank you!

## **Coming up in May:**

### **Parent's evenings**

Parent's evenings are being held for all babies and toddlers during the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> May and then all other children (except the school leavers) during the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

If you would like to make an appointment please let Rachel know.

### **Future events for 2017**

#### **Sports Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

The nursery will host its 4<sup>th</sup> sports day for all our 3 and 4 year olds on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

#### **Leavers party – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Our annual farewell party for all our 'big school' boys and girls

#### **Photographer – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Our annual visit from Concept photography

#### **Parents evenings – October (dates to be confirmed)**

We will be offering 10 minute appointments with your child's key person to chat about their progress and next steps

#### **Pumpkin week – date to be confirmed**

We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents and staff.

#### **Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

We will once again be showing our support for this charity by having a themed day

#### **Christmas Fair – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families



Enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

Rachel, Craig, Deana, Donna and all the team.