



Verwood Day Nursery August Newsletter 2017



Today was good, today was fun, tomorrow
is another one – Dr Seuss

News from The Nest

This month the staff have been very busy helping to settle lots of new children and their families into the nursery and we hope that they all settle in well and love it here as much as we do!



The gift of curiosity

Young children are naturally inquisitive and everything in the world is new and exciting to them. Babies are born learners with an innate desire to find out how the world works and use all their senses to try and figure things out.

For the children in The Nest, staff nurture this natural curiosity by providing a variety of experiences and activities that are interesting and stimulating. They also spend time following the children's lead paying careful attention to the things that capture their attention.



The desire to explore is supported throughout each and every day and staff have focused on sensory play activities to promote exploration and investigation throughout this month.

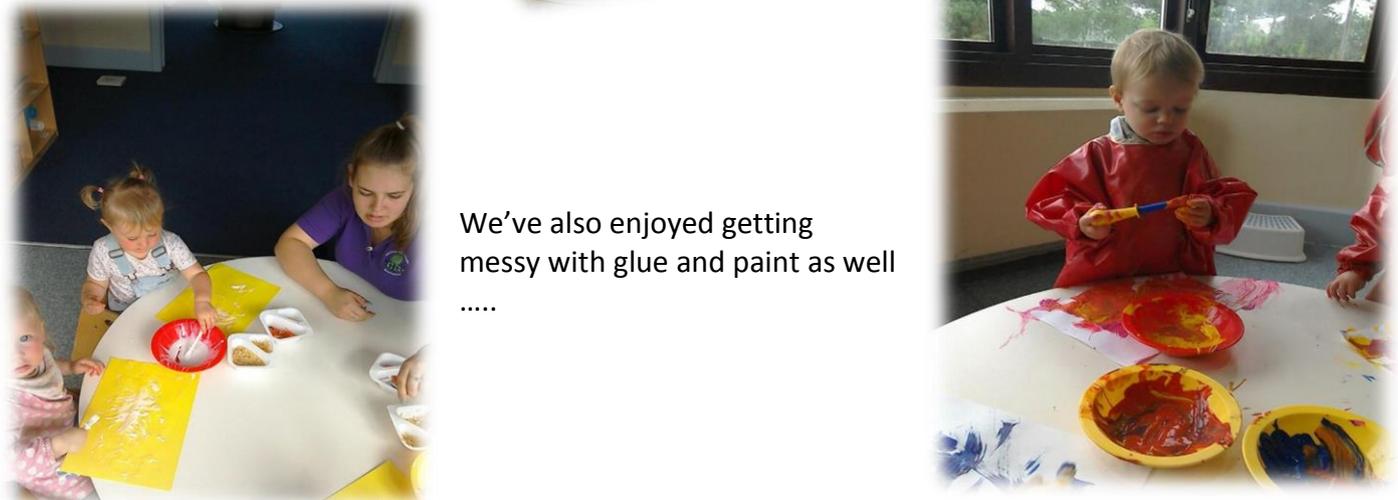
We've experimented with wet and dry sand ...



We've played with lots of food too



We've also enjoyed getting messy with glue and paint as well



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

Apple and Plum room news

This month I would like to welcome Joseph to the nursery and hope that together with his family he has settled in well to nursery life.

Graduation party

At the start of the month we held our annual school leavers party. An opportunity to come together to celebrate the time the children and their families have spent with us and to send them on their way to 'big school'.

We had a fab time being entertained by crazy creatures, feasting on a lovely barbeque thanks to our chef Colin and then a presentation of graduation gifts.

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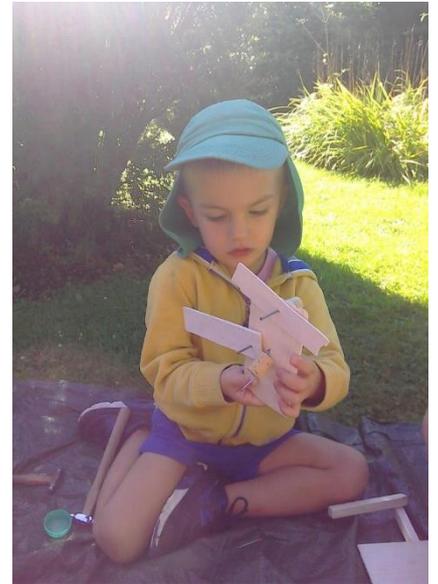


Please have a look at our facebook page for more photos of the event.

Fine motor skills

There have been lots of activities this month focusing on fine tuning those fine motor skills, needed later on for writing and drawing.

The children have taken part in using the wood working kit again this time carefully constructing their own models.



They chatted about what they were going to try and make and problem solved the issues they faced as they tried to construct their ideas.



Funky fingers

Funky fingers are a series of activities set up for the children entirely focused on developing their fine motor skills. From threading, using tweezers, playdough to fiddly things like placing stickers or counters they require dexterity and concentration to complete.



Using clay

Another activity that requires dexterity, co-ordination and skill is using clay. Staff have been developing an interest in animals with the children and introduced clay as a different form of media to construct and design models of animals.

Using the toy animals as a reference, the children discussed the features of the animals and then set about moulding their models.



Rainy days

The weather hasn't been kind to us all month and we have had some rainy days where we've had to do lots more activities inside. So we had great fun one day body painting and cooking amongst lots of other fantastic things.



Exploring real life resources

Over the coming weeks we will be introducing more and more 'real life' resources. In Plum room the children have been investigating the cook books, scales and bowls – cooking up a storm in their kitchen!



Coming up in September:

Join us on Friday 29th September in supporting the MacMillan coffee morning.

We will be hosting a 'coffee day' for people to pop in for a cuppa and slice of cake throughout the whole day as well as having a cake stall available to purchase cakes from when you drop off or collect your child as well as a takeaway tea or coffee if you haven't got time to stay.

In order to make the event a success we are asking for volunteers to make a cake or cupcakes and ask that you bring in any donations by the day before.

Bring along a friend and have a nibble and a natter!

We hope you will help us to support a charity close to our hearts.



Referral reward



Don't forget that our referral reward is to say thank to those parents who recommend friends and colleagues to Verwood Day Nursery.

To benefit from this reward yourself, you must ask the person you recommend to mention your name at time of enquiry or booking and the new child must be on a full time (51 week contract).

Then after the new child has been in attendance at Verwood Day Nursery for 3 full months, the £100 reward will be credited to your account during the 4th month. Simple!

Current availability

The nursery continues to be very busy and on certain days into next year we are already full with limited places on other days too.

With the introduction of the 30 hours funding, some of you may be considering increasing your child's time with us at some point in the future and our advice is that's it's never too early and we don't want anyone to miss out on a place with us.

If you know someone who is considering booking their child into Verwood Day Nursery, please let them know that they need to be quick and don't forget to tell them to give us your name as the person that referred them to us!

Future events for 2017

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 – 30th October – date confirmed

We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents and staff. **Carving competition and pumpkin illumination to take place on Tuesday 31st October from 4.30pm.**

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

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

Christmas Fair – Saturday 9th December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families