



Verwood Day Nursery January 2016 Newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2016.
Everyone has settled back in to the routines of
nursery life again brilliantly.

Thank you to every one for your lovely cards and generous gifts at Christmas

Baby and toddler news

This month I'd like to welcome lots of new children and their families to the nursery.
Welcome to Jack, Dominic, Lara, Maisie, Sienna and Charlie. All the children have settled in so
well and quickly adjusted to nursery life.

Insect stories and bug hunts



The children and staff have been really busy enjoying
a variety of activities this month.
A current interest of insects and bugs sparked a bug
hunt one frosty morning in the Orchard.





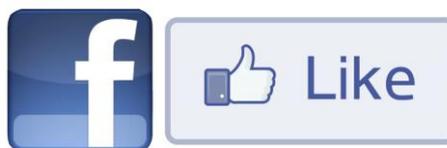
The children helped to create bugs for the display board using a variety of materials – sticking tissue paper with very sticky glue or printing bug shapes with the stampers.

Food tasting

Linking the children’s interest in bugs to encouraging children to try new foods, staff made iced fruit bug shapes which all the children enjoyed at snack time.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our activities and events



Playing with our friends



The staff have also been working closely with our oldest toddlers encouraging them to play with and alongside their friends nicely. They have all formed such lovely friendships that playing in large groups happens more and more each day.

Encouraging them to play in this way allows us to introduce such things as sharing and turn taking but also encourages the children to play and initiate plays with others.

In the coming month staff will continue to follow the interests of insects and also focus on the individual interests of each of the children.

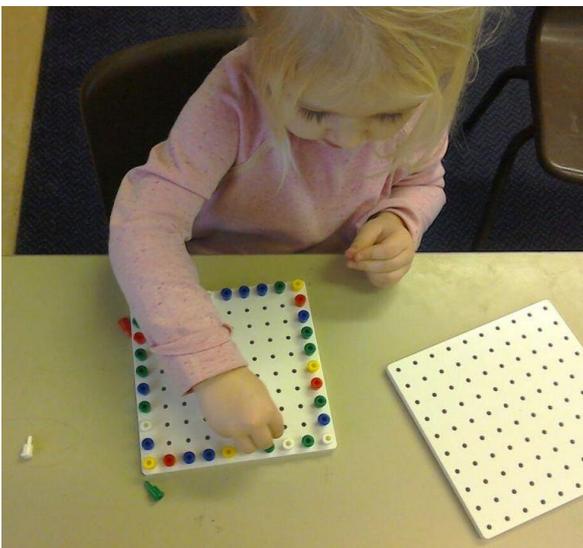
Two, three and four year old news

This month I'd like to welcome Benny, Kieran, Ellie and Sienna to the nursery and hope that they and their families have settled in to the new routines.

The children were all so excited to come back to nursery after Christmas and tell us all about their celebrations and of course all the wonderful new things they received.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to post on Tapestry so that we could look at the photos with your children.

Hand eye co-ordination

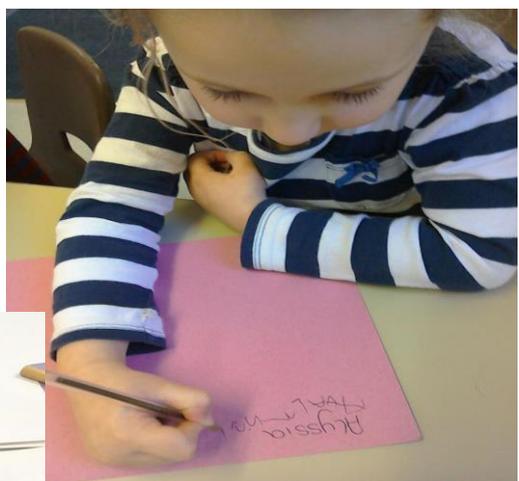


This month the children have really enjoyed activities that involve using their fine motor skills and hand eye co-ordination.

They have chosen to take part in activities such as using the peg boards and cutting with scissors.



Lots of the children have wanted to take part in mark making activities and the older children have been asking if they can write their names on things. Staff have supported this by giving those opportunities to see and copy their names and helping them to identify some of the letters.



The children have access to a variety of mark making materials which allows them opportunities to experiment and become more confident in using pencils and pens.

Staff spend time with them as they make marks asking them questions such as what have they drawn which in turn encourages the children to begin to give meaning to the marks that they make.

Construction



We have seen some amazing and imaginative creations over the last few weeks.

The children have been collaborating with friends to make some structures using the large wooden blocks which required a lot of patience, persistence and skill.



The children have also used resources in a variety of ways either seeing how clever they can be by linking as many cubes together as possible or making a 'baddy' to play with batman!



Focuses on mark making and construction will continue in the coming weeks as well as developing new interests and lines of enquiry.



Autumn term summaries

Have you all managed to access your autumn term summaries? If not please let us know and we will point you in the right direction. These summaries provide details of where your child is currently at in terms of their development within the early years foundation stage. If you have any queries about the reports, please do not hesitate to ask.

About me

Have you had time to complete the 'About Me' section on Tapestry yet? We would appreciate it if all parents would please take the time to complete this information about your child.

You can access this through the browser page <https://eylj.org/login/>

If you then click on the 'children' tab a card will appear. On that card are the words 'About me' click on those words and it will open a form for you to complete.



'Like' button

Have you noticed the new 'like' option on Tapestry? If you don't have time to leave a comment but want us to know you've read an observation you can simply click on the like button.



Staff news

I'd like to offer a huge congratulations to three members of our staff team.

Firstly Craig who proposed to his partner Carly on Christmas Day and luckily she said yes! They are expecting a baby girl at the beginning of April so lots of exciting things coming up for Craig.

Congratulations also to Kaitie who is expecting a baby in July and who became engaged on New Year's Eve.

And finally a huge congratulations to Maisie who has returned to us after her maternity leave and also became engaged on New Year's Eve.

Looks like I need to buy a hat!



Goodbye and welcome

At the beginning of January we said a sad farewell and good luck to Angela our chef.

Angela has moved on to work with Bournemouth Churches Housing Association, providing meals to several refuges and hostels in the Bournemouth and Poole area. This is a fantastic cause to become involved in and Angela feels passionate she can make a difference and be part of something very worthy.

We wish her the best of luck and know she'll be in for a visit soon.



Replacing Angela is Jack.

Jack comes to us as a very skilled chef having gained a Diploma in Professional Cookery in 2014. His forte is pastry and confectionary and we are already enjoying some lovely cakes and deserts.

He has settled in so quickly and has already become part of team. He and Ben our gardener have discussed the crops that will be planted this year which include sweet potatoes, courgettes, peas, beans, leeks, strawberries, raspberries and (fingers crossed) a pumpkin too.

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Jack to our team.

We need your help to try and keep illness to a minimum.

If your child is unwell, we ask that you please do not bring them to the nursery.

If they have been sick or had diarrhoea in the 24 hours prior to their day at nursery, they should remain at home.

If you have had to give them calpol or another form of pain relief for something other than teething pain, we feel that as they are unwell they should stay at home.



We must also remind you that ANY medication brought into the setting for the treatment of an illness or ongoing problem MUST be prescribed by a doctor or have an accompanying letter to confirm that it is ok for that child to have it and the correct dosage stated.

Illnesses in the setting pass round all the children and the staff too. We understand that the children are here while many of you work but if your child becomes unwell while they are with us, you will be expected to make arrangements to collect them as soon as possible.

We provide a full team of staff to care for your children every day, however, staff that are ill are also sent home!



Have you recently changed your mobile phone number? Have you moved house or changed jobs? Are the details for your emergency contact correct?

Please let us know your new details, so that we can contact you at all times

Coming up next month:

- Our transport week – Wilbur's Dad will be showing off his tractor amongst other exciting vehicles.
- Shrove Tuesday – pancakes, pancakes, pancakes!
- Valentine's day crafts and activities

Events for 2016

Get your diaries ready as here is the list of events happening over the coming year –

Month	Event	Date
February	Transport week – an opportunity to explore a variety of vehicles such as tractors and bicycles	To be confirmed
March	World Book Day – a celebration of books and stories and an opportunity to dress up	Thursday 3 rd March
	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 19 th March
April	Creature Teachers – a visit for our older children from a selection of insects and creepy crawlies	To be confirmed
May	Parents evenings	Dates and times to follow
June	Celebrations for the Queens 90 th birthday	Look out for your invitation
July	Sports Day – for our 3 and 4 year olds and their families	Friday 15 th July
August	Graduation party for our school leavers and their families	Saturday 6 th August
September	A visit from the photographer	Thursday 1 st September
October	Parents evenings	Dates and times to follow
	Pumpkin week – rounded off with our annual pumpkin carving competition	Competition on Friday 28 th October
November	Children in Need	Details to follow
December	Christmas Fair – our annual fair for all the attending children and their families	Saturday 3 rd December

Don't forget

For those in receipt of funding during term time only – please don't forget the half term break which runs from Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February