



Verwood Day Nursery July Newsletter 2017



A month of mixed emotions (and weather) as we start to say goodbye to our big boys and girls as they start their journeys to big school.

News from The Nest

This month I'd like to welcome Charlie, Vinnie, Zach and Cohen to The Nest and I hope that together with their families they have settled well into nursery life.

Exploring the Orchard



Throughout this month the children have spent lots of time out in the orchard exploring the mud kitchen and developing their gross motor skills and co-ordination on the play trail equipment. They are confident to climb, crawl and balance along the pieces of equipment and love nothing more than whipping up a good mud pie in the mud kitchen skilfully using the tools to mix and pour.

Role play

A love of role play has developed with our older toddlers and in particular playing with the dolls. They quite often watch carefully as the staff settle and sooth our youngest children and copy actions on the dolls.

Staff have supported this interest by providing opportunities to bath dolls and settle them for sleeps!



Sensory activities

Staff continue to offer the children sensory activities at every opportunity. Encouraging and developing a drive to investigate, explore things by texture, taste, smell and sometimes with a little support and encouragement!



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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 Samuel and Finn to the nursery and hope that together with their families they have settled in well to nursery life.

Using the tool kit

We've been busy with the tool kit this month exploring all the different resources and learning how to use them.



Carefully handling hammers and holding small nails while we tapped them into our log then using our fine motor skills to thread the cord to make a picture.



Being 'work men' using our drills and hammers to do our jobs before stopping for a well earned snack break!

We will continue to develop the enjoyment of using the tools by introducing little projects for the children to make and create.



Helping in the vegetable garden

While Ben our gardener was away on holiday we were tasked to care for the vegetable garden and without doubt the sun and rain were on our side as it is looking amazing at the moment!

Just last week we harvested beans and potatoes and Colin used them in our roast dinner and fish pie.

If you get a chance please go and have a look at the pumpkins (15 of them last count) already an impressive size ready to rival all the other entries in October for our competition.



Moors valley

We enjoyed the 3rd of our Ranger sessions this month exploring mini beasts. Thank you to the parent helpers that made the trip possible.

It was a very, very hot day and the children certainly did well to walk, listen and take part!

The final part of our ranger sessions takes place in August and we look forward to repeating them next year.



Sensory playdough

One of our favourite things to play with and explore is homemade playdough. The children help to weigh out the ingredients and mix it altogether before using it and this month we have used some of the fresh lavender that grows along our front wall.

The children helped Jill to carefully snip the lavender, collect it up and hang it to dry before crumbling it into our playdough mixture. The nursery has smelt of lavender for days and the children love playing with it.



Welcome

After a long period of illness I am excited to welcome Carole back to the nursery and I am sure those of you who know Carole are as happy as we are to hear that laugh all around the building and garden again! Carole is based in Plum room working alongside Craig and Rosie but will be putting her Montessori knowledge and skills to good use across the nursery.

Welcome back Carole!



I'd like to welcome Charmaine to the team as well. Charmaine comes to us as an experienced Level 3 Nursery Nurse, who actually undertook her work experience here at the nursery several years ago. She again is in Plum room with Craig and the team and takes on a full time role within the nursery and I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her to the nursery.

Coming up in August:

- **Saturday 5th August** 10.00am to 12.30pm – our school leavers party where we say a sad farewell to our big boys and girls and their families as they make their way to Big School in September. Tissues at the ready!
- **Tuesday 29th August** is the return of Concept Photography, who will in the nursery from 8.30am until 11am. If you would like your child's photo taken but they aren't usually at nursery on that day, you can book an appointment. Please speak to Rachel or Craig to arrange a time.



Future events for 2017

Leavers party – Saturday 5th August

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

Photographer – Tuesday 29th 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 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