



# Verwood Day Nursery June Newsletter 2017



This month we have been blessed with even more sunshine and experienced the hottest days of the year so far. Lots of water play (and balloons) and shaded dens have allowed us to enjoy lots of sunny days outside.



## News from The Nest

This month I'd like to welcome Hugo and Bethany to The Nest and I hope that together with their families they have settled well into nursery life.



### Fresh strawberries

Collecting our snack fresh from the garden!

The children have enjoyed venturing out into the vegetable garden to find and pick some strawberries which they have then shared with their friends at snack time!

You can't get much fresher than that.



### Bugs, bugs, bugs



The love of all things 'insect' related has continued this month and we have some wonderful butterflies on our windows which they children have made.

There have been lots of adventures out into the Orchard to hunt for bugs and see what's hiding underneath the logs.



## Getting messy!

As always the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring a variety of sensory messy play experiences. This month they have looked for buried bugs hidden in porridge oats, enjoyed gloop, played with lots of water to keep cool and enjoyed scooping and pouring sand.

The all-time favourite crowd pleaser is always shaving foam!



The children love the feel of the soft and fluffy foam and enjoying smearing it all over the table and themselves!

Coming up over the next month will be activities that continue to develop the interest in exploring the outdoor environment and building confidence in large motor movements on equipment outdoors.

The younger children will continue to be supporting in their developing skills of independence such as feeding themselves and learning to walk as well as enjoying lots and lots of sensory play and exploration.

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

## Apple and Plum room news

This month I'd like to welcome Brody to the nursery. I hope that together with his family he is settling well into nursery life.

### June the month of the election!



A huge event took place at nursery this month, not only was there a hung parliament at West Minster, but more importantly in the Plum room too.

Staff used their initiative and focused on something very current and topical and decided to educate the children and focus on the General election. All the children waited to cast their vote, and one by one, they came into the booth, took a ballot paper, and marked which candidate they wanted.



Prior to the election staff told the children why we vote and explained how someone has to be in charge of our country. This sparked a debate about what we would all do if we were in charge and some of the suggestions were brilliant (and maybe a little crazy), but in the end the children obviously felt the nursery was going to be in safer hands with Ben and Grace in charge. We were pleased to announce that we had a newly formed coalition government under the guidance of Ben and Grace with nine votes each. Ben thought everyone should be allowed to go to the park whenever they wanted to and Grace thought that everyone should jump and dance all the time! Oli Rose probably had the most realistic answer by telling us he would do "nothing" if he was put in charge...



It is so important that we teach children the importance of British Values such as democracy, rule of law, mutual respect, and individual liberty. This activity explored all of those values, and hopefully inspired a generation of young voters!





## Land ahoy!

This month in the Apple room the children have been very busy being pirates.

Everyone used their imaginations and created their own treasure maps and used the open ended resources such as the crates and nets to build a pirate ship on which to sail the seven seas!



There were lots of discussions about where the treasure could be buried and the children used lots of positional language such as under and next too to describe where they thought it was.



Staff have continued to support the interest in pirates supporting it with books and stories and allowing many more opportunities to make makes and build ships.

## Caterpillars to butterflies

The Plum room children have been carefully watching and caring for 4 tiny caterpillars which gradually changed into beautiful butterflies.

They have shared the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and each circle time have discussed the changes they could see happening. They have used all they have learned from they have observed first hand to create a wonderful display in the room.



## Moors Valley Ranger Session

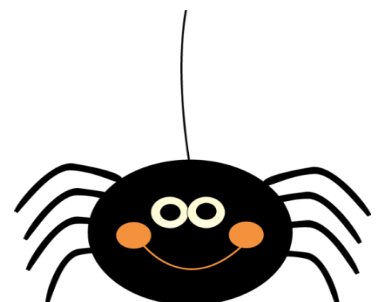


The oldest children in the nursery are enjoying the opportunity to take part in some Ranger sessions at Moors Valley.

The second of our four sessions took place this month and the children enjoyed a bit of pond dipping.

The children found a variety of pond life including matt caterpillars, water boatmen, pond skaters, water snails, snail eggs and dive beetles. They even found a jumping froglet too!

Our next trip takes place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July when the children will be on a mega mini beast hunt!



## Sun safe nursery



We are officially a sun safe nursery!

Sun Safe Nurseries is the first and only accreditation scheme of its kind to launch in the UK with the key objective to prevent skin cancer through education. The accreditation is a national, annual, scheme developed by Skcin (a skin cancer charity) in conjunction with the Pre-school learning alliance. The idea is to introduce sun safe messaging to pre-school children, whilst assisting pre-school settings in implementing a suitable sun safe policy and promoting the reinforcement of sun safety at home.

As a nursery it is our policy to provide **ALL** children with a sunhat that covers their necks as well as their heads and we provide a factor 30+ sun cream that delivers the required level of UVA and UVB protection. Our garden and outdoor areas provide lots of natural shade where the children are encouraged to spend time when it is hot to keep themselves safe from the sun.

We also provide **ALL** children with a drinking bottle that is topped up with fresh drinking water throughout their day and they are all actively encouraged to drink more during hot weather and especially after outdoor play times.

Staff and adults around are role models to the children and they can be seen applying sun cream, popping on a hat or seeking shade when it's time to go outside. We have adopted a 'Slip, slop, slap' policy and a catchy new song to sing about it too!

## Door security!!!

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 or ask the parent to ring the door bell for attention and close the door as you leave or enter.

**Under no circumstances should anyone enter the nursery without a member of staff present.**

This is to safeguard and protect your children and we hope that every parent will adhere to this request.

### ***Parent's first aid and life saver training evening***

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July we are offering parents the opportunity to attend a 2 hour course from 6pm to 8pm in basic first aid and life saver training – specifically focusing on children.

The cost of the course is £25 per person and if you are interested please speak to Rachel to book your place.



## **Wanted please**

Do you have any old recipe books at home that we could please have for our home corners?

Thank you



## **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**

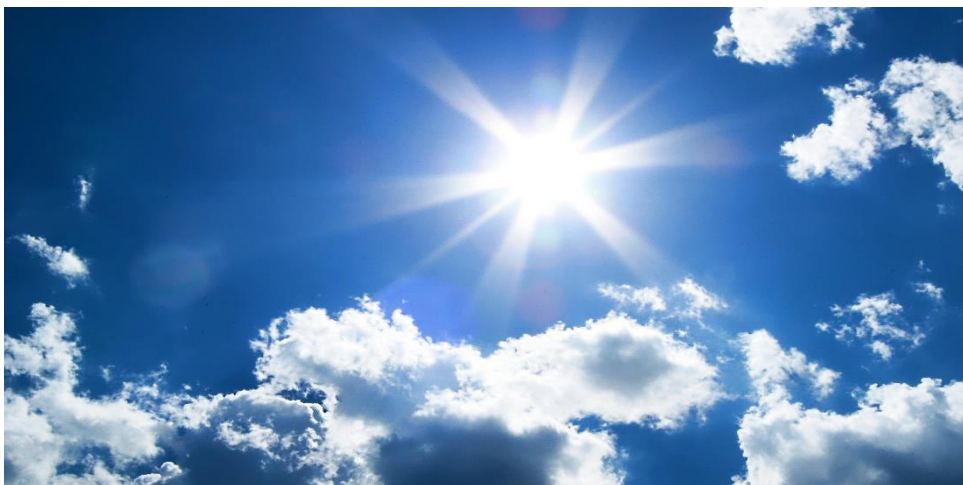
We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents and staff.

### **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



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