



Verwood Day Nursery June newsletter



Celebrating the Queens 90th birthday

Thank you to everyone that either sent their child to nursery in red, white and blue or joined us to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Despite the rain we enjoyed a lovely celebration tea in the garden.



Baby and toddler news

This month I'd like to welcome Nyla, Millie and Emily to the nursery. I hope they have all settled in well and that together with their families, are enjoying nursery life.

Sensory play

Our babies and toddlers have enjoyed lots and lots of sensory play this month, in one form or another.

We have enjoyed body painting and the sensory experiences of investigating the paint and rubbing it all over ourselves.





We have had lots of fun with shaving foam both inside and outside and noticing the marks we can make in the foam or with the foam.



Our youngest children have enjoyed the sensory tray experiencing different sounds, textures and colours.

We have been using porridge oats too which the children enjoyed scooping into pots (or their mouths). Next month we will change the consistency and feel by making it warm and sticky!

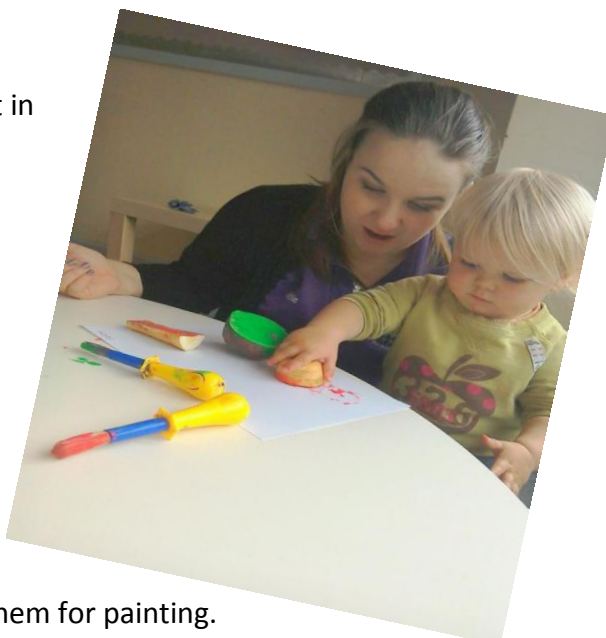
All these activities have encouraged and developed the exploratory impulse in the children and given them the confidence to use their senses to make more sense of the things they handle or touch.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything we are doing.



The children have also shown a lot of interest in the ever growing vegetable garden and have been watching the older children picking their strawberries for snack. The staff used the opportunity to give the children the chance to explore some fruit and vegetables and use them for painting.



Look out for our baby garden makeover during July and hopefully lots of opportunities for being outside in the orchard and developing those gross motor skills.

Two, three and four year old news

It's been a busy month downstairs as our older children have been visiting their new schools and many of their new teachers have visited us here at the nursery. It's an exciting but also daunting time for the children, so staff have been working hard to ensure the children have the opportunity to talk about and discuss 'big school'.



Look out in July for the arrival of the caterpillars and hopefully some beautiful butterflies.

Bug hunts

The wet weather has meant the garden has been teeming with insects and wildlife. We have chased a few frogs around the orchard and found lots and lots of wiggly worms.



Fire! Fire!

There has been a running theme for many children of building fires while we've been outside.

Busy running around the orchard collecting sticks to build their fires, the children have chatted about things being hot or cold and the dangers of fire.



To develop this interest the children have also collected sticks to make some fire pictures using the colours of fire that they chose themselves



To support and develop this interest we have arranged a visit from the local Fire brigade on Tuesday 19th July.



Space

Our space theme has come to an end this month, but we have all enjoyed building rockets and going on missions to Mars.

We turned the playhouse into a space station using all the shiny resources we could find and it even had a control panel.



We used clay to create our own aliens who came in all kinds of shapes and sizes!



Our baby chicks



The children have experienced first-hand life cycles, growth and development as we have incubated our own eggs.

After exactly 21 days the eggs began to hatch and we are now the proud adoptive parents of two lovely fluffy chicks named Margo and Duke.



The chicks will stay with us for a few more days before moving to their new home on the farm.

Our vegetable garden



If you get the opportunity please venture into the vegetable garden to see all the wonderful fruit and vegetables the children have cultivated (with a little help from Ben our gardener)!



We have courgettes, pumpkins, sweetcorn, peas, beans, carrots, potatoes, rhubarb, strawberries and raspberries and in the green house tomatoes and sweet potatoes.

During July staff will be building on the interest of fire (in appropriate ways!) and the love the children have at the moment for tea parties by the introduction of the nursery café!



Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to post your own observations onto Tapestry. We are all so grateful that you are able to share these occasions with us and be part of your child's learning journey.

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. A big thank you to the Rose family who this month have benefited from a £100 referral reward.



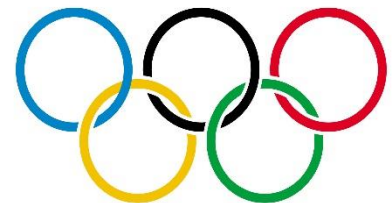
To benefit from this reward yourself, you must ask the person you recommend to mention your name at time of enquiry or booking and the new child must be on a full time (51 week contract).

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!

The nursery is filling up fast and current spaces won't be available for long. If you are thinking of increasing or you know of someone who is thinking of joining us, please contact us ASAP to avoid any disappointment.

Coming up next month:

- Sports day for our 3 and 4 year olds on Friday 15th July 3-4.30pm. Come along and join us for our mini Verwood Olympics.
- Fire engine visit on Tuesday 19th July at 10am



Reminders:

Please note: the last day of term for our funded children is Friday the 15th July.

For those on the term time only contract the last day is Wednesday the 20th July.

That's it for now.

Here's to a sunnier July.

Rachel, Carole and the team

