



Verwood Day Nursery March newsletter



Well what a busy month of celebrations and fun!

Annual Easter egg Hunt

On Saturday the 19th March we hosted our 4th Easter Egg Hunt for everyone.

What a fantastic day we all had with lots of happy smiling faces as they followed their 'We're all going on an egg hunt' themed clues all around the orchard and took part in easter themed activities and craft.

Thank you to everyone that came along to take part in the event.



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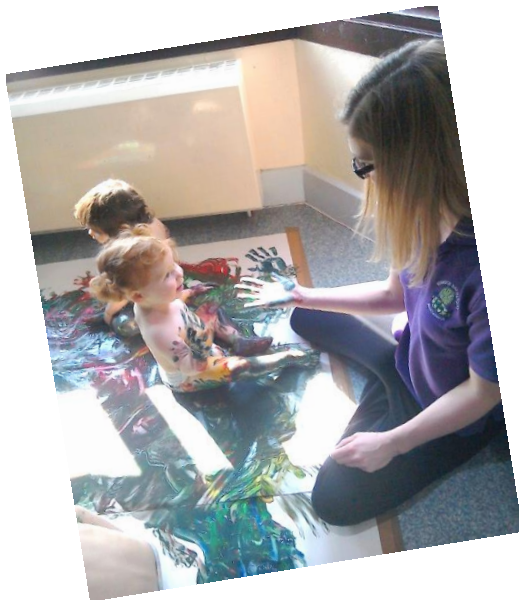
Don't forget to like our Facebook page to see more photos from the event.

Baby and toddler news

This month I'd like to welcome Lewis to the baby room and I hope he enjoys his time at nursery as much as his big brother does!

Sensory play

The children have continued to enjoy lots of sensory play this month. The staff have decided to continue to follow this very clear interest at the moment and allow the children lots of opportunities to continue to explore a range of materials and resources.



We have explored sand and paint using all of our senses!

What are the benefits of body painting?

- ❖ It is an excellent tactile experience
- ❖ It stimulates your child's senses
- ❖ The mixing of colours teaches children about their colours
- ❖ It allows them to use their imaginations and create
- ❖ It is emotionally soothing (in most cases)
- ❖ It strengthens the hand and fingers muscles
- ❖ IT'S FUN!

Outside in the garden

As spring begins, the children have been managing to enjoy some more time outside and this month have been practising their physical skills on the equipment and enjoying the freedom of being able to run around!

The more the children use the equipment the more confident they become in their own abilities and skills and the more willing they are to 'have a go'.



Exploring marks

The toddlers have become very inquisitive about the marks they can make and so staff have encouraged this interest by providing mark making materials that the children could use outside.

The large chalks allowed the children to make marks on the patio and chalk boards and they shared their marks with the adults. They were not only fascinated by the marks but also the strange feel of the chalk as it rubbed over the different bumpy surfaces.



Two, three and four year old news

This month I'd to welcome Tobias who has moved downstairs to join the bigger children and welcome to Matilda and Caleb. All the children are settling in really well and enjoying exploring and making new friends.

World book day



At the beginning of the month the nursery took part in World Book Day.

Everyone at the nursery that day made such a wonderful effort dressing up in costume to take part in the fun.

The oldest children in the group took part in a story writing activity. They discussed the main characters and decided on a plot. Together they pieced the story together and retold it using puppets and props.

Once upon a time there was a little girl called Alice. She lived in a castle in the woods. One day a witch came to the castle and made Alice disappear.

Spiderman and Batman came up with a plan to catch the witch and bring Alice home. Spiderman uses his web to catch the witch, and Batman flies down to get Alice.

On the way home they get chased by a scary elephant and a naughty piggy. They get away from the elephant and piggy, and Spiderman shows them how to swing through the trees.

They were almost home, but the witch planted a volcano in their way! Batman told everyone to hop on his cape and he flew Alice home. She was home safe and lived happily ever after.



The authors!

Garden fun

March brought with it lots of opportunities to enjoy the weather and begin preparing the vegetable garden.



Splashing about in the flooded orchard!



Planting the first of this year's crops with Ben our gardener.



Den building and construction.

Great team work using all the different materials to create a fabulous den to hide away in.

The world around

The children have shown fascination in the changes that spring brings about and they have been commenting on the change in weather and all the flowers and plants that have started to grow or bloom.

We have therefore built on these interests and allowed them opportunities to explore these features in closer detail.

They have been drawing their observations of daffodils, weighing fir cones and using Pampas grass to paint with!





Some of the older children have also been discussing their world and where they live in more detail and have found the globe fascinating.



One area of learning that we always find a bit tricky to cover at nursery is talking to the children about celebrations and in particular things they celebrate with their families.

We'd like you to share with us some of the lovely things that you've been up to over Easter. Maybe you have been to an egg hunt, visited family or had a lovely day out?

If you could take 5 minutes to upload a photo to Tapestry we'd be really grateful. Thank you.

'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.

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We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year.

Please pass on any vouchers to the staff downstairs to put in our collection box. Thank you

A few reminders

Afternoon session

For those of you whose children attend an afternoon session, can I please remind you that this starts at 1pm. We cannot allow children onto the premises before this time, so apologise if you are asked to wait.

Toys from home

Can we please ask that children do not bring in toys from home other than comforters or special toys that help them rest or sleep during the day. The nursery cannot take responsibility for these toys and therefore wish to avoid some very upset children when they get lost or broken.

Lost property

We have accumulated a huge amount of unnamed jumpers, cardigans and coats and so have set up a lost property area in the garage.

Any unclaimed and unnamed items left at the end of the day will be moved to the lost property pegs.

Please help to keep these items to a minimum by either putting your child's name or initials on a label.

Thank you



A huge congratulations to Yeima and her partner Lewis who got engaged on Saturday 19th March.

I really will have to buy a hat now!

Coming up next month:

- **Creature teachers visit - Tuesday 26th April**

In an hour long encounter the children will get to meet and hold creepy crawlies, reptiles, and mammals, watch rats race around an obstacle course and watch a barn owl flying above their heads.