



Verwood Day Nursery May Newsletter 2017



This month we have finally seen some sunshine and the children (and the vegetable garden) have thoroughly enjoyed spending long sunny days outside.



News from The Nest

This month I'd like to welcome Finlay to The Nest and I hope that he has settled well into nursery life and enjoying being at nursery as much as his big sister!



Bugs bugs everywhere

The children have spent a lot of time out in the Orchard recently and become fascinated with the insects hiding under logs. This has sparked a new theme within the baby and toddler room where the staff have continued to support and develop the investigation and discovery of insects.

The children loved exploring the bugs using their magnifiers and were really intrigued with how they became bigger!

Staff have shared books about bugs with the children so they can hear the names of each insect and begin to independently identify them. They also start to realise that books aren't just for stories and that we can use them to find out more about things.



The children have enjoyed decorating some bugs using a variety of techniques such as rolling balls in paint.

All these activities develop a sense of curiosity and wonder and staff will continue to build on this over the next few weeks.



Sensory play

Sensory discovery is a big part of what we do in The Nest. Opportunities for children to explore using their senses are provided every day in a variety of ways.



Young children learn through playing and exploring and we encourage them to explore by offering them new and exciting things.

The warm weather has meant that we have been able to enjoy lots of water play both inside and outside which is always great fun for everyone!

Shaving foam is a firm favourite with the children and it provides an opportunity for early mark making as children quickly make a connection between moving their fingers through the foam and noticing the marks they leave behind.



Fine motor development

At every opportunity staff continue to develop and promote fine motor skills. I watched as the children patiently put the pieces of the train track together using some amazing co-ordination and fine motor skills.



They are independent souls who really can achieve anything they want to!

Mark making as a group has been a hit. Sitting on the floor and using large chubby crayons and chucks that require the whole palm of the hand to grip have given even the youngest children the opportunity to explore and participate.



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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 Cayden to the nursery. I hope that together with his family he is settling well into nursery life.

May the mark making month!



It's all been about mark making this month. Large scale and small scale everyone has been having a turn!



Opportunities to paint on a large scale outside has been great fun and the chance to use really large brushes made it quicker to make really big marks and develop the upper body strength needed to make marks.



We have also used dry sand to encourage children to make marks using their fingers or fine brushes and many children have been very clever at trying to make the letters in their names.



Providing opportunities for children to see us write rather than use a mobile device or tablet is really important and we make sure the children see us completing forms and writing notes each and every day.

The children have enjoyed painting pictures of characters from their favourite stories using a variety of materials to make marks with the paint.



Staff have used opportunities in the role play areas to introduce the use of mark making such as writing café orders or shopping lists.



The children can also access mark making materials whenever they want to to draw, write or paint and we love watching their master pieces take shape.

A few reminders

Door security

When entering or leaving the building can I please ask you to ensure that the door is safely and firmly closed behind you.

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.

Sun cream

The nursery provides a Factor 30 sun cream for all the children and this is applied at regular intervals throughout the day. If you wish to supply your own sun cream we ask that you send in with your child so that staff can also reapply this during their day with us.

For very young children the recommendation is to reapply sun cream every 2 hours during sun exposure.



Thank you

Coming up in June:

Creature teachers

- Creature teachers will be visiting our oldest children on Thursday 15th June.

School leavers meetings

- Parent's evenings will be taking place for our school leavers where staff will share the transition reports with parents before sending them off to the receiving schools. Look out for the dates.

Parent's first aid and life saver training evening

On Tuesday 11th 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.



Future events for 2017

Sports Day – Friday 21st July

The nursery will host its 4th sports day for all our 3 and 4 year olds on Friday 21st July.

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



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