



Verwood Day Nursery October Newsletter 2017



Thank you to everyone that took part in this year's pumpkin competition. We had so many wonderful entries that Ben our gardener really had his work cut out trying to choose our winners. Well done again to Lottie, Dominic, Niamh & Lilly, Heather and Vicki this year's winners.



News from The Nest

This month I'd like to welcome California, Dylan, Vincent and Maia to The Nest. All the children have settled in so well and formed such lovely bonds with the staff. I hope that together with their families they enjoy nursery life.

Exploring the change in seasons

The children have really enjoyed exploring the autumn season as it arrived. As well as the festivals of Diwali and Halloween, they have been exploring the fallen leaves out in the Orchard and exploring autumnal colours and textures.



Role play

Some of the older toddlers have really enjoyed engaging in some role play recently and a firm favourite is our box of tools often used by the older children out in the garden. Over the last few weeks the children have loved using the tools to recreate the things they have seen others do, such as Ben when he is busy fixing or mending something. The first role play that children will engage in is recreating everyday experiences that they see the people around them do, such as putting an object to their ear as a phone or using a container as a cup or a bowl.



Autumn celebrations

All across the nursery children have explored the autumn celebrations and festivals of Diwali and Halloween. In The Nest, children made coconut ice, a traditional sweet Indian treat and some lovely Diwali lanterns.



And we explored the colours black and orange and carefully held our paint brushes while we made pumpkins and black bats to take home for Halloween.



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

Apple and Plum room news

This month we'd like to welcome Oliver and Thomas to Plum room. They have already found their feet and are settling in nicely with Craig and the team.

A mathematical month

Apple and Plum room have been busy during October exploring and learning more about numbers and shapes.

Shapes became a topic for several days with a wide variety of shape activities taking place. We had a shape hunt around the nursery looking for everyday objects to match our shape cards. We painted with shapes, cut shapes out and used shapes to make pictures.





The darker nights mean we can have lots of fun with our over head projectors and the children have used it to explore shapes of everyday objects projected onto the ceiling to see what shapes we can recognise and name correctly.



Going on a train ride

The large loose parts outside in the garden are used in such a wide variety of ways from constructing towers and making balancing beams but this month they have been used to make the most amazing steam train with tracks.



The children recorded their journey on clipboards and back inside they decided to write their own story about their train adventure and drew pictures to retell what happened.



Halloween fun

We had great fun trying to hollow out and carve our enormous pumpkins that we had grown in the garden. Colin our chef had to help us cut the top off!



We saved all the flesh and the seeds and Colin made some delicious pumpkin soup for us and we used the seeds in our messy play.



We used some of our pumpkins as giant geo boards. First of all we had to carefully push the golf tees into the pumpkins and then use our fingers to stretch elastic bands between the tees. A great fine motor exercise which the children really enjoyed doing.



Online payments via WorldPay



Our new WorldPay link is now active and it can be accessed via the 'Make a payment' page on the nursery website.

Many of you have already used it and we hope that you are finding it an easy system to navigate.

Current availability

The nursery continues to be very busy and on certain days into next year we are already full with limited places on other days too.

With the introduction of the 30 hours funding, some of you may be considering increasing your child's time with us at some point in the future and our advice is that's it's never too early and we don't want anyone to miss out on a place with us.

If you know someone who is considering booking their child into Verwood Day Nursery, please let them know that they need to be quick and don't forget to tell them to give us your name as the person that referred them to us just in case you qualify to receive our referral reward.

Just a reminder

We offer breakfast in the morning until 8.30am. Unfortunately anyone coming in after this time will not be able to have breakfast.

As the weather is now so much colder we ask that ALL children come to nursery with a suitable outdoor coat and footwear. We do have plenty of wellies for all the children and of course our all in one wet weather suits.

Coming up:

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

We will once again be showing our support for this charity by having a pyjama day and Pudsey picnic.



Christmas Fair – Saturday 9th December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families.

Invitations with details of this year's event will be coming out next week.