



# Verwood Day Nursery September newsletter



Welcome to our September newsletter  
We have been very spoilt with wonderful weather  
and lots of summer fun!

## Baby and toddler news

All our new children have settled in really well to the routines of nursery life and some lovely bonds are forming with the staff and other children.

### Making marks

The children have thoroughly enjoyed opportunities to make marks in a variety of ways this month. They had lots of fun using straws and cups to print with on the paper and themselves of course!



The staff added shaving foam to the car play so that the children could notice the marks the wheels left behind as they travelled through the foam.

While the children take part in these activities the staff comment and point out the marks to the children so they become more and more aware that they are making the marks.



## Edible play

The baby and toddler unit have embarked on a theme called Edible play that encompasses all the elements that the children currently enjoy. Using food as the main resource the children are currently taking part a variety of activities such as painting with pasta, threading and edible paint.



The children very carefully used their fingers to thread cereal hoops onto some spaghetti and did very well indeed.



They concentrated very hard and resisted the temptation to eat the cereal until the very end!



The edible paint has been great fun although the texture of coloured mash potato was a little strange to many of them!



## Sensory play

We are coming into the time of year where days become shorter and our evenings darker – which gives the staff the perfect opportunity to enjoy the sensory tent and resources with the children.

The black light makes the balls in the sensory tent glow and the children are given fibre optics and flashing balls to explore as well as materials of different textures

**Coming up:** the edible play theme will continue into October and the staff will also be doing lots of pumpkin craft with the children as well as introducing the concept of autumn.



## Two, three and four year old news

This month I'd like to welcome Poppy, Theo, Lydia, Bobbi and Owen to the nursery this month and I hope that together with their families they have settled into nursery life.

## Train journeys

We have been on lots of journeys over the last month and when Rosie brought in her old train tickets for the children the journeys became even more exciting!



Inside the children continued the interest in trains and going on journeys with the small world train track where they shared and collaborated to make their tracks and act out their storylines.



## Letters and numbers

The children have been working very hard on learning to recognise and attempting to write numbers and the letters in their names.

The staff have provided different materials to do this such as tracing or making marks in gloop.



In each room the children are provided with name cards that they can access at any time to help them learn to identify their names and learn the letters that form their names. They are encouraged to label their own work using their name cards as a guide or trace it if they want.

When children are able to start attempting to form their names, we support them to do so in a way that makes writing other letters later on at school, a bit easier. For example forming the letters 'o' and 'a' in an anticlockwise movement, developing good gross and fine motor control, develop a recognition of pattern, learn and use appropriate words to describe shapes and movements and learn the main handwriting movements involved in the three basic letter shapes as exemplified by: l,c,r.

If you would like to know more about how you can support your child in their developing handwriting skills, just ask a member of the team.

## Brain gym

We have introduced a new movement and learning programme to the children all about Wombat and his friends that will help the children develop through song and dance. A series of safe and simple movements are used to enhance the communication between different parts of the brain leading to improved learning and physical skills such as better concentration and co-ordination, better balance, greater visual and spatial awareness.



The characters feature a Wombat called Wally, Tommy Tortoise, Lizzy Lizard and Sebastian the Crab who each have a song and a range of movements which the children are learning and may demonstrate at home!

**Coming up:** staff will be developing the children's current interests in building and construction by introducing a 'Three Little Pig's' theme during October as well as supporting the creative ideas they currently have outside using the crates.

Keep your eye open for some magical visitors too .....



## 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.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Children's bags



I would like to ask that we take careful consideration when packing children's bags for nursery. As a parent I understand that everything other than the kitchen sink usually goes into your child's day bag and when you are out and about it is good to be prepared for all eventualities, however not all these items are safe in the hands of children.

Upon inspecting children's bags I found an array of items that could be harmful to children for various reasons. Within some of the nursery rooms bags are accessible to the children so we would like to urge you not to put anything in your child's bag that could be potentially dangerous. Bottles, spare clothes, comforters, nappies and wet wipes are all we need any other items such as medications or creams should be given to a member of staff.

We will be carrying out daily checks on the children's bags as part of our risk assessments. Anything found in a bag which we believe to be unsuitable will be removed, labelled and placed in a safe place to be returned to you.

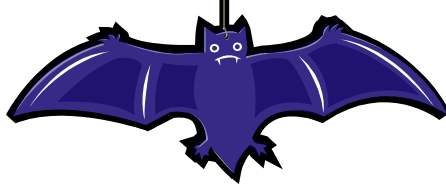
Thank you

## Coming up:

- **Pumpkin Day** – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October will be this year's pumpkin competition judging day. Entries can be made in the week leading up to the competition or on the day.  
***Children attending the nursery on that day are welcome to dress up if they wish.***
- **Parents evenings** – these will take place during the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October. These evenings are opportunity to speak to your child's key person and discuss their Summer Term summaries or any concerns or queries you may have. Please look out for your invitation next week.
- **Preparing for school evening** – on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be hosting an evening for those parents whose children are due to start school in September 2017. We will be sharing ideas of how to prepare the children for the move as well as how to apply for your school place and things to consider. Invitations to this event will be sent out during October.

# Pumpkin carving competition

## Monday 31st October



Open to all the families within the nursery and staff too! This year we have 3 categories –

\* Children \* Parents \* Staff

Pumpkins will be displayed in the nursery garden on Monday 31st October and we will light them all at 4.30pm for everyone to see and find out this year's winners.

Come along and enjoy some pumpkin soup while you look at all the entries and choose your favourite.

### PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS!

Entries can be made from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> onwards but must be with us by midday Monday 31st October to be included in the judging.

