



Verwood Day Nursery

September Newsletter

2017



News from The Nest

This month I'd like to welcome lots of new children and their families to the nursery. They are all settling in really well and have already formed some lovely bonds with the staff.

Welcome to: Mia-Louise, Finley, Eva, Byron, Carter and Maya.

Fine tuning our fine motor skills

The staff have been supporting the children to investigate some activities that require some very controlled fine motor skills.

Gently threading pieces of pasta onto spaghetti takes a lot of concentration and skill and with a little support the children have done so well at doing this, while all the time enhancing their control and developing the skills they will need to control a pencil.



Exploring the vegetable garden



The children have enjoyed the opportunity to explore all the things growing in the vegetable garden and gathered together a selection of leaves to explore in closer detail. The staff encouraged the children to use their senses to touch, smell and even taste what they had found. The mint proved to be a popular flavour!

The desire to explore

Children don't always need adult interaction to encourage their natural sense to explore and investigate and there are many times in our day where an adult interacting would actually disturb and sometimes stop the desire to explore.

All around the nursery you will see that there are objects and that are curious and interesting that the children want to explore and often these are not the traditional toys you may expect.

The younger children have opportunities to explore objects that make noise when hit together or feel cold in their mouths, they fit inside each other or can be stacked – all of this discovered through their own explorations and wonderful to take time to watch.



Handwashing

Have you spotted the sink in the baby room? It's at the right height for the children to use and each day they are encouraged and supported to wash their own hands.

After playing outside, before mealtimes (sometimes after too!) are the key times that the children are asked to wash their hands.

Embedding healthy practices at a young age is invaluable at encouraging children to look after themselves and all the time we are also encouraging their independence too.



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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 lots of new children and their families to the nursery. They are all settling in really well and thoroughly enjoying making new friends and exploring everything the nursery has to offer. Welcome to – Jospeh, Sophia, Benjamin, Eva, Poppy-Louise, Neeve, Isabella, Evelyn, Otis, Mason, Scarlett, Keira and Hefren.

No mess messy play!

Not all the children like to get messy so the staff have to come up with ways to encourage them to take part in activities such as colour mixing. Our way around this is to cover the paint in cling film. The children can use their fingers to move and manipulate the paint without actually getting it on themselves.



Very messy messy play!

And then there are some who love to get messy! We have explored shaving foam, gloop, paint and slimy hair conditioner this month. Staff have talked about the marks children are making in the different substances.



Mark making at every opportunity

Mark making isn't just about sitting at a table and writing our names, it's first about mastering the art of controlling a pencil. Everything we do from playing with playdough, building towers and even eating lunch is helping us to develop the co-ordination we need to write and draw.

We make mark making part of everyday activities and recently the children have enjoyed using the clipboards to record their ideas or even draw pictures of the models they have made. Giving their marks a meaning and feeling proud to show others all encourages them to mark make more and more.



The younger children have been discovering how even the wheels of their favourite trains and cars can make marks too.



A huge thank you to everyone that supported our MacMillan coffee morning in one way or another. We are so pleased to say we raised a total of £235.00 in total and that the nursery are going to match that meaning the grand total we will be donating to MacMillan is £470.00.

A huge thank you again.



Coming up in October:

Parents evenings will take place during the week of the 9th October for all our under 2's and during the week of the 16th for all of our children aged 2 years and over. If you haven't made your appointment yet, please speak to a member of staff.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

This year's competition judging will take place on Tuesday 31st October. All entries need to be in by midday on the 31st to be included in the competition.

We have 3 categories > children, staff and parents and prizes will be awarded for the best carving.

Pumpkin carving competition
Tuesday 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 Tuesday 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 30th onwards but must be with us by midday Tuesday 31st October to be included in the judging.



Online payments via WorldPay

Coming soon will be the facility to allow you to make payments online via a new payment page on our website.



All the details will follow separately in the next few days.

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.

Future events for 2017

Parents evenings – October (see details above for specific dates)

We will be offering 10 minute appointments with your child's key person to chat about their progress and next steps

Pumpkin week – 31st October

We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents and staff. **Carving competition and pumpkin illumination to take place on Tuesday 31st October from 4.30pm.**

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