



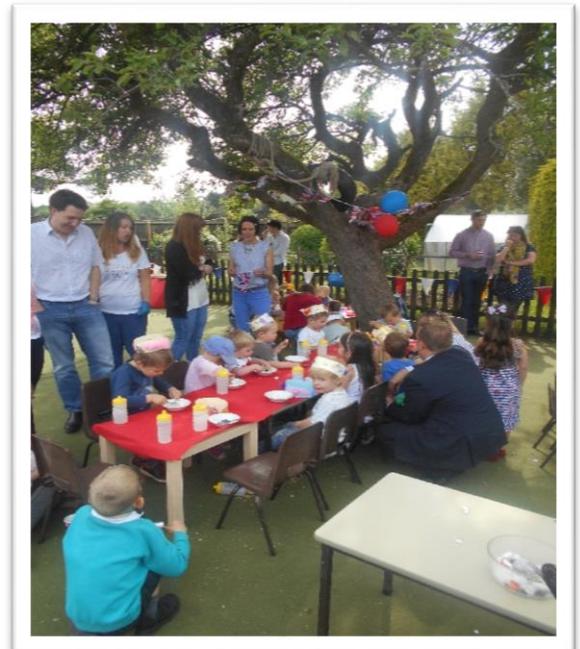
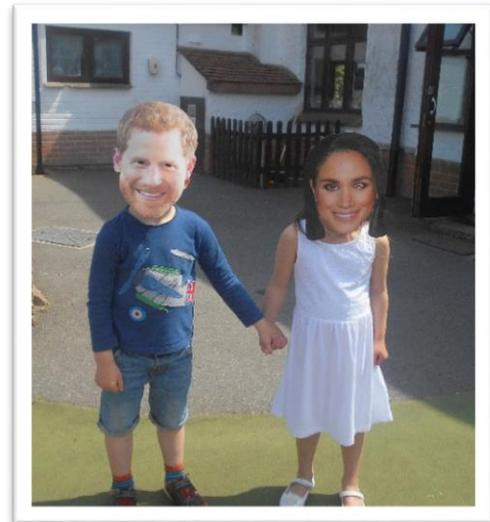
Verwood Day Nursery May 2018 Newsletter



Welcome to our May newsletter – a round up of what we've been up to.

Royal wedding tea party

Thank you to all the families who joined us on Friday the 18th May to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan with a celebration tea.



News from the Nest

We've had a very busy time in The Nest this month. The children have had a great time exploring textures.

Staff have introduced different foods to encourage the children to explore not just the feel but the taste of new things.

The children tasted pineapple with the spiky skin on, orange, lemons and limes!



The children have explored painting in many different forms and using various methods in which to make marks! Staff introduced paint with textures but not just for the paper....





Developing hand eye co-ordination

Staff provide opportunities through play for the children to develop and build their hand eye co-ordination skills. Placing objects that the youngest children need to reach for and grasp to objects that require more skill such as stacking or sorting also teaching them cause and effect. These activities help to build co-ordination skills and also finger, hand and arm

strength later needed to hold and control a spoon or a pencil.



National gardening week

As part of gardening week the children have been exploring the vegetable garden and find herbs and plants to explore a little closer again encouraging them to use all their senses.



Allowing children to explore a variety of foods helps them learn what they like or dislike and staff value the choices they make and gently encourage them to be confident in trying new things.



The children across the nursery have also been busy planting their sunflower seeds for our sunflower competition. Look out this week for your little pot and instructions to enter the competition.



News from Apple and Plum rooms

The children have enjoyed lots of activities outside this month. The weather has been perfect for exploring the orchard and the gardens.

While in The Willow house the children have been finding out more about the bugs that they find hiding under the logs and outside the front of the nursery the children have been exploring the bluebells and producing some amazing pictures.



Using reference guides to identify our bugs



Carefully counting the legs on our insects



Matching the number of legs to the written numeral



The children used natural resources such as leaves, petals and twigs to make their own insects from play dough



Dinosaur world

When one child brought in a fossil they had found to show all the children at circle time, it sparked an interest in dinosaurs and being fossil hunters.

Rosie set up an activity with dinosaur skeletons and magnifying glasses in a 'dinosaur world' to encourage the children to be fossil hunters themselves.



This quick reaction to an interest sparked by the children meant that the staff could grab that interest and introduce concepts and learning that would provide curiosity and fascination and a desire to find out more.

We call this 'in the moment planning' building on something in the here and now and grabbing that moment when a child has a desire to learn and we know they will get the most out of it as it's their interest.

National gardening week

Thank you to all the families who came in to help Ben our gardener in our vegetable garden. We planted runner beans, carrot seeds, pulled up rhubarb and put some straw bedding down under (well mostly on top) of our strawberries. Each child then planted their sunflower seed to take home.



Welcome

I'd like to say a huge welcome to Danny our new chef!

Danny comes to us from the Salterns Hotel in Sandbanks, looking to leave the unsociable hours of split shifts and weekends and spend more time with his 3 young children.

Danny holds NVQ Level 3 in Professional Cookery and so far gets a massive thumbs up from everyone for his delicious food and cakes.

Welcome to the team Danny.



Coming up in June

- Parent's evenings for this year's school leavers. An opportunity to read and discuss your child's transition report. Have you made an appointment yet?

Future events for 2018

Dates for your diaries

Sports Day – Friday 20th July

The nursery will host its 5th sports day for all our 3 and 4 year olds on Friday 20th July.

Leavers party – Saturday 4th August

Our annual farewell party for all our 'big school' boys and girls

Change of date

Photographer – Tuesday 28th August 8.30-11.30am

Our annual visit from Concept photography

*** New date ***

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 competition – Wednesday 31st October

We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents and staff.

Children in Need – Friday 16th November

We will once again be showing our support for this charity by having a themed day

Christmas Fair – Saturday 8th December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families

From Rachel and all the team at Verwood Day Nursery