



Verwood Day Nursery Summer 2018 Newsletter



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



Sports Day 2018



On the 20th July we saw the return of our annual sports day which takes place for all the 3 and 4 year olds. Everyone had such a fun time and we couldn't have asked for better weather or a better turn out.

This year's sports day took a 'World Cup' theme with lots of activities all focusing around balls and ball skills and even a mini football tournament!

On arrival the parents participated in games in the arena from matching coloured ball games with Charmaine, target practice with Lauren, a spot of Tennis with Deana, throwing and catching with Neil, before coming to the main event with Craig, the famous World Cup 5aside tournament. This was taken very seriously mainly by Craig, finishing off with a sudden death penalty shoot-out competition.

Lots of children were highly involved and it was like watching a real game with all the strict instructions and encouragement from the touchline (largely from the over keen fathers) and it was lovely to see such a variety of football kits being worn. Sunderland, Portsmouth, Arsenal, Bournemouth and Middlesbrough were just some of the teams on show. Congratulations to everyone who took part and it was lovely to see the children's faces when receiving their medals and certificates.



Leaver's party

On Saturday 4th August we held our annual school leavers party. This is a celebration of the time the children and families have spent with us and a way for us to say thank you for choosing Verwood Day Nursery and giving us the privilege of looking after the children.

Deana and Paul (Batman) came in and entertained us with their crazy dancing and then the children played a variety of parachute games outside. Some of the moves on display by some parents made us question who was having more fun... At the end the children were presented with their special bags which contained their learning journeys and cards of well wishes and pictures of happy times.



News from the Nest

I would like to welcome Rowan, Elijah and Eloise to the nursery and hope that together with their families they have settled into nursery life.

The babies and toddlers have thoroughly enjoyed their time outside over the summer with lots and lots of water play to keep cool, sleeps and rest times in the shade and exploring the orchard with their friends.

Schema play

Inside the staff have been supporting and developing the children's 'Schema play'.

Schema's are described as repeated patterns of play, or as we would see them as children's fascinations or interests. They're seen in children as they develop, explore their world and find out how things work, and can be displayed physically, verbally or as they get older in drawings too.

So what Schema's are there?

There are lots to look out for, but here are three of the main Schemas:

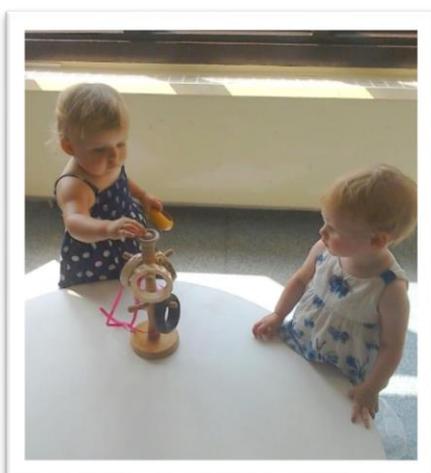
- Does your child enjoy lining up all their toys or taking lids on or off anything and everything? Sounds like they're in a Connecting Schema, where they're slightly obsessed with joining (and disconnecting) things. This can sometimes (unfortunately) also mean destroying things, such as towers of bricks that other children have made.
- Is your child driving you crazy by throwing objects or food, jumping on the sofa, wanting to play with running water? Your child is probably in a Trajectory Schema, when a child is busy investigating movement and forces. They will probably want to climb a lot and interact with things – such as water – that are already moving.
- Is your child constantly wrapping things up – toys in blankets, den-making, covering paintings in one colour? It is likely that your child is in an Enveloping Schema, when children like to cover themselves or objects.



So now you've identified your child's Schema, what can you do to support your child's learning and (hopefully) minimise some of the negative knock-on effects?

Firstly, it's important to remember that the schema is about the urge to do something, not necessarily the action itself. Sometimes the action can be seen as inappropriate, therefore when you can see and understand this urge you can try to redirect the action. Here are some quick activity ideas that may help.

- Connecting Schema: Provide your child with objects such as cars, clothes pegs or building blocks to line up. Make necklaces with pasta tubes and string. Provide your child with sticky tape, string and boxes or card to stick them together.
- Trajectory Schema: Make woolen pom-poms to be used to throw inside. Make time to go outside and throw sticks or balls. Make paper aeroplanes. Make time in the day for climbing – maybe head outdoors to climb a small hill or the steps of a slide in the park. At bath time provide funnels for water to flow through.
- Enveloping Schema: Provide your child with boxes of all sizes to play with, from ones big enough for them to climb in to small ones to pop small objects in. Provide your child with fabric or blankets to wrap themselves in or to make dens under tables or chairs.



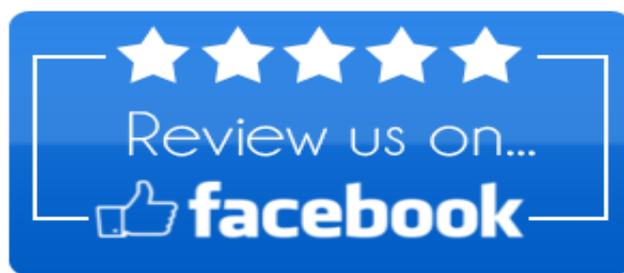
There are lots more Schema's that we regularly see so if you would like to know more about Schema's, how to identify and support them, please let us know.

Transitions

We have lots of children joining the baby unit in September and lots of our older toddlers, soon to turn 2 years old, are all moving downstairs to our Apple and Plum rooms.

There are plenty of opportunities for settling downstairs in their new room and these start from 3 months before their 2nd birthday. A little visit with their key person for just a few minutes then builds to spending more time downstairs. Once they are ready to move they are familiar with the staff and their new environment.

We actively encourage parents to come and take part in a 'stay and play session' before their child moves. This enables them to get to know the staff that will be caring for their child, understand the differences between The Nest and Apple and Plum rooms and get an idea of the routine and pattern of the day.



Do you have any of the following –

We are in need of dolls clothes for our bare babies! Do you have any unwanted small baby grows or outfits that you would be happy to donate?



We would like to add some real life resources to our home corners and so we are looking for donations of –

- Cups, saucers and plates
- Pots and pans
- Utensils, sieves and colanders
- Kitchen scales
- Jugs and tea pots
- Place mats, toast racks and jars

These can be china or stainless steel but please **NO PLASTIC**

Thank you

Coming up in September

- **Friday the 28th** – we will once again be hosting a MacMillan coffee morning. We would appreciate any donations of cakes and biscuits please! More information to follow.
- During September the children's Summer term summaries will be activated on Tapestry for parents to read
- Look out for your invitations to attend the October parents evenings



Reminders

Please, please, please

There are still occasions when the front door isn't being closed completely when people are entering or exiting the building.

The door **MUST** be shut at all times and it will need a firm pull/push or even a slam.

This is in the interest of the safety of **YOUR CHILDREN**.

From Rachel, Craig and the Verwood Day Nursery Team