



Verwood Day Nursery

Autumn 2018

Newsletter



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

Pumpkin carving competition 2018

A really big thank you to everyone who took the time to enter a pumpkin into this years competition. Ben had a very hard job choosing this years winners!



Sarah was the winner of the staff competition with her amazing apple core



Otis won the children's section with his brilliant Ninja Turtle pumpkin



Well done to Rowan's family for winning the parents section with this beautiful black cat



News from The Nest

I'd like to welcome Isabelle, Oscar, Noah, Idris and Isabelle to the nursery and hope that together with their families they have settled into nursery life. Welcome to everyone.

Being outdoors



The children have continued to enjoy spending time outside, exploring the environment and investigating different materials and resources.

Staff have supported the children in noticing changes around them as the signs of autumn appear.

Collecting leaves that have fallen to the ground and feeling the cooler breeze on our faces.

The children also helped to select their pumpkins from our vegetable garden which the adults then helped them to scoop out the insides and the carve their design.



The children were fascinated by the slimy texture of the insides and explored the flesh and the seeds.



If you can spare 5 minutes, we'd love it if you could leave us a review on Facebook.

Sensory play



The darker evenings have allowed more opportunities for exploration of the sensory resources.

Over the past few weeks the children have enjoyed Halloween and Fireworks themed sessions, exploring different lights and textures.



For our youngest children, the sensory resources provide a sense of awe and wonder and they become fascinated by the lights and sounds and want to explore and find out more about each object.



Body painting fun

Hands down the most favourite thing to do is body painting and the benefits of allowing the children to explore on such a scale are endless. Creative activities, like painting, help the brain develop. The right side of the brain is used for emotional and creative responses, while the left side of the brain focuses on analytical processes and logic.



Learning to paint benefits children by using both sides of their brain. By stimulating the creative side of the brain, painting helps make the connection between the two sides, which is how we reach our full potential.



News from Apple and Plum rooms

I'd like to welcome Joseph to the nursery and hope that together with his family they have settled in well to nursery life.

Celebrations

Through the early years curriculum children are introduced to different cultures, celebrations and ways of life, as well as celebrating customs and traditions familiar to them. In October we celebrated Halloween and Diwali and then Bonfire night last week.



Making decorative Diwali foot prints



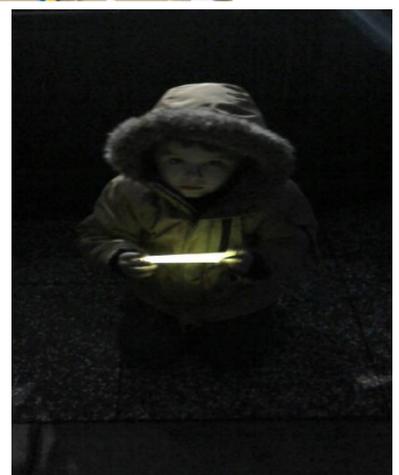
Creating decorative patterns by carefully and skillfully using scissors



Making spiders and spiders webs



Making creepy hats and playing with slimy messy play



Playing with our safe 'glow stick' sparklers on bonfire night



Making fire works pictures with paint and glitter

Changes in the weather

The children have noticed through their own observations that the weather has changed over the past few weeks and with more wind and rain around they have wanted to explore it and talk about it.

The Plum room children enjoyed making the most of the puddles by making them bubbly!



The children in Apple room noticed the wind one day and went out to collect leaves and pine needles which they later used for some large scale painting and creativity.



Insects and bugs



The Apple room children are still fascinated with bugs and insects and so they have enjoyed lots of bug hunts out in the orchard.

The change in weather has brought some unusual visitors to the garden as the children found lots of toads hiding under the logs.

Sarah also brought in her spider 'Sushi' from home for us all to explore!



Current availability

In the Nest, our baby and toddler rooms we currently have spaces available on a Friday. Then from February and into March spaces start to become available on other days throughout the week.

Downstairs for our 2,3 and 4-year-old children, we have limited places available in the mornings, but more places available for the afternoon sessions.

With the availability 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.

Referral reward

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 £100 referral reward. (T's & C's apply)

Coming up:

- Children in need – Friday 16th November – pyjama day!
- Our annual Christmas Fair on Saturday the 8th of December. Have you had your invitation yet?



Christmas closure dates:

Funding for our 2, 3 and 4 year olds ends on either Friday the 14th or 21st December depending on when your child came back after the summer break– please check your child's end date with Craig or Rachel

The nursery closes on Christmas Eve and remains closed until Wednesday the 2nd of January 2019.

That's it for now - from Rachel and Craig and the Verwood team