



Verwood Day Nursery

lazy days
SPLISH SPLASH SPIOOSH
rays of sunshine
ice cream & POPSICLES
giggles & smiles
BURGERS *HOT DOGS *CORN ON THE COB
TWINKLING STARS
CAMP FIRES & S'MORES
SUMMER

Summer Newsletter 2023

The summer has finally arrived, and the children and staff are very excited. It means we can have longer evenings, plenty of water fights, trips to the vegetable garden, lots of giggling and smiling and more importantly it gives us any excuse to have copious amounts of ice pops in the shade!

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather and remembering to stay safe. Drinking plenty of water, wearing suncream, wearing those flattering hats, dressing appropriately and not staying out too long during the hottest times of the day.



Coronation Spring Fair

Thank you to all the families who came along to celebrate our Coronation Spring fair. Families enjoyed Coronation themed craft activities, played games out in the sunshine, and planted sunflower seeds. We are very excited over the next few months to see whose sunflower seeds are going to be the tallest! Will we have Verwood's own version of Jack and the Beanstalk?



Hello and farewell!

We are sad to announce that our wonderful chef Danny will be leaving us later next month. Danny has been with us for over 5 years now and we will certainly be very sad to see him go.

Danny has a young family and has decided to take time out to help care for them, we hope that he will still help us out when needed in the future so he will continue to be an important part of the Verwood team.

We are welcoming Sean as our new chef from the 19th of June. Sean will work alongside Danny for a few weeks to learn the ropes and to ensure a smooth handover. Sean also holds a level 3 childcare qualification, and we are hoping he will undertake a weekly cooking club with our pre-schoolers.



Goodluck



Millie will be starting her maternity leave in July, and we wish her and her husband Mikey all the best with their impending arrival. They are expecting their first baby and all the practise in our baby unit will come in handy, I'm sure! We can't wait to meet the new baby soon.

Staffing News

In other exciting news, Holly Tyerman in the Nest is now officially qualified as a Level 3 practitioner. This is fully deserved, and we are very proud of you Holly! It has been great to watch you grow and develop since you joined us as an apprentice, we are all very lucky to have you.



30 hours funding



Are you finally able to apply for 30 hours funding? Have you taken the time to and register your interest in receiving 30 hours funding? For some families this will be the first opportunity to claim funding and children born between 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 will be eligible to receive the hours (depending on certain criteria) from September 2023.

Many of you will simply enjoy a bigger deduction of funding from your existing childcare costs but some of you may want to take advantage of the extra hours and are possibly thinking of increasing your child's time with us. (Subject to availability). Simply apply online and if successful you will receive an eligibility code. We will then need that eligibility code, along with a few other details to get your claim underway.

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 mentioning 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 attended Verwood Day Nursery for 3 full months, the £100 reward will be credited to your account during the 4th month. Simple!



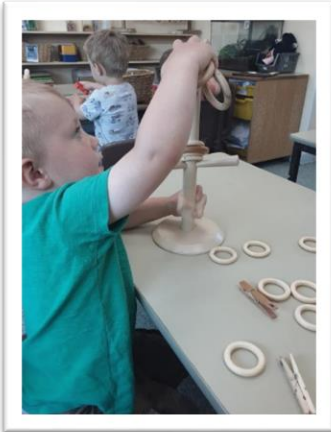
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Schemas



Inside the staff have been supporting and developing the children's 'Schema play'. Schemas are described as repeated patterns of play, or as we would see them as children's fascinations or interests. They are 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.

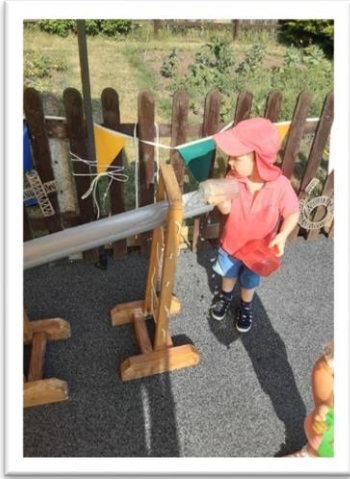
So what Schema's are there?

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 are in a **Connecting Schema**, where they are 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 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 have 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 is 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 woollen 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 into and 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.

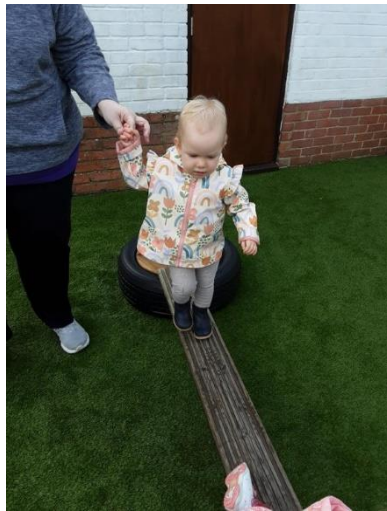


There are lots more Schemas that we regularly see so if you would like to know more about Schema's, how to identify and support them, please let us know.





Can you spot
the
schemas?



Nursery events for 2023

Leavers party – Saturday 12th August

Our annual farewell party for all our 'big school' children



Photographer – Tuesday 29th August

Our annual visit from Concept photography



Pumpkin competition – Tuesday 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 18th November

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

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families.

A polite reminder

Our session times run from 7.45am to 12.45pm and then 1.00pm until 6.00pm. Please arrive in good time to collect your child at the end of their session.

Late collection fees will be applied to those families who collect after the end of their child's session, both in the morning and the evening.

Notification of illness

Please do not forget to inform us if your child is unwell. Some illnesses are very infectious, and we need to notify other parents and on occasions implement cautionary measures within the setting.

Current Availability

Current availability for 2023

The Nest – 0–2 years

Limited spaces available from

June 2023

Plum room – 2–3 years

Limited availability across all

sessions until August 2023.

Apple room – preschool – 3–5 years

Some sessions now full until

August 2024. Limited afternoon sessions

currently available

WAITING LIST NOW OPEN



To avoid any disappointment, please consider if you would like to increase your sessions before they go!

Quick Reminder

We will still respond to emails sent into our current email inboxes, however we just wanted to make you aware that a new email address has been set up. If you want to get in touch with us the new email address is craig@verwooddaynursery.com

Thank you!

Thank you from all of us for your continued support.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer.

From Craig, Rachel, and the Verwood Day Nursery Team.

