



Redhill Day Nursery

Newsletter February/March 2018



Welcome to our nursery Newsletter for February/March 2018. We have had a jam-packed couple of months full of all kinds of fun and laughter.

We hope you enjoy reading all about our nursery adventures....



As some of you may already know I have made the decision to step down as Nursery Manager. It wasn't a decision that was taken lightly, and I thought long and hard to make sure it was the right choice. The sole reason for stepping down is that on a personal level I have had the opportunity to spend more time with my little boy before he goes to school next year. The Day Nursery Group is a wonderful company to work for, and although I won't be managing Redhill I will be staying within the company in a support role across all three nurseries.

I want the very best for the nursery as a whole, so I will be remaining in my role as Nursery Manager until the perfect person for the role comes along.

I would like to give a huge warm welcome to Anne-Marie who joined us in February. Anne-Marie qualified in 2009 and has gained a wealth of experience within childcare, working her way up to the role of Deputy Manager in her previous position along the way. Anne-Marie will be working alongside Laura, Sarah, Amy and Chloe within the toddler room. We are thrilled to have her on board and hope you will join us in welcoming her to Redhill.



As many of you know Gina decided to hang up her childcare boots in February. Gina has been part of the Redhill family for 8 years, joining just after we opened in 2010. She brought a huge amount of experience (both personally and professionally) to the nursery and she will be sorely missed by everyone. She is looking forward to spending more time with family, going on long walks with her dog and learning new creative skills. We hope you will all join us in wishing her the very best of luck for the future.



The Beast from the East...



I just wanted to extend my gratitude to every parent and carer that came and collected their children early on Thursday 22nd February, and for everyone's understanding when we took the decision to close the nursery on the Friday. This was the first nursery closure day since we opened in 2010, it was a tough decision to make but we needed to ensure the safety of everyone travelling to and from the nursery. We hope you all got the chance to play in the snow, please feel free to share any snow day photos on tapestry too! 😊

Gong Hey Fat Choy!



Gong Hey Fat Choy! Last week we had lots of fun celebrating Chinese New Year. With 2018 being the Year of the Dog, the Babies decorated their display board to reflect this and the Toddlers and Preschool children joined in with mark making and shape matching activities. Throughout the nursery the children have had a whale of a time exploring textures and fine motor skills, using chopsticks with rice and noodle play. They also explored different ways of making marks, using wooden blocks to create Chinese writing. Lucky red envelopes are a lovely tradition centred around Chinese New Year and the children had lots of fun decorating their own lucky envelopes with gold glitter and sequins too.




Room Updates...



The Babies have had a whale of a time exploring with their senses throughout February and March. Some of the textures they enjoyed exploring included clean mud (tissue soap and water), porridge and cocoa powder and shaving foam. They loved using the Dabber pens to make and explore marks, along with painting on the table and rolling ball through paint. They also had lots of fun exploring the garden, throwing the ribbon balls and using the tubes to roll cars down (it was great fun to pretend the tubes were telescopes too!).





Emerald Room
2 to 3 Years



The Toddlers have had lots of fun exploring different ways of making marks throughout February and March. They loved making marks with vegetables, along with rolling cars through the paint and using stickle bricks to make marks in paint too. Sensory exploration was also a hit too with water play, sticky jelly play and helping to make the pancake mixture. They have also been developing their hand eye coordination with activities like cutting and threading too!





Throughout February and March the Preschool children have been exploring cause and effect, and how combining different substances changes their properties. They looked on in amazement as they added watered down paint to milk and it made patterns. Making marks in a chalk/salt mixture and making a welly boot rainbow were also a huge hit too! With the snow days fast approaching the children had lots of fun exploring how ice had formed in the garden, pointing out that it was 'crispy' under their boots and smooth when they touched it.



Once again preparations are in full flow for our Nursery Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 24th March 2018.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to maree@redhilldaynursery.com as soon as possible to let us know whether you will be joining us for lots of Easter themed fun!

We would love to cater for everyone but please note, due to numbers we can only permit 2 adults per child and siblings under 8 are also welcome to join in the fun.

We really hope you can make it!

Gate security...



As I'm sure you can all appreciate security for the children whilst they attend nursery is of utmost importance to us. We have had several occasions recently where the wooden gate at the nursery entrance has been left open. Can we please ask that all parents and carers close the gate when they come through it, whether they are coming into the nursery or leaving? We have taken steps to secure the gate including the use of the top and bottom bolts and the carabiner clip, your continued support with this would be greatly appreciated.



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RedhilDayNursery>

Events for 2018

Month	Event	Date
March 2018	Nursery Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 24 th March
	<i>Good Friday - Nursery Closed</i>	Friday 30 th March
April 2018	<i>Easter Monday - Nursery Closed</i>	Monday 2 nd April
May 2018	<i>Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed</i>	Monday 7 th May
	<i>Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed</i>	Monday 28 th May
June	Parents Evenings (4-6pm)	TBC
August	Graduation Party	Saturday 4 th August
	<i>Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed</i>	Monday 27 th August
September	Photographer	Saturday 8 th September
October	Annual Pumpkin week	Week commencing 29 th October
	Parents Evenings	TBC
December	Annual Christmas Fayre	Saturday 8 th December

**That's all for now,
Maree, Lisa and the Redhill day nursery team**

