



# Redhill Day Nursery

## February 2016 Newsletter



As February draws to an end, I can't believe that it has been a month already since I joined the team here at Redhill Day Nursery. It has been a busy and fun-filled month and it's true what they say; time really does fly when you're having fun!

Take a look at just some of the learning opportunities the children have enjoyed participating in.



### Emerald & Diamond Room

#### 'Kung hei fat choy'

Across the nursery, practitioners have used their knowledge to extend children's experiences of the world and we have celebrated Chinese New Year by hosting a variety of activities. The children had the opportunity to explore all different kinds of Chinese resources that relates to this special time of year, including tasting traditional Chinese food, using chopsticks!





## Shrove Tuesday

**Did you know?:**..... The word shrove is a form of the English word shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.



Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of batter and fried in a frying pan.



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Redhil-DayNursery>



Moving forward as a nursery team, we will be furthering our knowledge and understanding of the ways in which different children learn and finding out about 'schemas'. Schemas are patterns of repeatable behaviour, which can sometimes be seen in young children's play. Children who have strong schemas can sometimes be misconceived as 'mischievous' – whereas really they are learning about the world around them, through exploration.

One schema is the '**Trajectory**' schema which is all about **straight lines**. A child who may have a trajectory schema will display some or many of the following behaviours, frequently in their play: enjoyment of running water and pouring. They may spend periods of time turning on the taps, or filling up bottles and pouring them out; lining up items; throwing things; an interest in sweeping or hoovering.

We will be identifying children within the nursery who have strong trajectory schemas and the staff looking after these children will ensure that they give them access to this type of play throughout their day and that they use it to take the children's learning forward. Do you recognise your child from reading this? If so, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's keyperson or Victoria for information on how you can support your child's learning.

Thought of the month:

***'Play is the answer to how anything new comes about'*** Jean Piaget, Clinical Psychologist.



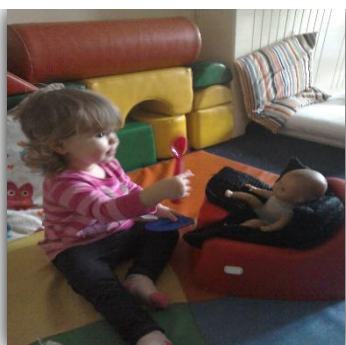
We are once again collecting Sainsbury's active kids vouchers. We have done extremely well in previous years and have managed to purchase some lovely equipment. Please note that this year all vouchers are being printed With receipts and do not look like vouchers from previous years.



## Ruby Room



Some of the children have been showing an interest in babies so we have extended this by organising some baby activities, the children have been very busy bathing their babies, trying to get the babies dressed and feeding them.



Have you had time to complete the 'About Me' section on Tapestry yet? We would appreciate it if all parents would please take the time to complete this information about your child. You can access this through the browser page <https://eylj.org/login/> If you then click on the 'children' tab a card will appear. On that card are the words 'About me' click on those words and it will open a form for you to complete.



### **'Like' button**

Have you noticed the new 'like' option on Tapestry? If you don't have time to leave a comment but want us to know you've read an observation, you can simply click on the like button.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016, hop on over for our annual  
Easter Egg Hunt, at Redhill Day Nursery.

Each family will be given an Easter Hunt Quiz and nursery staff will accompany you on your quest to find the answers in the local community. Once the quiz is complete, your child can return to nursery and hand in their answers to receive an Easter reward. Families are welcome to stay for light refreshments and join in a variety of activities. As usual, due to how busy the nursery is we have allocated group time slots. Please collect your invite from a member of staff.

We look forward to seeing you there,  
Victoria, Maree and the Redhill Day Nursery Team.

**Places are limited to 2 adults per child.**



## Dates for the diary.....

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March: We would like to remind you that the nursery will be closed on these dates for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Please be reminded that the end of the spring term and last day of attendance for children in receipt of funding during term time only will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## Events for 2016

Month	Event	Date
March	Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
April	Creature teachers visit for our older children from some insects, creepy crawlies and small furry animals	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
May	Parents Evenings	Dates and times TBC
June	Queens 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations	Week Beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> June
July	Graduation Party for our School leavers	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
September	Guide dogs visit	TBC
October	Nursery Photographer	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
	Pumpkin Week	24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October
	Parents Evenings	TBC
November	Children in need	Details will follow
December	Annual Christmas Fayre	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December



**That's all for now Victoria and the Redhill Day Nursery Team**