



Redhill Day Nursery

Newsletter July/August 2017



Welcome to our nursery newsletter for July and August.

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....



Wow, what can I say! We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our school leavers Graduation party on Saturday 12th August. We all had a whale of a time, the weather was perfect and it was so lovely seeing everyone and giving the children going onto 'big school' the send-off that they all deserve. We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Barney Bay for providing the brilliant entertainment. Barney was amazing and his show produced vast amounts of giggles from children and adults alike. He really did make us laugh with his comical timing, magic tricks and juggling. We couldn't have asked for more! Although it is always sad to say goodbye to the children as they go onto school, we are all so excited for them as they embark on their next big adventure. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our class of 2017 the very best of luck in big school and beyond. Please do stay in touch and feel free to come and visit us to show of your new school uniforms.



New beginnings...

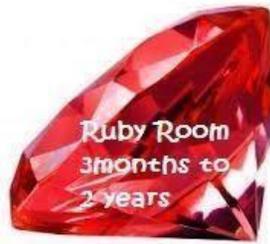
As many of you may know Becky has recently moved over to our sister nursery in Ringwood. Becky has been with us since she was studying for her level 3 in child care and as she works towards her foundation degree she felt it was the best time to make the move to develop her personal skills and experience. Becky and her partner were looking to move nearer to Ringwood so it seemed the perfect decision all round. We will all miss her, but she is still a huge part of the day nursery group and often pops in to say hello to everyone. We hope you will all join us in wishing her the very best of luck in her new position.



With Becky making the move over to Ringwood, a position became available in our lovely preschool room. We are very happy to say that Amanda made the decision to move over from Ringwood day nursery and join us at Redhill. Amanda qualified with her Level 3 over 10 years ago and has been working at Ringwood day nursery for over 5 years. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the role, and an array of ideas to offer. Again it seemed like a natural progression as Amanda lives locally and felt it was the right time for her to make the change to gain more experience and progress personally. We hope you will all join us in wishing her the very best of luck and welcoming her into the Redhill day nursery family.

On the subject of change and personal progression many of you may have noticed that Amy and Stephanie have moved too. Amy has moved through to join the toddler room team and Stephanie is working with the ladies in the preschool room. Both ladies are currently studying towards their level 3 qualifications and need a variety of experience with all age groups. This gives them both a chance to gain knowledge and confidence in all areas.





Room updates...



The Babies have really enjoyed exploring all sorts of textures and sensations recently. They loved the feeling of the puffy paint (bicarb, flour and watered down food colouring), they used their fingers and brushes to make marks on the paper. The mixture of ingredients made it go puffy and soft like clouds and this made for lots of sensory fun! Sponge painting was also a huge hit and the babies had a whale of a time making marks and exploring the different marks that they could make.

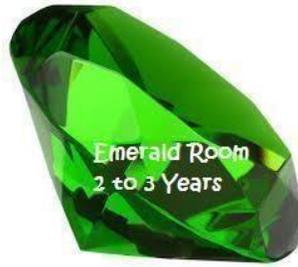
Even with the great British summer giving us a huge variety of weather the babies have been out and about in the garden. They have loved playing on the slide, delving into the sand pit and they have also been making gooey mud pies in the mud kitchen.



They've also really enjoyed engaging in some roleplay with the dollies and the roleplay kitchen. This also included using sponges and soapy water to clean the table after their messy play activities!

Using some trays and a variety of messy substances the babies went on a sensory walk. The ladies in the room helped them to step into each tray and explore how it felt. This produced some funny expressions as the contents of each tray oozed between their toes.





The Toddlers have been really busy lately with all sorts of craft, sensory and imaginary play. They created their own jungle scene and bug garden with lots of natural resources (leaves, twigs, straw, soil), flower pots and the plastic mini beasts and jungle animals. One of their friends was sharing how they had recently been camping, this became a huge point of interest, so the staff built on this and made a tent area with the blankets and pretended that they were camping in the great outdoors.



The vegetable patch has been a great focus point over the past few weeks, with an abundance of fruit and vegetables growing away. The toddlers have been helping to turn over the soil and pick the produce, along with this they have been checking on the pumpkins progress ready for Halloween in the coming weeks.

They have all shown a great amount of interest in the story of the hungry caterpillar of late and took part in lots of activities to extend on this. They created a yummy looking hungry caterpillar display with lots of colouring, painting and sticking included, along with making fruit kebabs, vegetable printing and making a homemade apple crumble using the apples from the garden.





Even though the wet weather decided to grace us with its presence this summer, the preschool children didn't let that spoil their fun! They have had a whale of a time splashing in bubbly puddles in their wellies, popping paint balloons outside and painting the chalk boards with water and paint brushes.

They have enjoyed exploring lots of new activities and have been really interested in exploring shapes and numbers. They loved using the pipettes to transfer water to and from up turned bottle tops, it took lots of concentration and hand eye coordination but they did really well.



With the older children all leaving for school, we have also had lots of new friends moving up from the toddler room. The Preschool children have all done a great job helping to welcome their new friends into the room and helping to teach them all about preschool.

They have also been practicing their mark making and letter forming using stencils, ceramic tiles and board pens.



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 all of the bolts and the carabiner clip, your continued support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Referral reward and availability...

Don't forget our 'referral reward' is to simply say thank you to those parents who recommend friends and colleagues to Redhill Day Nursery. The Nursery is filling up fast and the availability won't last long. If you know anybody who would be interested in a place with us then please encourage them to contact us ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Baby room availability - we currently have some availability on a Tuesday and Friday morning. Then from September 2017 we then have availability throughout the week.

Toddler room availability - From August we do have limited availability throughout the whole week, apart from a Wednesday afternoon.

Preschool room availability - As above we have had some limited spaces become available. So if you are looking at increasing your child's sessions in the near future please don't hesitate to come and see me, as we would love to help wherever we can. **I also refer to any parents that are thinking of applying for the 30hour entitlement, please do come and see me if you are thinking of increasing your child's sessions as we would love to help wherever we can.**

Drop off and Collection time...



Recently during the lunchtime periods, we have had several occasions where children have been picked up late from their morning sessions, or dropped off early for their afternoon sessions. As I'm sure you can appreciate we have staff to children ratio's that we must adhere to by law, and if these times overlap then these ratios are not being upheld. Of course, we understand that life gets in the way sometimes and emergencies happen, and we will accommodate wherever we can but it isn't something we can do all of the time. ***The morning session runs from 7.45am until 12.45pm and the afternoon sessions starts at 1pm and runs***

Jump for Julia!....

One of our lovely parents from the baby room has taken on the epic challenge of sky diving for Julia's house! On the 26th August, she jumped out of an aeroplane from a massive 13,000 feet! Any money raised will specifically be going towards funding a Julia's house nurse, which is a brilliant cause and one which is close to so many people's hearts. There is a collection box in the preschool room just as you come through the main entrance. Any donations to this amazing act of bravery will be very much appreciated.



https://www.justgiving.com/NicoleMorris8?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fund-raisingpage&utm_content=NicoleMorris8&utm_campaign=pfp-email.



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Events for 2017

| Month | Event | Date |
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| September 2017 | Nursery photographer | Saturday 9 th September |
| October 2017 | Annual pumpkin week | Week commencing 23 rd October |
| November 2017 | Children in Need | Friday 17 th November |
| December 2017 | Preschool Nativity performances | TBC |
| | Christmas fayre | Saturday 9 th December |

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

