



Redhill Day Nursery

March 2017 Newsletter



Welcome to our nursery newsletter for March 2017. Hopefully March will mean that we are springing our way into the better weather! We hope you enjoy reading all about our fun and adventures, as we have had lots of fun along the way...

Our Nursery Ofsted Inspection 2017...

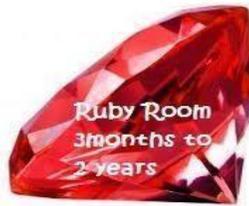
As many of you may know, on Wednesday 22nd May we had our nursery Ofsted inspection. Ofsted inspect nurseries every three to four years to ensure that we are providing the highest possible standards for the children in our care. We are thrilled to be able to say that we achieved a rating of 'good', and we are very proud of everything we achieved on the day. We are confident that the care that we provide is of a high quality, but striving for an outstanding result next time gives us something to reach for. There was only two recommendations, both of which we feel will be very easy to strive for too. The inspector included some lovely comments in her report, including the following... ***Children enjoy their time at the nursery and form strong bonds with friendly and caring staff. Management and staff establish extremely good partnerships with parents and professionals. Parents report positively on the support they receive and appreciate their views are valued.*** If you would like to read more the full inspection report is available online using the following link... <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY402156>

Preschool adventures with yoga...



March brought with it lots of opportunity to learn all about yoga. We had a lovely lady called Sam come in every Tuesday morning to teach the preschool children all about breathing, meditation and yoga stretches. Sam was wonderful in her interactions with the children, and she was able to get the children to envisage that they were on a jungle adventure, along with being under the sea and climbing mountains. She used music throughout, and towards the end of each session she would tap a triangle to symbolise that it was time to come together in their group and start some calming breaths to cool down. The children loved exploring yoga and we look forward to organising more sessions very soon. If you would like to find out more about yoga please feel free to contact Sam at samanthawills66@yahoo.co.uk





Room updates...



Throughout March the babies have enjoyed exploring lots of messy play and mark making, often using edible resources to make their marks and explore textures. They used icing pens to decorate ginger bread men biscuits to help celebrate world book day.

Physical development – moving and handling, communication and language – listening. They delved their hands into porridge oats, enjoying using pots and containers to sift through the oats and empty and fill the containers. **Physical development – moving and handling, mathematics -shape, space and measure.** They explored the sticky texture of glue and used pom poms, feathers and yellow raffia to create spring time masterpieces. **Communication and language – speaking, personal social and emotional – self-confidence and self-awareness.** The babies really enjoyed making oat and raisin cookies, taking turns to knead the mixture and stir it all together in the mixing bowl.



Communication and language – listening/speaking, physical development – moving and handling. Lots of the babies are interested in the animals in our small world collection at the moment, so to build on this interest we encouraged the babies to make marks using paint and the feet of a variety of different animals. **Physical development – moving and handling, expressive arts and design – exploring media and materials.**

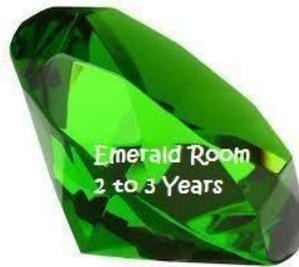


Painting with cocoa powder, maple syrup and teabags was definitely a firm favourite this month, and the babies loved getting stuck in exploring all sorts of textures. **Physical development – moving and handling, expressive arts and design – exploring media and materials.** Some of the children were slightly hesitant at the prospect of playing with clean mud and snow dough, but once they had seen what it was all about it proved to be more of a hit than expected with some of the children. **Physical development – moving and handling, expressive arts and design – exploring media and materials.**



With this in mind though the most popular activity this month has been the slide in the baby room, we have lots of children at the moment who are really getting to grips with cruising and walking so we decided that it would be lots of fun to get the slide out again for them to explore and it definitely got a positive response! **Physical development – moving and handling, personal, social and emotional development – making relationships.**





This month the children in the Toddler room have enjoyed getting creative and very messy! With Spring hopefully well on its way the children have enjoyed creating flowers for the display. They used an array of paint, collaging materials and egg boxes to create a bright and sunny spring time display. Gina had the wonderful idea of creating flowers using metal dish scourers, and splodging them into different paints and seeing what marks they left on the paper. The children really enjoyed this and loved seeing what marks the scourers left behind. **Physical development - moving and handling, expressive arts and design - exploring media and materials, understanding of the world - the world.**

With the lovely weather of late the children in the toddler room have had lots of opportunity to explore outside. Bug hunting is always a firm favourite, and they love to use magnifying glasses to search through the mini beast hotel to see if it has any new residents. Searching for worms was also the activity of choice, and the children extended their learning through play with lots of counting. In the end there was a total of 22 wriggly worms to be found! **Understanding the world - the world, mathematics - numbers, personal social and emotional development - making relationships.** Their favourite story at the moment is 'Brown bear, brown bear', so we used this opportunity to encourage them to paint the animals that featured in

the story and we incorporated this into a window display. **Literacy - reading, physical development - moving and handling, expressive arts and design - exploring media and materials.** Cooking has been something that the children have been really interested in recently, as a result the children helped to make cupcakes, crunchy cookies and yummy flapjacks helping to measure out and stir in the ingredients and knead the mixtures. **Communication and language - listening/speaking, physical development - moving and handling, mathematics - shape, space and measure.** During circle time the staff in the toddler room have introduced a new song featuring the months of the year, this has become a huge hit and one that gets asked for every day. **Personal, social and emotional development - self-confidence and self-awareness, communication and language - speaking, expressive arts and design - exploring and using media and materials.**





With springtime in full flow the preschool children have developed a real interest in Mummy animals and their babies. So as to develop their interest and extend the learning opportunities, the staff in the preschool room have encouraged the children to include this in their play. Using their hand prints and various coloured paints they created Mummy animals and their babies for the display, and adorned them with googly eyes to bring them to life. **Understanding the world - the world, expressive**



arts and design – exploring media and materials/being imaginative. They have also really enjoyed joining in with the matching game, where the aim is to match up the parent animal with their baby, and they are all aces at this now. Along with the animal board game which features the three little pigs, animals have definitely been a huge focus this month **Mathematics -shape, space and measure, understanding the world – the world,**



communication and language - listening. With Mother's Day approaching at the beginning of March the preschool children created their own masterpieces, using the end of celery bunches to create a flower on their cards, they then used their index fingers to make the stalks. **Understanding the world – the world, expressive arts and design -exploring media and materials.** With nature itself springing



into life as we speak, the children have also had a huge interest in how things grow. They worked together to identify the parts of a flower and used scissors and glue to place the names of the flower parts next to the right part. Using crepe paper they then chose to decorate a huge flower to go up on the display board. To extend their interest and promote their learning even further the preschool staff then encouraged the children to grow their own cress in cotton wool and a plastic cup. Every cup was then named so each child knows which seeds



are theirs as they grow. Once they have grown, the staff are then going to talk with the children about the changes they can see, and they can then include the cress that they have grown in their sandwiches for tea. **Understanding the world - the world, physical development – moving and handling, expressive arts and design – exploring media and materials.** The preschool children have also been exploring methods of mark making, including sponge painting, collaging with felt and using



forks to make flowers with paint. Their masterpieces are then going to be framed and rotated on a regular basis for all to see in the entrance to preschool room. **Expressive arts and design – exploring media and materials, physical development – moving and handling.**



Redhill Day Nursery Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2017

With Spring hopefully on its way, we are very excited to once again be planning our annual nursery Easter egg hunt which will be held this coming **Saturday 8th April**

If you haven't already confirmed that you will be there, please do as soon as possible so we know for numbers etc.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

World book day...



Wow, we all had a wonderful nursery day celebrating World book day!

In homage to Goldilocks and the three bears the babies explored dry porridge oats in a big tray on the floor. They really enjoyed decorating Ginger bread men, and creating their own colourful designs. The Gruffalo is a firm favourite and the babies enjoyed using crayons to make marks on Gruffalo pictures.



The toddlers really enjoyed helping to make gingerbread bears, from pouring in the ingredients right through to icing them at the end. The staff shared everyone's favourite stories and this gave the children the opportunity to talk about their favourite story characters. 'Old Macdonald had a farm' is one of the toddler's favourite books. The children also decorated farm animals for the spring time display board.



The preschool children loved sharing their stories from home, and re-enacting the stories in the role play area. They created their own Super worms out of playdough, then using the picture of Super worm to measure the length of their creations. The preschool children also explored the homes of the three little pigs. Using the appropriate 'building materials' they decorated their house templates, talking about the story with the staff throughout the activity.



Nappies and wipes...



Please could we politely remind all parents and carers that we do ask you to provide nappies and wipes for your child if they are still in nappies. We do have a supply of spare nappies to use in an emergency if a child runs out while they are here, but as I'm sure you can appreciate these are for emergency use only.

30 government funded hours...

As many of you may have heard, the 15hours per week government funding entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds is being increased to 30hours per week. For us at Redhill it has now been confirmed that it will be commencing from September 2017. We will be sending an email out shortly to all parents explaining the process in more detail. The email will also provide a useful link to inform you how to go about checking your eligibility.

Updating contact details...

As I'm sure you can understand when your child/children are at nursery it is essential that we have the correct contact details for parents/carers and the nominated third contact for use in an emergency. With this in mind if any contact details have been changed could we please ask that they are updated as soon as possible. We do rely on the contact details that we have on file should we need to contact you in the event of illness or emergency, so your help with this is very much 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 in 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 – limited availability on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
Availability for full day sessions on a Friday straight away.

Toddler room availability – limited availability on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons
From August we do have limited availability throughout the whole week

Preschool room availability – unfortunately as many of you may know we are extremely busy in the preschool room at present. We do have some very limited spaces for the autumn term only 2017, but we wouldn't be able to guarantee that any additional sessions taken on could be continued from January 2018.

Sainsbury's active kids...



This year we are once again collecting Sainsbury's active kid's vouchers, so if you happen to receive any with your shopping we would be more than grateful to put them to good use. There are so many wonderful resources on offer, and we would love for the children to benefit from them wherever possible.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our activities and events!

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

Events for 2017

Month	Event	Date
April 2017	Easter egg hunt	Saturday 8 th April
May 2017	Parents evenings	TBC
August 2017	Preschool graduation party	Saturday 12 th August
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**