



Redhill Day Nursery November/December 2016 Newsletter



Welcome to our final nursery newsletter for 2016! It has been a month full of sensory exploration and jam packed with crafty fun! We hope you enjoy reading all about our adventures at nursery just as much as we have enjoyed embarking on them!

Preschool Nativity Extravaganza!!!...



We would like to say a huge well done to the preschool children for all of the effort they've put in to their first nativity performance this week! They have been practising hard for weeks now and we had the first performance on Tuesday which couldn't have gone better. We are very excited to be doing it all again for Thursdays performance, and we hope you all enjoy it!!

All the fun of the Christmas fayre...



Wow!! What can I say, our annual Christmas fayre was a huge success on Saturday Morning! We'd like to say a huge thankyou to everyone that came along and made it such a special day. We had a variety of sparkly glitter tattoos to choose from, and magical reindeer food to take home ready for Christmas eve. The children (and grown-ups!) also had the chance to make their own melted snowman biscuits with yummy marshmallows and icing. They were also able to decorate a Christmas stocking to take home and adorn their Christmas trees. Everyone got into the festive spirit with mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate too! Last but not most definitely not least, who could forget that everyone got the chance to meet the big man himself FATHER CHRISTMAS and his cheeky elves in Redhill's very own festive grotto!! **We are still taking any Naomi's house donations too!!**



Room updates...



Throughout November the Babies have really got into exploring with their senses. They used their whole bodies to make marks in paint, enjoying the feeling of the squidgy paint and making marks. **Expressive arts and design, physical development.** In keeping with the sensory exploration theme the Babies also explored the marks that they made with paint underneath cling film on the table. Chloe and Lisa used lots of descriptive language as they played including 'squishy, slimy, cold and splat' **Communication and Language, physical**

development. The Babies have enjoyed dressing up and engaging in roleplay activities this month including transforming themselves into builders, princesses and cats. **Expressive arts and design.** Children in need bought with it lots of opportunities, and the babies enjoyed using Lisa's Pudsey cutter to make Pudsey bear biscuits, getting sticky and decorating Pudsey pictures and colouring them too! **Expressive arts and design, physical development, personal, social and emotional development.** They also loved getting stuck into icky sticky jelly, using their hands to squeeze the jelly. They also had lots of fun using plastic knives and forks to chop and scoop the jelly, showing great hand eye co-ordination. **Physical development, expressive arts and design, communication and language - listening.** The best part about all of the crisp sunny weather we've been having has been the chance to get outside, playing with the autumn leaves, watching the chickens and playing on the large play equipment. **Physical development. Understanding of the world, personal social and emotional development.**





With winter definitely on its way but the sunshine making a very welcome appearance the toddlers have enjoyed spending time outside in their wet weather suits and wellies. Splashing in puddles, playing with crunchy autumn leaves and playing football have been very popular. **Understanding the world, physical development, personal social and emotional development.** They have loved making it snow indoors by clapping their hands and sending shaving foam flying into the air. **Expressive arts and design.** Using the foam shapes to make

patterns, and talk about shape and colour was a hit, and the children loved sharing their patterns with each other. **Maths - shape, space and measure, personal, social and emotional development.** The toddlers also loved getting stuck in with gooey angel delight play, letting it ooze through their fingers, with the staff encouraging lots of descriptive language. **Expressive arts and design, communication and language.** Icky sticky jelly was also the name of the game with the children exploring the texture with their fingers, and using roleplay cutlery to chop the jelly into pieces. The staff used lots of descriptive words like sticky, wobbly, smell, and gooey

to encourage the children to share how it felt. **Communication and language, expressive arts and design, physical development.**





Throughout November the Preschool children have been working together on lots of different tasks, learning how to reach goals as a team and support each other. Emma, Becky and Amy set up a table at an angle and encouraged the children to roll vehicles down the table to see how the angle at which the table sits affects the speed that the vehicles travel. They had lots of fun racing each other's cars and guessing who's cars would reach the bottom first.

Maths-shape, space and measure, communication and language, personal social and emotional development. As always, they have loved exploring the roleplay area, helping each other to put on different costumes and assume different characters within their play. With roleplay in mind there is also nothing better than a cardboard box to accessorize any roleplay scenario, and the children have loved hiding in the boxes and using them as props or vehicles.

Expressive arts and design, communication and language, personal social and emotional development. Taking turns to read each other stories has also been a popular choice, and the children have sat very nicely with each other handling the books very carefully as they turn the pages. **Literacy - reading, communication and language, personal social and emotional development.** Engaging in problem solving games on the preschool room computer has also been lots of fun, using their technology skills to match shapes, colours and numbers. They have also really enjoyed colour matching and pattern creating with the pegboards and counting

jewels to correspond with laminated numbers. **Maths – Number, understanding the world – technology, communication and language – understanding.** They have also been developing their artistic skills, and drawing portraits and other pictures with their fingers in dry porridge oats. **Physical development, expressive arts and design.**



Children in Need 2016...



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our fundraising day for Children in Need on **Friday 18th November**. The children (and staff alike!) had so much fun coming into nursery with their pyjamas on and joining in with all the fun activities for such a good cause. There was lots of fun to be had with making Pudsey biscuits, sticking and painting on Pudsey pictures, Pudsey coloured playdough and much more!



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

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

A reminder about your child's bag...



I would like to ask that we take careful consideration when packing children's bags for nursery. As a parent I understand that everything other than the kitchen sink usually goes into your child's day bag. When you are out and about it is good to be prepared for all eventualities, however not all these items are safe in the hands of children.

Upon inspecting children's bags, I found an array of items that could be harmful to children for various reasons. Within some of the nursery rooms bags are accessible to the children so we would like to urge you not to put anything in your child's bag that could be potentially dangerous. **Bottles, spare clothes, comforters, nappies and wet wipes are all we need. Any other items such as medications or creams should be given to a member of staff.**

Nursery invoices...

From October 2016, all nursery invoices will be sent via email from daynurserygroup@gmail.com. This email address will also be available for any queries regarding invoices or fees that you may have.

Tapestry news...

The Tapestry server is changing and evolving, with new updates and improvements. From the 12th December to access tapestry online you will need to go to www.tapestryjournal.com

Term dates to remember...

As with every year we will be closing for a week over the Christmas period.

We will be open as normal on Friday 23rd December.

The Nursery will then be closed for whole of week commencing 26th December

Nursery will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

***Please note that if your child attends for the government funded 15hrs term time only, the funded sessions will finish on Friday 16th December and commence again on Monday 9th January 2017.**

**That's all for now,
We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all
a very merry Christmas, and a happy new year!!
Maree, Lisa and the Redhill Day Nursery Team.**

