



# Redhill Day Nursery

## June 2016 Newsletter



Welcome to our monthly newsletter for June 2016! The children have had so much fun getting messy, exploring and learning lots of new skills. We hope you enjoy looking at the photos and reading all about what we've been up to.....

### Room updates.....



Throughout June the Babies have really enjoyed lots of mark making and messy activities to develop all five or their senses. 'Puffy paint'

which is shaving foam, glue and food colouring

was a hugely popular choice, and everyone got stuck in splodging and spreading to make marks. **(expressive arts and design, physical development)**. Gina helped the babies get creative with mark making, by using potatoes to make their very own masterpieces! **(physical development, and understanding of the world)**. To celebrate the Queens landmark birthday, the Babies used glue and lots of sticky sequins to create royal crowns **(physical development, expressive arts and design)**. Cooking has been very popular in the baby room this month, and they've got icky sticky with activities like wet oat play, homemade pizzas and yummy flapjacks **(physical development, expressive arts and design, listening, personal social and emotional development)**. Imaginative play was big on the cards with Lisa creating a beach scene with digestive biscuit sand, hair gel sea, and marshmallows for buoys!! The babies loved using the little small world people to move in and out of the sand and water, they also enjoyed manipulating the biscuit/hairgel mix between their fingers as it changed consistency **(physical development, personal, social and emotional development)**. There was also lots of fun to be had dipping fingers into natural yoghurt and food colouring and making marks on paper. **(physical development, expressive arts and design, personal social and emotional development)**.



The Toddlers have really taken advantage of the sunshine and had lots of adventures outside. They were very excited to have found a tiny caterpillar, and sat for a long time watching it wiggle across one of their story books. The children asked lots of questions about the caterpillar's wriggly body, and



what caterpillars eat. **(understanding of the world)**

Balancing and climbing along the tyres became a fun game, and the toddlers demonstrated brilliant balancing skills! **(physical development)** Digging, scooping and sifting was also lots of fun in the tractor tyre filled with soil. **(physical development, understanding of the world)**. To celebrate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday the Toddlers decorated 'English tea party' biscuits with icing, marshmallows, polos and chocolate buttons to create tea cups. **(physical development, communication, personal social and emotional development)** The toddlers also shared the 'puffy paint' with the babies and had lots of fun making their own marks on paper, and talking about textures. **(physical development, expressive arts and design, communication)**





The Preschool children have shown a huge interest in mathematics based activities this month. Chalking shapes on the tarmac in the playground and naming them was hugely popular, and they really loved transferring water droplets into bottle tops with pipettes. Some of the duplo creations were astounding, and the Preschool children were so proud of themselves! The children have really enjoyed problem solving with the educational games on the computer, and completing age appropriate puzzles. Sorting and categorising sequins and beads into groups was very popular too! **(mathematics, physical development, expressive arts and design)**. Imaginations have been in full force with the children creating their own personal playdough monsters with straws for arms and buttons for eyes! The children also loved creating small world scenes with little people, animals and wooden blocks to make a house **(understanding of the world, physical, personal social and emotional development)** There has also been a huge interest in body parts, and lots of the children really enjoyed carefully drawing around their own hands and arms. **(understanding of the world, literacy)**. Drawing has also been very popular throughout June, with the children concentrating intently on the marks that they make, and talking about what they have drawn. **(physical development, literacy)**.



## An update from Legend our sponsored Guide dog...



Legend's puppy walker Patrick has recently reported that Legend has settled in very quickly. He tells us that Legend is a fast learner, and has already acquired some great skills. Patrick tells us that Legend is never happier than when he is out and about exploring new places. He loves getting on buses and trains, and will jump straight into the car without hesitation. He has visited cafes, supermarkets, doctor's surgeries, garden centres, local shops and the beach. Legend isn't sure about the beach though. He lapped up some sea water, not realising it would be salty and he didn't enjoy it! Patrick says what is particularly remarkable about Legend is that he is a 'cool customer' no matter where they go. Loud noises like new smells, crowds, and small children never bother him. We're so proud of the progress that Legend has made, and we can't wait to catch up with him again later in the year!

## Garden news...



We have a new type of resident in the bird box behind the chicken coup.... since the birds have vacated we have a small group of bumble bees that have made it their home. The bees are perfectly harmless, and when they have left the bird box we will take it down to show the children all about the interesting honeycomb structure.

Along with Ben the Nursery Handyman, we have been busy coming up with lots of ideas to improve the garden. We are looking at planting several climbing shrubs around the wooden tepee, so eventually they entwine around the tepee and cover it as they grow. This will become a charming edition to the garden, used for activities like singing, group activities and roleplay. We are transforming one of the tractor tyres into a story time platform where the children can share stories with each other, or sit peacefully on the smaller tyres and listen to us as we read to them. The plan for the second tractor tyre is to be filled with soil and used for digging, scooping and filling with toy diggers, buckets and spades. The mud kitchen is being given a new lease of life and being transformed, with a wooden frame, taps and a make believe hob. The bug hotel has been relocated, and with this move the children have a lot more free access to explore the creepy crawlies that have made it their home. Last but definitely not least the sandpit is going to benefit from a wooden lid to keep the sand nice and clean.

**If you have any pots and pans that you no longer need, we would be most grateful for donations towards the mud kitchen.**

## A gentle session time reminder...

Please could all parents be aware that our afternoon sessions start at 1pm at the earliest. We have child to staff ratios that OFSTED state we must comply to, and if children arrive early these ratios are then compromised. Thank you all for your continued cooperation with this matter.



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### Session availability update...

As I'm sure you are all aware the nursery is getting busier by the day. In the Baby room we currently have limited availability on a Tuesday and Thursday for full day sessions. In June 2017 we have a space for a Monday full day session that then becomes available. We do have a fair amount of availability in the Toddler room, and some spaces in the Preschool room for the Autumn term. However, from January 2017 as it stands we have no availability in the Preschool room.

### As 'Big school' approaches...

It's that time of year again when we say goodbye to the children moving on to 'big school'. Please remember whilst your child is settling in and perhaps staggering their sessions at school, we are here to help wherever we can if you need sessions to continue throughout September. Please feel free to come and see either Lisa or myself if this would be something that you would find helpful.

### Events for 2016

Month	Event	Date
July	Graduation Party for our School leavers	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
September	Guide dogs visit	TBC
	Nursery Photographer	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
October	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,  
Maree, Lisa and the Redhill Day Nursery Team.**

