



# Redhill Day Nursery

## September 2016

### Newsletter



Welcome to our monthly newsletter for September 2016. Wow what a month it has been, full of messy delights, exploring and autumnal fun! The weather definitely seems to be changing, and the children throughout the nursery have really enjoyed lots of different activities to reflect this throughout September.



September has been a month full of making new friends as we have had several new children start throughout the nursery. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each and every one of the new children and we hope you are enjoying your time with us. We have an open door policy and I would just like to take this moment to let everyone know that we are always here for any questions or queries that you may have.



Throughout September lots of the children have also transitioned into their new rooms, be it into the toddlers or into the preschool room. We are so proud of each and every one of the children as they have all taken it in their stride, and made lots of new friends along the way.

### When the photographer came to visit....

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September marked another visit from our nursery photographer. The children were so good, and there were lots of cheesy smiles to be seen. Please can we remind you that if you have not yet returned your proof sheets, if you could send them off as we have now posted them back to Concept photography to be processed.





## Room updates...



Throughout September the babies have really been exploring their senses in a wide variety of ways. They were able to explore pasta and rice, filling and emptying containers and feeling it sift through their fingers. Lots of fun was had exploring the colours and textures of rainbow mashed potato, squeezing and squishing, and exploring what happened to the colours when they mixed them. Scented play dough allowed the babies to continue to extend their exploratory skills. They kneaded, rolled and squashed the play dough, enjoying the different scents throughout. Bringing back the soft play shapes has been hugely popular. The babies have enjoyed climbing, balancing, and stacking the blocks. But their favourite has definitely been knocking the towers over, and giggling as soft play blocks tumble everywhere!! The babies also love all of the play opportunities provided by cardboard boxes. This month they made a car out of one of the boxes, enjoying lots of role play with their friends. A cardboard box can become anything you want it to be after all!! With Autumn upon us, the babies have been creating autumnal masterpieces for the wall display, including handprint leaves and hedgehogs. To encourage lots of texture exploration and mark making the babies love to use their hands to create their masterpieces. This makes for a wonderful icky sticky messy experience for all involved.







Messy has been the buzz word of the month in the toddler room! The children were very keen to indulge in exploring some textures, so naturally the girls in the toddler room obliged. The children chose the ingredients to go in the concoction, which included a weird and wonderful mixture of baked beans, mushy peas and mashed potato!! There was a variety of facial expressions around the table as they curled their fingers around the unusual mixture. Lots of concentration and hand eye coordination was shown with activities such as dry rice play and dry pasta threading with shoe laces.

As always shaving foam play has been hugely popular this month, and requested by the children. They love clapping their hands to make it snow above their heads! With the autumnal colours creeping in around us the toddlers have been fully involved in decorating the display board. They have been using their hand prints to create acorns pictures, and autumnal hue leaves. With the plentiful crop of corn the children have helped to pick the corn ears. They were then able to roll the corn ears in paint and create the illusion of corn ears on paper for the display. Gina collected some acorns on one of her woodland walks, and kindly bought them in for the children to explore along with sound leaves and twigs. The children used collaging materials to decorate pumpkins for the display too.





With lots of the toddlers making their journey through into preschool this month the children have really enjoyed creating their 'all about me' display. They have had the chance to draw a self-portrait to go on the display board along with a sentence or two about themselves. As some of you may have seen the girls in the preschool room have introduced a behaviour initiative which really encourages each child to take pride in their achievements. Each child has a tin bucket in which with each kind act, helpful moment or positive behaviour they can collect a peg. When the bucket fills up, they get a huge well done and a certificate to take



home. In the same way it also acts as a positive way of discouraging unwanted behaviours, as the pegs can also be taken from the bucket where necessary. It has already made a huge impact, and the children love trying their best to add to their pegs. Throughout September imaginations have been full steam ahead with some amazing Duplo creations. The preschool children have also been using every inch of the role play area inside (and in the garden) to indulge in pretend play. We have seen the role play corner turned into a hairdressers, a kitchen, and a bus to the beach. Exploring textures has also been the name of the game when the children combined sand and water, watching how the sand could move through their fingers. Creating many a creation with the play dough and tools was also lots of fun.



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## Pumpkin week...



As Halloween fast approaches we will be holding our annual pumpkin carving competition on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. If your child would like to enter the competition, please bring your pumpkin entry into nursery throughout that week (week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October.) Neil the nursery owner will be casting an eye over all of the entries, and prizes will be given out to the winners.

With our wonderful pumpkin crop from the Redhill vegetable patch we will also be making good use of our home grown pumpkins. Throughout that week we will be exploring pumpkins in every way, shape and form. The children will be exploring the slimy textures of the seeds and flesh, making pumpkin soup and helping to carve them too!

## Safety in the water...



Last week we were very lucky to have Becky from Virgin active come to visit. Becky is the swim manager, covering the local Dorset area for Virgin active. Together with Becky we were very interested in making the concept of safety around water a familiar subject for the preschool children. Becky brought with her some collaging and colouring activities for the children to do. The children got to colour in their own lifeguard, and once they were finished they had some colourful prompts that they had to attach to their pictures. Becky then sat with the children



and looked at their masterpieces, talking to them about water safety. We learnt about the role of a life guard and why they always wear bright colours. Becky explained what to do if the children ever get into trouble in the water, and reassured them that there is always someone there to help. The children also had a little virgin active goody bag to take home with them, with a little pencil case, some bouncy balls and leaflets all about water safety.

## People who help us in the community...

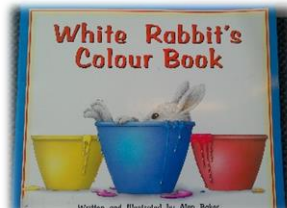
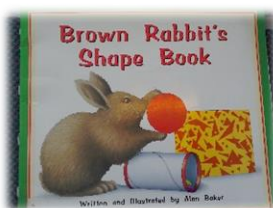


We are very excited to have had confirmation that Jon and his team from the Dorset fire and rescue team will be coming to visit us. They will be arriving in style in their fire engine on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, and the children will have the opportunity to explore the fire engine and the uniform that they wear. Jon and his team will also be teaching the children all about fire safety too. We are also hoping to hear back from the local policing team about arranging a nursery visit very soon.

## Once upon a time...



The preschool children were very excited to hear that Hilary from the Kinson Hub was coming to see them for a story session packed full of lots of different stories and activities this month. Hilary sat with the children and read three different stories including 'White rabbits colour book' 'Brown rabbits shape book' and 'Pot sans'. Throughout the stories Hilary interacted with the children beautifully and had them all joining in. One of the stories featured a balloon and there was laughter ringing through the preschool room when Hilary let go of a balloon, and they watched it zoom around the ceiling! The children also loved singing and dancing to action songs, Hilary even bought some puppet friends along to join in! We have asked Hilary to come back in November to do a story time session with the children in the toddler room, and we can't wait for her to come and see us again soon!



## Nursery invoices...

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

## 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.

### A quick note about parents evening...

Please note that due to huge popularity the preschool rooms parent's evenings are now being held throughout the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October. Time slots will be 10 minutes long between 5pm and 6.10pm every day. Babies and Toddlers parent's evenings will still be throughout week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with the same time slots available. Please see the staff in your child's room to arrange a time that is best for you.

### Events for 2016

Month	Event	Date
October	Pumpkin Week	24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October
	Parents Evenings	Week commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> October for babies and toddlers. Week commencing 24 <sup>th</sup> October for Preschool children
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.**

