



Redhill Day Nursery

August 2016 Newsletter



Fond Farewells and happy hello's....



Welcome to our monthly newsletter for August 2016! What a month it's been, full of Olympic themed fun, along with saying goodbye to some of our Preschool children who have already left to go onto school. It is a bittersweet time for everyone as we have seen them grow and flourish throughout their time at nursery, but we are so very excited for all of the new adventures that they will encounter at 'big school.' Over the next couple of weeks, we will be bidding a fond fair well to all of the children that are heading off to pastures new, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of them all the very best of luck for the future. We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has very kindly given us leaving gifts, it's such a kind thought and very gratefully received.

The month of August meant we have also said goodbye to Victoria as she goes on maternity leave to await the arrival of her little lady. Along with the children we are all very excited, and over the next couple of weeks we'll be waiting with anticipation to hear their wonderful news. Victoria has had a fulfilled year as along with the impending arrival of Baby Harding, she also got married to her partner Nick in April. We look forward to the exciting news ahead along with meeting little lady when she arrives. We would like you all to join us in wishing them both the very best of luck, and of course we will keep everyone posted!



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August has also 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.



Room updates...



The babies enjoyed getting into the Olympic spirit with the staff in the baby room creating a baby Olympic obstacle course, including balancing, sliding, climbing and jumping **Physical Development**. In true baby room style they enjoyed getting messy when they made Olympic torches from frozen shaving foam, sprinkles and ice cream cones



Understanding the world. Baking was a favourite of theirs, as they got the chance to ice their own biscuits in the Olympic ring colours

Physical development. The babies also enjoyed getting sticky and collaging with lots of shiny and crinkly bits and pieces to decorate their own Olympic Medals **Expressive arts and design**. They used crayons and pencils to make their own mark on Olympic trophy pictures **Literacy**.



The babies also branched out and used cars and brushes to explore the marks that they could make in paint **Physical development**. Messy was the word of the moment when the girls in the baby room filled a large tray on the floor with teabags and water, they then used spoons, teacups and teapots to fill and empty with the tea **Expressive arts and design, physical and mathematics**.





The toddlers had lots of fun using cups and different resources to make their very own Olympic ring masterpieces **Expressive arts and design**. Paint covered hands also featured in their fun, when they created their own toddler room Olympic ring banner. **Understanding the world, expressive arts and design**. There was laughter all round as the toddlers and staff joined in with an assortment of races and obstacle courses. **Physical development**. The toddlers let their imaginations run wild with activities such as creating Olympic torches out of ice-cream cones and playdough, baking and icing Olympic ring biscuits and reading stories all about sports **understanding the world, expressive arts and design, physical development, literacy**. This month the toddlers have also been looking at different methods of mark making, exploring the marks that they can make with feathers and string. **Expressive arts and design, literacy and physical development**. With the beautiful weather the toddlers have been spending as much time as possible out in the garden, enjoying helping in the vegetable patch and looking to see if the chickens have laid any eggs. **Understanding of the world**.





With the Rio Olympics in full flow the preschool children had lots of fun trying out activities like their very own long jump and obstacle courses. **Physical development.** The ball toss where the pre-schoolers all had a go at launching a bowl through different shaped holes was lots of fun, with the children really getting into the spirit. **Physical development and mathematics.** The children in the preschool room also made Rio carnival masks with an array of coloured feathers, which were then added to their Olympic display board **Understanding the world.** Their competitive streaks really came out when the girls organised a bucket and sponge race, where the children had a race to see who could use their sponge to get water from one bucket to the other in the quickest time **Personal, social and emotional development, physical development.** The girls in the preschool room enjoyed competing in this too! With each of the Olympic games all of the children received a certificate, and had their photos taken in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on the preschool podium.



With the brilliant crop of nursery potatoes, we've had recently, the preschool children also worked their way through the whole process of making chips. They scrubbed the potatoes clean, chopped them with some help, and enjoyed munching on them for their tea. **Understanding of the world.** The mud kitchen has been a firm feature in the pre-schoolers time in the garden this month, they have enjoyed every moment of making muddy delights with the collected rain water from the air show weekend. **Understanding of the world, expressive arts and design.**



Garden tales...



With the British weather being as varied as ever, the Redhill vegetable patch has gone into overdrive. The children have been out to pick ears of corn, courgettes, and potatoes by the ton! Creativity was in full flow with the children making boats out of courgette slices, straws and coloured card for sails. Courgette masterpieces were created by slicing the courgettes into chunks and using them to make marks in paint. We made great use of the potatoes, the preschool children made a yummy potato salad and scrubbed and chopped them ready to be made into

chips. The babies and the toddlers did lots of mark making with potato stamps, exploring the marks that they could make. The pumpkins really deserve a mention too, they are growing well and we are in healthy competition with our sister nursery in Verwood to see who can grow the largest pumpkin!

The mud kitchen has been hugely popular, with the children really getting involved in working together to make each other mud pies. It's really lovely to see them all working together and helping each other whilst exploring new textures in their environment. Ben the nursery gardener has been busy making changes to the garden, including planting some climbing shrubs around the tepee to create a beautiful roleplay and story reading corner. The children have also been very keen to find mini beasts and creatures in the bug hotel, using their magnifying glasses to seek them out. As always the chickens have been a huge part of day to day nursery life, and the children love to come out and check their coup for eggs. We are so lucky to have the chance to have a small constant supply of eggs, which we do put to good use!



Safety in the water...



We are very excited that on Wednesday 14th September the nursery will be welcoming Becky and Josh from Virgin active. They are coming to talk to the children about safety in the water, in both swimming pools and at the beach. They are really enthusiastic along with us in teaching children all about being safe around the water, and will be implementing lots of fun activities to really get the children thinking about it.

Nursery Photographer...

It's that exciting time of year again when the photographer pays the nursery a visit. He will be with us on Saturday 3rd September from approximately 9.30am-12.30pm, and the time slots are 5-10 minutes long depending on how many children/family members are being photographed. Please feel free to see either Maree or Lisa to book a time slot.



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Parents evening...

With the huge popularity of our last parent's evenings in June, we will soon be booking time slots again for the week commencing 3rd October 2016. Each informal meeting will be with your child's keyworker, giving you the chance to talk with them about your child's development and any other queries you may have. The time slots will be between 5 and 6pm throughout the whole week, and we will start to take bookings throughout September.

Events for 2016

Month	Event	Date
September	Guide dogs visit	TBC
	Nursery Photographer	Saturday 3 rd September
	Virgin active water safety talk	Wednesday 14 th September
October	Pumpkin Week	24 th -28 th October
	Parents Evenings	Week commencing 3 rd October
November	Children in need	Details will follow
December	Annual Christmas Fayre	Saturday 3 rd December

**That's all for now,
Maree, Lisa and the Redhill Day Nursery Team.**

