



Redhill Day Nursery

May News



Well you know what they say May mayhem and I would definitely say that we have had lots of exciting things going on this month. I was hoping that by waiting until after my holiday to send out Mays news I would be able to inform you all that Maree has had a bouncing baby. Unfortunately Baby Hiscock seems to be staying put for now, but I have requested to be put on the VIP text list. I will keep you all updated as I know many of you have already asked how she's doing.

I would like to thank all the parents who were able to attend parents evenings this month, we hope you enjoyed seeing the pictures and observations of your children. The staff spend many hours working on these folders and really enjoy sharing them with you. For those of you that were unable to attend please do not worry, we know how hard it can be to find the time to attend such events. You are always welcome to take your child's learning journal away with you to look through, please just ask a member of staff.

Exciting times for learning journals

Whilst we are on the topic of learning journals, we have some very exciting news. We are very pleased to announce that from September 2015 Redhill Day Nursery will be introducing new online learning journeys!

Using a piece of educational software called 'Tapestry' every child at Redhill Day Nursery will have their own individual learning journal. By logging on with a secure username and password you will be able to access your child's journal. Parents and carers are only able to view their own child's journal and all information is stored on a highly secure server, which is monitored closely.

Tapestry online learning journeys allow you to view your child's observations and photographs from their time at Redhill Day Nursery, almost as they happen! We will also reference your child's learning to the Early Years Foundation Stage profile. This will keep you informed of the areas of learning in which your child is achieving, along with the age band they were working in for the observed activity.

We are one of the first nurseries in the area to be using this software and can't wait to share it with our children, parents and carers. You will receive more information and consent forms in due course. I will also be running a parents information evening where you can come and see for yourselves exactly how it works and begin to understand how this can ensure you are even more involved in your child's time at Redhill Day nursery. The date and time of the information evening is to be confirmed.



Room Updates...



This month Ruby room have been continuing with various cooking activities extending their interests. The recipes have included chocolate brownies, cheese straws, flap jacks and many more. The children love to mix, squash, squeeze, sprinkle and of course slyly taste the various mixtures. Cooking activities are really great for sensory development and promote gross and fine motor skills.

The baby room have all enjoyed various messy activities including conditioner and corn flour play with rhubarb scented shower gel, cous cous and cocoa powder play, along with using tea bags to role play making cups of tea, which allows the children to enjoy filling and emptying teapots and cups. We have also started showing lots of interest in singing and there were lots of giggles when Lisa dressed up to sing rub a dub dub in the baby bath.

This month we have had lots of new children start in Ruby room and would like to formally welcome Lewis, Leyton, Lucas, Luis, Maisie and Noah.

Next month the babies will be exploring coloured ice eggs and various new messy ideas, role-play picnic with teddies, going on a bug hunt and activities based around their favourite nursery rhymes.





This month Emerald room have been focusing on under the sea and have been doing activities such as coloured water play, cous cous and hair gel play, coloured shaving foam with sea creatures and attempting to draw fish and other sea life.

There has also been a developing interest in creepy crawlies, so we have been adding items to our bug garden to encourage a variety of creatures to make themselves at home. This seems to have worked and we have been out on bug hunts with our magnifying glasses and pots. Our toddlers have also been making fruit kebabs and smoothie ice pops promoting discussion on how fruit is good for you. We are developing a keen interest in role play and small world play, so the staff will reflect this in future planned activities. Finally toddler room have been fortunate enough to borrow the incubator and have some fertilised eggs inside which we are hoping will hatch this week. Fingers crossed!

Next month the toddler room will be using a variety of resources to encourage the children to role play and recreate familiar scenarios. We will also be experimenting with out small world resources such as cars and trains.





This month Diamond room have been exploring shapes and looking specifically at how many sides they have and the differences between them. They have also been measuring and writing numbers within cooking activities, using paint pencils, crayons and even chalking on the front playground.

With this being the season of growing and changing the preschool have been looking at the caterpillar-butterfly life cycle. The children have made a beautiful display and have enjoyed reading one of our favourites the Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have also been focusing on the chicks eggs in our toddler room.

The children have enjoyed many cooking activities including making yummy banana bread and their own banana milkshakes using a blender by themselves.

Next month the preschool will be having role play picnics, ninja turtles activities and talking about summer.



Outstanding at Ringwood

Following a no-notice but long awaited inspection on 1st May by Ofsted, our sister nursery have been complimented with the ultimate recognition in childcare and a judgement of 'OUTSTANDING IN ALL AREAS'. We are very proud that during its 10th year of opening it has finally been awarded with what the Day Nursery Group has set out to achieve. A huge congratulations to all the staff and we hope to follow in theirs and Verwood's footsteps in 3 years' time. Well done Ringwood.

Referral reward

A big thank you to those people who have already recommended parents to the setting, you will all very shortly see the reward appear on your invoices! 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 reward will be £100.... yes £100 towards your nursery fees as long as the following criteria is met –

- Your name is mentioned at the time or enquiry/booking
- The new child's booking is a minimum of two sessions per week (on a 51 week a year contract).
- The registration form is completed with your name on it as the referrer!

Then, after the new child has been in attendance at Redhill Day Nursery for 3 full months the £100 reward will be credited to your account (as the referrer!) in the 4th month. It's that simple! Please see terms and conditions for full details and get referring.....

The Nursery is filling up fast and the current availability is from.....

July in toddler room

November in Baby Room

September 2016 in Pre-school

If you know anybody who would be interested in a place with us then please encourage them to contact us ASAP to avoid disappointment

Events for 2015

Saturday 15th August – Leavers party (for our 4 year olds only)

Our annual farewell party for all our 'big school' boys and girl

That's all for now

Katie, Gemma and the Redhill team

