



# Redhill Day Nursery

## July 2016 Newsletter



Welcome to our monthly newsletter for July 2016! With the gradual but very welcome return of the beautiful weather we have been spending lots of time outside in the garden, and exploring all sorts of messy delights.....



We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our Graduation party on Saturday, and made it such a brilliant day. There were giggles all round as Krazy Kev the children's entertainer turned the children into glamorous magician's assistants with



balloon animals and lots of jokes along the way. The children helped with illusions, funny tricks and even making a real live rabbit appear! 'Mr Wibbly' the black and white rabbit was a firm favourite and everyone got the chance to stroke him. Next was our graduation ceremony where each child came up to collect their graduation present, shake hands with Emma and Victoria and have their photo taken. Finally, we all enjoyed a picnic lunch in the garden together, coupled with beautiful sunshine which was the perfect back drop for such a lovely occasion. A few tears were shed among parents, carers and staff alike as it is the end of an era, but we are so very



excited to watch all of them go off on their next new adventure to 'big school'! In the not so distant future we would love for them all to pay us a visit to show off their new uniforms too!





## Room updates.....



With the much awaited sunshine the babies have jumped at the chance to explore their new water tray, splashing and swishing with their little hands and watching the water trickle down through the cups and cogs. They have also loved exploring the texture of sand, sifting it through their fingers and filling and emptying containers. **Mathematics, expressive arts & design, personal social and emotional development.**



They have really enjoyed building really tall towers with the connecting plastic rabbits, clapping and cheering when they fell to the ground. **Mathematics and physical development.**

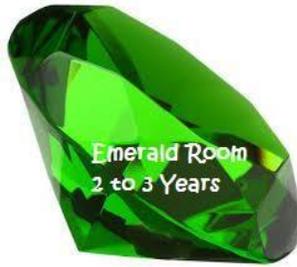


They loved getting all icky sticky while exploring plastic mini beasts in wobbly jelly, using the hands to squish the jelly and move it about on the tray. **Expressive arts and design, physical development, understanding the world.**



Fruity pizzas were a strong favourite, as the babies showed real enthusiasm for spreading goeey jam onto scotch pancakes and piling them high with yummy blueberries, raspberries and strawberries. **Understanding the world, communication and language, physical development.**





The children in the toddler room have shown a real interest in delicate activities that involve more precise finger control this month. They have shown great levels of concentration with activities such as threading dry spaghetti with pasta shapes and cutting. **Physical development, understanding of the world.** They have also really enjoyed using chopsticks to pick up and move dry oats and raisins, and transfer them between the tray and an assortment of bowls. **Physical development.** Imaginations have been in full flow as the children explored the marks that they made using felt tips, they were also talking to each other about what they were drawing. **Literacy, physical development, communication and language, expressive arts and design.** There were some amazing duplo sculptures being created, and lots of imagination to be seen as the toddlers engaged in roleplay with their creations. **Physical development, mathematics, personal social and emotional development, communication and language.** Masterpieces were made with the toddlers exploring the marks that they could make on paper with coffee and teabags mixed with cold water. **Physical development, expressive arts and design, personal social and emotional development.** With the lovely weather making an appearance the toddlers have really enjoyed creating their own group games with the mini obstacle course in the garden, and making yummy mud and sand pies with the help of the brand new mud kitchen! **Understanding the world, physical development, personal social and emotional development, communication and language.**





It has been lovely to see the children develop a real enthusiasm for playing together this month. They have really enjoyed sharing stories with each other, and involving their friends in bringing the stories to life. **Literacy, communication and language, personal social and emotional development.** The children have also been really interested in topical books including the origins of food and all about the world around us. **Literacy, communication and language, personal social and emotional development.** Along with their interest in stories, they have been very excited about the arrival of the new little sofa. It has given brilliant new opportunities for group activities, roleplay and expanding friendships. **Personal social and emotional development, communication and language.** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July brought much discussion to circle time, and the children marked the occasion by making their very own American flag with paint, crepe paper and felt tips. **Understanding the world, communication and language, expressive arts and design.** The girls in the preschool room noticed that the children had a real interest in small world play and creating scenarios within roleplay (specifically under the sea and people who help us). They built on this by encouraging messy play activities to incorporate these interests. Building a scene with firemen shaving foam, building blocks and glitter, and creating a beach scene with shaving foam, mashed potato and sea animals. **Physical development, expressive arts and design, personal social and emotional development.** With the beautiful weather slowly but surely making an appearance the preschool children have enjoyed lots of time in the garden playing group games such as skittles, encouraging and cheering each other on. **Personal social and emotional development, physical development.**



## Garden news...



We are very excited to announce the unveiling of our brand new mud kitchen! Ben our Nursery Handyman and Gardener has been hard at work, creating a mud kitchen fit for a King! It boasts of a built in sink and microwave for cooking up a muddy storm. There is a built in work surface for mud pie preparation and a play hob which will be coming soon. The children will be able to delve into buckets of soil and gravel to add to their muddy delights. ***If you have any pots and pans that you no longer need, we would be most grateful for donations towards the much loved mud kitchen.***

## Session availability update...

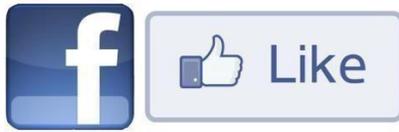
As I'm sure you are all aware the nursery is getting busier by the day. Our baby room is very busy, but we do have some limited availability. There is a fair amount of availability in the Toddler room, and some spaces in the Preschool room for the Autumn term. ***If you know anybody who would be interested in a place with us, then please encourage them to contact us ASAP to avoid disappointment.***

## Referral Reward...

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 Nursery is filling up fast and the availability won't last long. Please feel free to come and see either Lisa or myself for more detail, and the relevant terms and conditions.

## 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.



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### Next month we will be looking at....



With the Olympics fast approaching we will be celebrating at nursery with a huge variety of activities. The preschool room will be helping to decorate their room with flags from around the world. To keep in with the theme, the children will be doing lots of sport related activities in the garden, including obstacle courses, races and balancing games. We will be using paint and mark making to create the Olympic logo, medals and international flags throughout the whole nursery.

### Events for 2016

Month	Event	Date
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.**

