



# Redhill Day Nursery

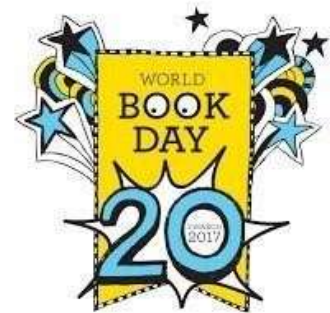
## February 2017 Newsletter



Welcome to our nursery newsletter for February 2017! We have had so much fun this month delving into lots of different activities, and learning lots of new skills. We really hope you enjoy reading all about our adventures!

### Don't forget World book day 2017...

We are very excited to be taking part in World Book week again this year. Throughout this week, we will be looking at our favourite books, including stories that inspire us right through to stories that make us chuckle until our bellies hurt! On Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> March) we will be dressing up as our favourite book characters and we would love to share the experience and see everyone dressed up to mark the occasion.



### Bend and stretch...

As you all know we love to broaden the children's experiences at nursery wherever possible. So with this in mind, throughout March we have a lovely lady called Sam coming into the nursery to show the preschool children some yoga basics. She will be here every Wednesday morning throughout March, and teaching the children yoga stretches and breathing techniques as an introduction to the world of yoga. In time, we will also be looking to extend this to include the toddlers and babies too.



### Our 2017 Ofsted inspection...

As some of you may be aware, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February we had our 3 yearly Ofsted inspection. We are just waiting on the full report to come through, and once we have received it we will of course be more than happy to share it with everyone.





## Room updates...



Throughout the month of February, the babies have been exploring messy play and mark making using a wide range of materials. Painting using marshmallows and coloured icing sugar was a big hit, with the babies using the marshmallows as paint brushes to create different pictures. Along the way they also realised that it was edible too! **Expressive arts and design and physical development.** Different textures in the tuff spot also created lots of fun with the babies exploring noodles, flour and

cocoa powder, porridge oats and lentils mixing it all together and filling and emptying containers. They also realised it was lots of fun to sit in the tray to explore and talk about the textures. **Expressive arts and design, physical development and maths.**



The babies have also joined in with various cooking activities this month from helping to mix ingredients for cakes and biscuits to decorating our very own scotch pancakes

on pancake day. **Personal, social and emotion, Expressive arts and design and physical development.** With the nicer weather finally upon us the babies have taken full advantage of the baby garden playing on the slide and seesaw, playing football, taking our messy play activities outside, exploring the sand pit and waving to passing aeroplanes. **Communication and language, physical development, Expressive arts and design and Understanding the world.**





This month the toddlers have enjoyed lots of fun activities. We have done a variety of messy and craft activities. With the weather vastly improving the toddlers have had much more opportunity to explore the garden and the playground area. They absolutely loved 'painting' the fences with water, and a water fight even ensued as a result! **Understanding the world - the world, expressive arts and design - exploring and using media and materials.** With February being the month of valentine's day the toddlers celebrated by putting their artistic skills to the test again. They painted and collaged heart templates, and used heart shaped cutters to explore the sticky texture of strawberry jelly. **Physical development - moving and handling, expressive arts and design - exploring and using media and materials, understanding of the world - people and communities.** The toddlers really enjoyed exploring a big bowl full of dry rice and confetti. They used various containers to collect the rice up and pour it out, letting it cascade through their fingers. The staff in the toddler room extended the activity by encouraging them to describe how it felt. **Mathematics - shape, space and measure, physical development - moving and handling.** With pancake day in full flow the children in the toddler room all had the opportunity to help prepare the pancake batter, which Gina then transformed into yummy pancakes for all! The staff in the toddler room also encouraged lots of conversation about the amounts of each ingredient as they were being measured out. There was also a selection of toppings that the children could choose from too. **Understanding the world - the world/people and communities, mathematics -shape, space and measure, personal, social and emotional - making relationships, communication and language - listening and attention**







The preschool children have been looking at shapes and colours in their environment, and using their knowledge to create masterpieces to update the display boards. They used sugar paper shapes to create silhouettes of people. Colour was also the buzz word of the moment, and they used their hands to explore different colours creating hand prints to adorn the display. **Communication and language – understanding, listening. Expressive arts and design – exploring and using media and materials, mathematics – shape, space and measure.** February meant it was time to

give the fish tank a really good clean. The preschool children were thrilled to have the opportunity to help clean the fish tank. They used brushes and a bowl of clean water to scrub down the contents of the tank. As the cleaning commenced the staff in the preschool room talked at length about the fish and how we need to clean their tank regularly to make sure they stay healthy. The children were all fascinated to watch the fish in their temporary home, as their tank was cleaned out. This gave the staff a chance to talk with the children all about the features of the fish, including their shiny scales and gills for breathing under water. They also put lots of emphasis on the fact that we must wash our hands after handling the fish to get rid of any germs. Throughout the deep clean the children were also interested in what the fish are called, this meant that a unanimous decision was made that the fish need new names, so keep a look out for their new display soon! **Understanding the world – the world, physical development – health and self-care, communication and language – listening and attention/understanding, personal, social and emotional development – making relationships.** With February brings Valentine's day and the children in the preschool room really enjoyed using heart shaped cutters to print heart shapes. They also used various shades of pink collaging bits to piece together their very own Valentine's day masterpieces! **Physical development – moving and**

**handing, expressive arts and design – exploring and using media and materials, understanding of the world – people and communities.** The children in the preschool room have had a real interest in forming letters this month, and spelling out their names. To extend this idea the staff in the preschool room set up an activity that would really encourage these skills. The staff wrote each child's name on a piece of craft paper, and using small round coloured stickers they encouraged the children to follow the lines to create the letters in their name. **Literacy - writing, physical development – movement and handling, mathematics – shape, space and measure.** With pancake day being hugely popular, all of the children in the preschool room had the opportunity to help prepare the pancake mixture. They talked about the ingredients and their quantities. After they had eaten their afternoon tea they were then able to choose their own toppings from a variety of fruit, chocolate chips, sprinkles, squirty cream and maple syrup. The staff also encouraged the children to explore pancake day through the art of playdough! The children

manipulated and rolled the playdough into pancake shapes, and topped them with a variety of coloured pipe cleaners, crepe paper and sequins. ***Understanding the world – the world/people and communities, mathematics – shape, space and measure, physical development – moving and handling, personal, social and emotional development – making relationships, communication and language – listening and attention.***



## **Redhill Day Nursery Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2017**

**With Spring hopefully on its way, we are very excited to once again be planning our annual nursery Easter egg hunt which will be held on**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**We will be sending invitations out via email soon. Due to huge popularity, we will be allocating time slots which will be detailed in your personal invites.**

**We look forward to seeing you all there!**

## Nappies and wipes...

Please could we politely remind all parents and carers that we do ask you to provide nappies and wipes for your child if they are still in nappies. We do have a supply of spare nappies to use in an emergency if a child runs out while they are here, but as I'm sure you can appreciate these are for emergency use only.

## Sainsbury's active kids...



This year we are once again collecting Sainsbury's active kid's vouchers, so if you happen to receive any with your shopping we would be more than grateful to put them to good use. There are so many wonderful resources on offer, and we would love for the children to benefit from them wherever possible.

## 30 government funded hours...

As many of you may have heard, the 15hours per week government funding entitlement is being increased to 30hours per week. For us at Redhill it has now been confirmed that it will be commencing from September 2017. We will be sending an email out shortly to all parents explaining the process in more detail. The email will also provide a really useful link to inform you how to go about checking your eligibility.

## Referral reward and availability...

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 in the availability won't last long. If you know anybody who would be interested in a place with us then please encourage them to contact us ASAP to avoid disappointment.

**Baby room availability** – limited availability on Monday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.  
Availability for full day sessions on a Wednesday straight away.

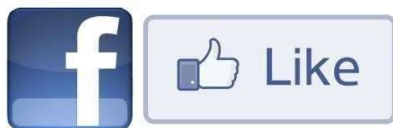
From June we do have limited availability throughout the whole week.

**Toddler room availability** – limited availability on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

Limited availability on Friday mornings.

From August we do have availability throughout the whole week

**Preschool room availability** – unfortunately as many of you may know we are extremely busy in the preschool room at present. We do have some very limited spaces for the autumn term only 2017, but we wouldn't be able to guarantee that any additional sessions taken on could be continued from January 2018.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our activities and events!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RedhillDayNursery>

## Events for 2017

Month	Event	Date
March 2017	World book day 2017	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
April 2017	Easter egg hunt	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
May 2017	Parents evenings	TBC
August 2017	Preschool graduation party	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August
September 2017	Nursery photographer	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
October 2017	Annual pumpkin week	Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
November 2017	Children in Need	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
December 2017	Preschool Nativity performances	TBC
	Christmas fayre	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December

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

