



Redhill Day Nursery

Newsletter

September/October 2017



Welcome to our nursery newsletter for September and October.

We have had a jam-packed couple of months full of all kinds of fun and laughter. We hope you enjoy reading all about our nursery adventures....

Celebrating Diwali...



Throughout the week commencing 23rd October the nursery was abundant with activities to mark the festival of Diwali. Diwali is the Hindu festival of light; the festival celebrates the idea that light is better than darkness and builds hope that good will happen.

Diwali is an Autumnal festival and marks the beginning of a new year. To mark the occasion homes are cleaned and decorated with beautiful Diya lamps, guests are welcomed to join in with feasts and fireworks are set off to celebrate.

Throughout the week the children engaged in lots of different activities to celebrate Diwali. There was messy play, painting and exploring galore!



Creative Carvings...



On Tuesday 31st October we held our annual pumpkin carving competition. We wanted to be a bit different this year and changed the categories to children, staff and parents. The artistic flair was in full flow and it was obvious that lots of effort had been put in to create every one of the entries.

Gina's delicious pumpkin soup was on offer to compliment the occasion, as the pumpkins were lit up in the front playground. It was a lovely chance for everyone to stop and catch up.



I am very pleased to announce that the winning entries for each category have been chosen....

- The winning entry for the Children's category is Chester
- The winning entry for the Parents category is Winnie
- The winning entry for the Staff category is Kelly

Huge congratulations to our well-deserved winners from all three categories!!

We hope you all enjoy your prizes.





Room updates...

Even with the cold weather setting in for good, this hasn't stopped the Babies from exploring the garden. They had loads of fun exploring the mud kitchen, using soil and water to make yummy mud pies! They have also enjoyed using the climbing frame, whizzing down the slide and combat crawling through the tunnel. Messy fun is always a hit in the Baby room, throughout the last few weeks this has included flour play, dry oat play, sensory exploration with wet and dry pasta and making it snow with shaving foam!! They have engaged in lots of mark making activities including creating masterpieces with the dabber pens, collaging, chalking and drawing.





The Babies really did make the most out of Halloween and all sorts of gooey sensory play. They explored cooked pasta shapes encased in jelly, squishing their hands in the jelly and munching on some too! They enjoyed exploring what the pumpkin flesh felt like between their fingers and separating the seeds from the chunks of pumpkin. Sticking crepe paper onto friendly ghosts was also a huge hit too!

One of the favourite activities had to have been spooky smoothie hands, where the staff in the Baby room encouraged the babies to explore frozen smoothie puree that had had been frozen in gloves to form colourful hand shapes. The Babies absolutely loved exploring with all of their senses, but most of all they really enjoyed tasting the fruit mixtures!



A green, faceted gemstone graphic with the text "Emerald Room 2 to 3 Years" written in white on its surface.

Emerald Room
2 to 3 Years



It's been all about sensory play and exploring textures in the Toddler room throughout September and October. They have enjoyed activities such as mashed potato, mushy pea and baked bean play (which got very messy!). The room was awash with flour, cocoa powder and shaving foam while the children used their whole bodies to explore the textures! Mark making has been a real focus too with bubbly water painting in the front playground, chalking and finger painting too.





The children in the Toddler room had so much fun exploring all sorts of Halloween themed activities. They helped to scoop out the flesh from the inside of the Emerald room pumpkin and talked about their ideas for the pumpkin carving competition. They enjoyed exploring the stringy texture of the pumpkin, using their hands to pull the seeds from the pumpkin flesh and describing what it felt like. They loved decorating their own spider pictures with PVA glue and black crepe paper too.





The children in the preschool room have been getting to grips with all things Autumn over the past few weeks. They embarked on a leaf hunt around the garden, collecting lots of leaves and twigs. During circle time they discussed how the leaves looked different and the changes that Autumn brings. Using the leaves and their thoughts they created a cellophane Autumn collage to grace the preschool room window.

To build on their interest the staff in the Preschool room read the 'Autumn' story by Ailie Busby. The children have also really enjoyed exploring outdoors, mark making in the mud and using the mud kitchen to extend their imaginations.





Halloween brought lots of opportunities to explore textures and get messy in the Preschool room!! The children had a whale of a time making 'potions' with water, food colouring, water beads and glitter. The Pumpkin volcano was lots of fun, the children loved watching the 'lava' erupt and cascade down the sides of the pumpkin (bicarb, vinegar and food colouring). 'Stringy, slimy and gooey' were all key words used when the children got stuck in exploring the texture of the pumpkin and its seeds. Using bananas and icing pens the children loved making 'banana ghosts' too! One of the favourite activities has to have been 'toilet roll mummies', where the children teamed up to cover their friends and teachers in lots of toilet roll to make them into Mummies!



Winter is here....



With the cold weather well and truly here, could we please ask that all children are provided with suitable clothing and footwear (coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes etc.) Please could we also ask that wherever possible clothes are named to avoid any confusion, as we have several children with the same possessions.

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 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 (terms and conditions apply).

Baby room availability – From January 2018 we do have some availability across the week. If you know someone who may be interested, please do feel free to let them know.

Toddler room availability - From April 2018 we have some very limited availability on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. There is some limited availability for Wednesday and Friday full days from July/August 2018. Then from September 2018 we have some limited availability right across the week.

Preschool room availability – As many of you may be aware our preschool room is becoming very busy at the moment. Looking ahead we have some limited availability across the week from July/August 2018.

Nursery security...



As I'm sure you can all appreciate security for the children whilst they attend nursery is of utmost importance to us. We have had several occasions recently where the wooden gate at the nursery entrance has been left open. Can we please ask that all parents and carers close the gate when they come through it, whether they are coming into the nursery or leaving? We have taken steps to secure the gate including the use of all of the bolts and the carabiner clip, your continued support with this would be greatly appreciated. *Please could*

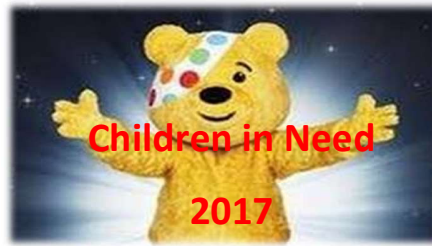
we also ask all parents and carers to refrain from letting unfamiliar parents and carers into the nursery. Please ask a member of staff to go to the door if you don't recognise them. This is to ensure the safety of the children, parents and staff within the building at all times.

WorldPay...



Please note that there is now a debit card payment feature on the nursery website. Please feel free to go to www.redhilldaynursery.com and use the following link to pay your child's nursery fees.

<https://www.redhilldaynursery.com/make-a-payment/>



It's nearly that time of year again, time for Redhill day nursery to join in the fun and fundraise for Children in Need. On **Friday 17th November** we will be organising a number of activities to help raise some money for this wonderful cause.

The activities will include;

- Guess the baby; where everyone will have the chance to guess which baby photo belongs to which member of staff
- Where in the world has Pudsey gone?; Using a map of the world everyone will be able to choose where they think Pudsey has gone on holiday
- Redhill day nursery cake sale to put the children's wonderful baking skills to good use
- The above activities will be in full flow as well as many more along the way

It's almost time for our Annual Redhill Day Nursery Christmas Fayre...

The Nursery will once again be transformed into a wintery wonderland on Saturday 9th December.

We will have lots of fun arts and crafts and messy play to choose from.

As well as glitter tattoos, magical reindeer food, Christmassy refreshments and much much more.

We will even be graced with a visit from the big man himself, FATHER CHRISTMAS!!

Due to huge popularity, we will be allocating time slots via invitation which will be sent out soon.

Preschool candlelit Carol Performances 2017

This year the children in the Preschool room will be hosting a candlelit Christmas carol performance.

They will be singing an array of Christmas carols, which you are more than welcome to join in with along with some festive games and refreshments too.

Please feel free to come along from 5pm on Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd December to join in the fun.

Events for 2017

Month	Event	Date
November 2017	Children in Need	Friday 17 th November
December 2017	Annual Christmas fayre	Saturday 9 th December
December 2017	Preschool Christmas carol service	Week commencing 18 th December <i>Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd from 5pm</i>



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>

That's all for now, Maree, Lisa and the Redhill Day Nursery team

