



Redhill Day Nursery News from Summer 23



Welcome Victoria

We would like you to all join us in welcoming a new member of staff to the Redhill team.

Victoria started with us at the beginning of July and has been working alongside the baby room team getting to know the babies and their routines. Victoria is level 2 qualified and



is currently working towards her level 3 qualification. Victoria is very excited to be continuing her qualification here and looks forward to meeting more of you soon.

See you soon Meg and Becky

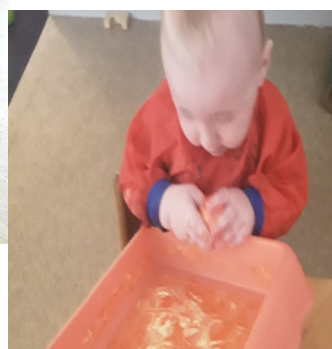
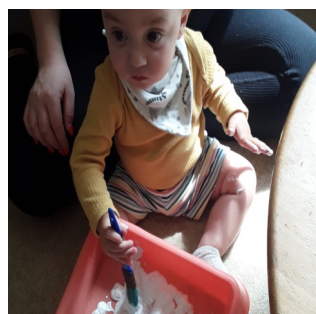
As some of you will be aware Meg from the baby room is expecting her first baby, a little boy in early September. Meg will be going on maternity leave mid August and we wish her all the best and can't wait to meet her little bundle of joy when he arrives

I am also expecting a baby that will be a sibling to my nearly 6 year old Jake. We can't wait to discover whether it will be a little boy or girl. I am very excited but at the same time will miss everyone and I will be back before you know it. My maternity leave starts early September. Whilst I am off, Lisa will be stepping up to run the setting with Anne-Marie and our operations manager Rachel for support.

Baby room

Over the last few months in the baby room, we have been having lots of fun making marks and exploring different messy play. We have explored lots of edible messy play from edible playdoh, edible sand (digestive biscuits crushed up), baked bean play and cornflour just to name a few. We have also enjoyed some of our favourite activities of shaving foam where we got very messy and had lots of fun covering ourselves and Lisa, painting and water play. We have also been having lots of fun out in the garden where we have been exploring the sand filling and emptying containers and making lots of sand castles. We have also enjoyed playing on the large play equipment such as the cars and bikes and climbing on the climbing frame whilst watching out for aeroplanes flying past.

Over the next few weeks we will be working on lots of painting and sticking activities to do with changing our display within the baby room. It's also that time of year when we start to say goodbye to some of our babies that will be moving up to the toddler room so we will be looking at doing settling in sessions for them whilst also welcoming new children to the baby room.



Toddler room

In Toddlers we have been super busy over the few months, exploring our Summer theme, where we used our creative skills and imagination to make our beautiful display board.



This then lead us to exploring 'under the sea' we had great fun dancing to different music and pretending to be different sea creatures. We loved reading the story 'Octopus Shockedapus,' and we were able to join in parts of the story - we even made our very own Octopus like the one in the book, by getting very messy with paper mâché then painting it orange.



We had great fun on our sensory walk, we used a selection of different textures to explore by walking barefoot across them, some of the textures where: cornflakes, shaving foam, a duplo board and warm water.

We encouraged the children to describe how each texture felt, we then helped to promote independence by putting on our own socks and shoes.



Our favourite book that we have read over the last few weeks has been ' Wash your hands Mr Panda.' All of us now know the words to this story and we will often find our little ones take great care and enjoyment in reading it to their friends. This book has reminded us the importance of washing our hands and using please and thank you, just like Mr Panda.



Preschool

Recently in preschool, we have been very busy with our learning activities. We have loved our maths week where we practised counting different objects, sorting numbers into groups with pom poms, we used tweezers and counting cups and have also enjoyed practising writing our numbers. Following on from this, preschool have also enjoyed looking at shapes. We have done various activities involving shapes from drawing them to matching them and also looking around to find different shapes in the environment. Some of us have shown an interest in learning about new shapes such as pentagons, hexagons and octagons.

Pre school have also enjoyed getting crafty. We have explored different ways of using paints with toothbrushes, we have done gluing and sticking with tissue paper and using pens and pencils to decorate objects. Preschool have also done lots of different sensory/ messy play trays. We have done cous cous play both dry and wet, we have explored different textures of shaving foam and have also got very messy with gloop.



Graduation day

On Saturday the 22nd July, we held our yearly graduation party for our preschoolers who are off to big school in September. Although the weather wasn't on our side and we had to have the party inside a great time was had by all. We had a mini disco with disco lights, bubbles and balloons and the children all had great fun having a boogie with their friends. We then had a lovely tea party with lots of cake to celebrate. The children were then invited up to collect their special graduation packs to celebrate graduating from preschool. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all well as they continue their journey and I know that they will all be missed by everyone here at Redhill.



Dates for the diary :	
11th September	Education grant children return
Saturday 16th September	Nursery photographer (an email about booking will be sent out separately)
Monday 24th—Friday 28th October	Half term—only Education grant contract to not attend.
Tuesday 31st October	Annual pumpkin carving competition
Saturday 2nd December	Christmas fayre

If your personal details have changed recently i.e. new number or new address please let us know ASAP. It is vital we hold up to date information for all contacts involving your child. In the event of an emergency we must ensure we have the relevant numbers we need. We have also noticed that some Blossom 'all about me' are currently out of date please could you use your app to update your child's information so the staff have up to date knowledge about your child.



Additional Information

Medication:

We understand that all children will get ill at some point and this can cause a strain on everyone within the house hold. In order for us to stop the spread of illness we ask that if your child needs Calpol or if they have had any within 4 hours of starting nursery please keep them at home. If your child is prescribed any eye drops, antibiotics, steroids or any other medicated creams etc they will need to remain off for 24 hours. Once they have passed 24 hours then as long as we have a prescription label then we are able to administer the medication. If you are unsure please speak to the member of the team.

End of the Day

As you are all aware as a setting we operate 745-6pm. This means **we close the doors at 6pm**, if you require a handover at the end of the day please arrive by **5.50pm** so that staff have time to do the handover. If you arrive after this time, handover will be short and limited. Any collections after 6pm will occur a fee.

Car park

We just want to ask that people take a slower approach when entering the car park. Please remember that at any time, parents could be dropping or collecting their child, meaning there are children around.

Could people also remember to park respectfully to allow as many vehicles as possible to park and to ensure children are transported safely in and out of the setting by not blocking the gate. Thankyou for all your support!!

From

Becky, Lisa and the Whole Redhill family

