



# Redhill Day Nursery

## News from Autumn 23



### Welcome Lisa

We would like you to all join us in welcoming Lisa to the Redhill team. Lisa started with us at the beginning of September and has been working in the baby room team alongside Lisa, Morfydd and Tori. Lisa has previously worked in settings with toddler and preschool



children but is rising to the new experience of working in a baby room. Lisa has come in with some lovely ideas and the baby room are already putting these into practise in their daily routines and are also exploring some of the amazing resources that Lisa has made.

### Congratulations Hollie

Employee of the year 2023 🏆

Each year we choose one member of the team who has gone 'above and beyond' in their role within the nursery. This year I am pleased to announce the winner was Hollie from the Toddler room.

Hollie started in our toddler room at the beginning of the year and her confidence has grown so much in this time. The children adore Hollie and love all the different activities that she prepares for them and has so many good ideas. Keep up the good work Hollie and congratulations from all of us here at Redhill.



# Baby room

Over the last term in the baby room, we have been exploring lots of different messy play activities. We have enjoyed using our hands to explore shaving foam and make different marks and strokes in it before clapping our hands and making shaving foam fly everywhere which we found very funny. We have done various different painting activities with different resources from paintbrushes to duplo bricks to see what different patterns and marks we could make. We have been gluing and sticking for different activities from Halloween, Children in need to Christmas, we have had lots of fun getting sticky however we had more fun peeling the resources off again. We were very good at decorating biscuits and soon discovered this was an edible activity which was then very enjoyable. We have also been out in the garden practising our climbing and gross motor skills and waving to passing aeroplanes. Inside we have been getting Christmas ready with lots of different Christmas based activities from different crafts to helping decorate our Velcro tree, we all got stuck in and had a go.



# Toddler room



This term in the Toddler room we have been super busy with a range of different activities, we have been practicing our personal skills of drinking from an open cup at snack time and are all doing really well with this.



We have been getting creative using a salad spinner, seeing what happens when we put some paint in it, we all chose what colours we wanted before spinning it and then looking at our amazing pictures we had created. We pretended that they were fireworks.



We have had lots of fun getting suited and booted to go splashing in the puddles and added fairy liquid to make the puddles bubbles.

When inside we have also been enjoying a range of fine motor skill activities such as threading, puzzles and sticking.

The toddlers have also been getting creative for different celebrations such as Halloween and Christmas.



# Preschool

This term Preschool have been loving exploring different sensory tray activities, getting stuck in and extending their curiosity and learning. We've been exploring water colours, autumn sensory play with leaves, stones and potpourri. We have been making patterns with coloured paints, coloured rice play, making marks in flour and made a cous cous farm yard.

As well as all of this preschool have been practising their fine motor skills through different fine motor skill activities such as threading with pipe cleaners, putting pegs in peg boards, using 'hammers and nails' with cardboard boxes and showing good determination with our new puzzles that had more and smaller pieces.

We have also been doing lots of different Christmas crafts and activities including practising for our Christmas singsong which we are amazing at.



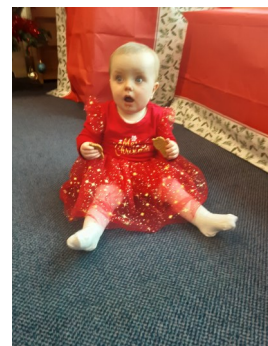
# Halloween

Wow, we had such a spooktacular time celebrating Halloween. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities from making footprints ghosts, decorating witches hats, sponge painting pumpkins and scooping out and exploring the insides of a pumpkin. We also held our annual pumpkin carving competition which we had to do inside as the weather was not on our side but we loved seeing everyone's entries and it was a very hard job of deciding the winners as you all made an amazing effort. Congratulations to our 3 winners and we hope that you enjoyed your prizes.



# Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 4th December we held our annual Christmas Fayre. We would like to Thank everyone that was able to attend and hope that you had as much fun as we did. We had lots of different activities on offer from making reindeer food, decorating a bauble, icing gingerbread men, Christmas playdough and a sensory tray full of the colours of Christmas. Everyone got involved and I am sure the Mummies and Daddies joined in as much as the children. The activities were topped off with a visit to see Father Christmas and although some children were not so keen on seeing him they all enjoyed receiving a present.



Dates for the diary :	
Friday 22nd December	Nursery closes for Christmas
Tuesday 2nd January	Nursery reopens
Monday 8th January	Term time only children return
13th-17th February	Half term
Friday 29th March	Good Friday- Nursery closed
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday- Nursery closed

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.

### Mobile Phones

Please could parents refrain from using their mobile phones when in the nursery setting to ensure safeguarding of the children.

### 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 off 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 and when dropping off and picking up please exit the car park quickly to allow other parents to enter and park safely. Thankyou for all your support!!

From

Lisa, Anne-Marie and the Whole Redhill family

