



Redhill Day Nursery News from Spring 2024



Welcome Vicky

We would like you to all join us in welcoming Vicky to the Redhill team. Vicky started with us at the beginning of April and holds a level 3 qualification. She will be working across all rooms in the nursery getting to know everyone.



Welcome Chloe

Chloe joined us at the beginning of February as our nursery apprentice and will be studying for a level 3 qualification. Chloe will be working across all ages as she gains experience for her course.



Baby room

Over the last term in the baby room, we have continued to explore different messy play and creative play ideas to help support our fine motor skills and sensory experiences. We have enjoyed exploring spaghetti and noodles both in dry and wet form to explore different textures and we were using them to fill and empty containers. We have been doing lots of mark making using different media such as crayons, paint and shaving foam and some of us took the painting activity to the extreme by painting ourselves and everything and everyone that was nearby. We have shown a keen interest recently in dolls and have been feeding them, washing them, dressing and putting them to bed. We have also been practising our gross motor skills both inside and outside with the new addition of our soft play steps and slide, we have had so much fun climbing up and coming down in a variety of ways. In the baby room we celebrated Easter by gluing and sticking eggs, making shaving foam sheep and painting chicks.



Toddler room



This term we have been super busy in the toddler room.

We have been very excited to be able to say goodbye to winter and welcoming spring. We have enjoyed seeing the daffodils and other flowers bloom and observing changes in the garden, with green buds and blossom beginning to grow.

We have enjoyed all of our Easter and Spring themed craft activities, including decorating eggs and making bunny masks, as well as lots of hiding and hunting games.

The toddlers have loved the opportunity to explore our new loose parts and wooden resources. They have found different ways to build, play and create with these, providing the chance to practice working together and sharing new things. We have also enjoyed different mark making activities such as painting, shaving foam, gluing and sticking and making lots of playdough.



Preschool

This term we have had a busy few months in the preschool room. Recently the preschoolers have been showing a keen interest in bug hunting. With this in mind we have enjoyed getting out the magnifying glasses and going on bug hunts around the garden, finding and talking about the bugs that we have found. We then went on to explore our small world insects in the sand tray and drawing our favourite bugs.

We have also been enjoying messy play activities to support our fine motor skills. We have loved using scissors and tweezers to cut spaghetti and noodles which has encouraged hand eye coordination. We then transported the objects into different pots as part of our sensory play.

We have also been building on our imagination this month and have been creating some amazing things. Using different resources. One activity that was a big hit was using the pipe cleaners to transform us into different things such as Teletubbies, cats, rabbits and aliens. This activity continued over several days.



Dates for the diary :	
Monday 8th May	Nursery closed
Monday 27th May	Nursery closed
27th May -31st May	Half term
27th July	Preschool leavers party
7th September	Nursery photographer—times to be confirmed nearer the date

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 prior to starting their nursery day 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

The nursery operates a strict NO mobile phone policy to safeguard the children in our care. Please refrain from using your mobile phones whilst on the nursery premises, this includes phone calls, messages, video calls and taking photos when in the setting or looking through the window.

End of the session

As you are all aware as a setting we operate 7:45-6pm. The morning session finishes at 12:45pm and the afternoon session finishes at 6pm. If you would like a detailed handover we ask that you arrive no later than 5:50pm to enable staff to do this for you. Any collections after your child's session ends will occur a fee. If you are running late please give us a call to let us know.

Sun Cream

As the weather is now getting warmer we will be starting to suncream the children when we go outside. We follow the sunsafe guidelines for nurseries which advise if the UV rays are of level 3 or above the children should be wearing a sunhat and suncream as they can still get burnt even on a cloudy day. We have nursery suncream that we can provide however if you would prefer for your child to have their own please can you label it and hand it to a member of staff within your child's room but please make sure it is sun protection factor 30 or above.

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

