



Ringwood Day Nursery July, August and September



At the end of July we threw a fantastic Graduation party for all our school leavers. As always it was sad to say goodbye to all the children, some of which have been part of Ringwood day nursery for nearly 4 years. The children were entertained by Krazy Kev and after an hour of giggles we had a wonderful graduation ceremony followed by a picnic style lunch. In true British style we were not put off by the rain and held our event inside.



Staff News

At the end of July we said our farewells to Amanda Cox who worked in our pre-school room. Amanda has been with us for 5 years and has been a fantastic staff member. Travelling for Amanda was becoming a tedious task and so she decided to look for something closer to home. Fortunately it isn't all sad news as our Redhill nursery in Bournemouth is right on her doorstep. Amanda has transferred over to our Redhill nursery which means that we will still get to see her regularly when we do staff swaps 😊

Replacing Amanda is Becky. Becky has worked at our Redhill nursery for 6 years. She began working there as part of her student placement and liked it so much she decided to stay. Becky is currently studying for her foundation degree in early years and decided that with Ringwood being a bigger nursery she would like to take on the role to gain more experience.

Room Updates.....

Cherry Room

We would like to welcome Meisha, Lucas, Evan, Thomas, Kaylee, Clara, Florence, Sophia, Isla, Betty and Aiden to our baby room. As you can imagine the last couple of months have been extremely busy but all of our new babies have settled in extremely well and are adapting to nursery life.

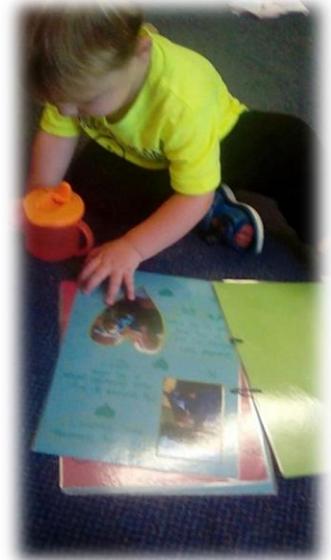
With our new starters being somewhat younger than our attending children this has encouraged a fascination with babies and routines. With this in mind we have encouraged the older children in the room to develop role play and recreate care routines they have seen with the dollies. The children have enjoyed changing the dolls nappies, bathing them, putting them to bed, feeding them and taking them for walks in the pushchair.



The children have also had lots of fun with the parachute. They love to sit on top or hide underneath while enjoying familiar songs and rhymes with the staff waving and shaking the parachute.

Many of our parents have been kind enough to share some photos of familiar family members, pets and friends. These have been made into photobooks and allow the children to make links between home and nursery. They can also be used as a comforting tool and the children love to share them with the staff and their friends.

With some of our new children being a little unsure of the messy and sensory play experiences we have recently tried a new approach. We have used more dry materials and when exploring liquids and wet textured materials we have applied clingfilm over the top. This allows the children to be confident in exploring texture without becoming messy.



Pear Room News



We would like to welcome Leo, Sophie, Logan, Izzy and Max to Pear room and are glad to see them settling in well. Over the summer we have spent lots of time in the garden. We have used a variety of equipment and have been focusing on balancing using the balance beams and stilts.

We have been particularly focused on mark making. We have put paper up on the fences and decorated it using paint brushes, rollers and stamps. We had so much fun making our artwork that we also decided to dress Zoe in a bin liner and decorate her too.

Continuing on with our mark making we have been exploring lots of materials we can make marks on indoors. We have made circles and lines in the fairy dust, driven boats and cars through the sand, observing the different patterns the transport vehicles make. We have also incorporated a knowledge of good hygiene practises into our mark making activity when we used tooth brushes to make clean marks on our teeth.



In the garden we have also been helping to harvest this years crop. We have enjoyed strawberries, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots and courgettes from our very own little vegetable patch. The children enjoyed tasting the fruits of their labour and chef Tom cooked up a storm.

We have also enjoyed taking part in a variety of obstacle courses in the garden. This has encouraged us to develop out gross motor skills and hand eye coordination.



Oak Room news

We would like to welcome Sebastian, Poppy and Leo to Oak room, we are pleased they are all settling in very well and enjoying nursery life. had some very exciting feathered friends arrive this summer and despite being a little smelly they were a huge hit with the children and staff alike. After residing with us until they became too big for their box and needed a new home. Our gorgeous ducklings have gone on to live in luxury accommodation in the small village of Child Okeford near Blandford.



Our eldest children have also been having lots of fun in the garden and created hours of fun with a bucket of fallen apples from our very own tree. The children quickly brought together pots, pans, apples, mud and water. When asked the first group of children explained they had created a bakery where they could bake apple and mud pies, crumbles and cakes.

The next group of children had very different ideas, when asking them what they were making the children quickly said "APPLE BEER". Staff took the opportunity to discuss whether children were allowed to drink

beer? The children recognised that this is a drink for grown ups and that you must be at least 18 to drink it. The boys in particular thought this was ludicrous and so they decided to create their very own micro brewery where they would make apple beer especially for children.



Once they had finished making all their produce we decided it was time to have a marketing meeting in the office to discuss advertising, packaging and pricing. The children came up with some great ideas and decided that the products would cost £100. I explained this was lots of money and questioned why it would be so expensive? The children assured me that it would be



worth every penny and they would be the best cakes, crumbles, pies and beer EVER!

Pre-school have also been enjoying a variety of baking activities as well as making potions and play dough.

The children are very excited about our new internet dongle for the computer. This is allowing children to access educational games and resources online and encouraging them to develop they knowledge by researching answers to their questions on searches such as google. The staff are enjoying being able to answer childrens questions quickly and accurately as well as offering the children visual aids to support the explanation.



One great example was when we had Melon for snack, the children wanted to know where and how they grow. The staff supported the children to research the answer and we found Melons grow from the ground in hot countries and there are many different types.

Pre-school have also really enjoyed mark making outside using the chalk and water. We made circles, lines, faces and even managed to form some of the letters from our names.



Welcome Chef Tom

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new Chef Tom to the team. Tom comes to us with over 10 years experience and a keen passion for providing children with healthy nutritious meals.

In his spare time Tom volunteers as a cub leader, this is where he found his passion for providing and teaching children about healthy nutritious food that is quick and simple.

Tom's cooking has been a real hit so far with empty plates and compliments from even our smallest and harshest critics. Tom has lots of great ideas to revamp our menus so we look forward to tasting many more exciting lunches in the future.



We accept the following payment methods:



You can now pay through our website!

We now have an online payment page under the ***make a payment*** section on our website. The website will direct you to a secure system that allows you to pay your nursery fees via the WorldPay service.

To make a payment you will need to enter your child's name as it appears on our records and the amount you would like to pay. Then press the 'Pay Now' button.

You will then be taken to the WorldPay page where you will need check the amount and select the card type. Please complete all marked fields as indicated.

Once your payment has been successful, you will receive an e-mail from WorldPay confirming the payment and a transaction number, which you should retain as confirmation of payment.

We do not store or handle any card numbers or bank account details at this site

Referral reward

Don't forget our 'referral reward' is to simply say thank you to those parents who recommend friends and colleagues to Ringwood Day Nursery.

The reward will be £100.... yes £100 towards your nursery fees as long as the following criteria is met –

- Your name is mentioned at the time of enquiry/booking
- The new child's booking is a minimum of two sessions per week on a full time (51 weeks a year) contract.
- The registration form is completed with your name on it as the referrer!

Then, after the new child has been in attendance at Ringwood Day Nursery for 3 full months the £100 reward will be credited to your account in the 4th month.

The Nursery is filling up fast and the available sessions 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.

Cherry Room (3 months to 2 years) – Very limited availability until July 2018

Pear Room (2 years to 3 years) – Spaces Available now

Oak Room (3 years to 5 years) – Very limited availability until September 2018

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Annual pumpkin carving competition

As usual this year we will be celebrating autumn with a pumpkin carving competition. Open to everyone, pumpkins can be brought into the nursery from Monday 30th October. All entries will be lit on Tuesday 31st October at 4.30pm for everyone to see. Prizes for the winners of the children and staff categories, so get creative and we will look forward to seeing your designs.



Exciting dates for the diary 2017

Month	Event	Date
October	Pumpkin Week	23rd -27 th October
	Parents Evenings	TBC
November	Children in need	Details will follow
December	Annual Christmas Fayre	Saturday 9th December

Thats all for now
Katie, Gemma and the Ringwood Team

