



# Ringwood Day Nursery July, August and September 2016 Roundup



## Room Updates.....

### Cherry Room

Over the last few months Cherry Room have been enjoying the glorious summer sun and exploring new ways to keep the children cool. The children have enjoyed playing in the uv tent, under the sail outside, exploring ice play and best of all having tons of fun in the paddling pool with the sprinkler.



Indoors the messy play creations have continued. The children have been exploring coloured rice and oats using spoons and cups. This supports filling and emptying schemas, encourages the children to develop hand eye co ordination and improves motor skills. Gloop play as always has mixed reviews from our youngest children. This really does seem to be the marmite of messy play as while some of the babies cannot wait to get stuck in others would much rather observe the strange substance from a safe distance.



The children have also been washing the babies and cars developing early knowledge of hygiene and routine.



The Cherry room children have also been very creative this month and produced some abstract master pieces using duplo, toothbrushes and leaves when painting. The children really enjoyed these activities and were able to create various patterns and prints using the different resources and we all got very messy.





Our eldest babies are really beginning to show a keen interest in books. This has encouraged them to turn pages, lift flaps, explore textures, recognise objects and develop their vocabulary.

We would like to welcome Seth, Authur, Jacob H, Jacob T, Benjamin and Toby to Cherry Room. We hope they are all settling in well and enjoying their time at nursery ☺



## Pear Room news

Over the summer our toddlers have been extremely busy enjoying the glorious summer sun. The children have been exploring their interest in holidays and the beach. Many children have spoken about exciting outings they have had and holidays they have been on. The interest in holidays has encouraged the staff to create lots of activities surrounding this theme.





The children have enjoyed creating ice cream pictures using coloured card and real sprinkles. The children were encouraged to think about which flavour would be associated with which colour and to consider their own preferences. Staff used shaving foam, bowls and cups to allow the children to create their own ice cream parlour with fancy sundaes, Mr Wippy's, knicker bocker glories and many more desserts being created left, right and centre.

The children have also shown a keen interest in the Air Show and the Olympics. Staff have encouraged the children to discuss their own personal experiences and offered a wide range of activities relating to these events such as making Olympic medals competing in mini Olympic games in the garden and making red arrow pictures.



The toddler room children have also enjoyed experimenting with various mark making activities. Like our babies some of the older children enjoy getting messy while others don't so children were offered the opportunity to participate in both types of activity. We also have some hairdressers in the making as pear room children have really enjoyed the hair dresser role play and Vicky was lucky enough to be one of the childrens models 😊

We would like to welcome Jasmine, Scarlett E, Brendan, Scarlett G, Brendan, Elise, Jacob, Amy, Dougie, Beatrice, Arlo, and Jack to Pear Room. We hope they are all settling in well and enjoying their time at nursery ☺

## Pre-school News

Over the summer Pre-school have been extremely busy. The children said goodbye to their friends leaving to go to big school and those that stayed with us are now helping new children settle into the room.

Pre-school have been having a great time exploring malleable play. The children have been exploring various textures, scents and moulding shapes. The children enjoyed playing with the stretchy dough and the clean mud which is made from grated soap, tissue and water.



The staff have continued encouraging pre-school children to develop their fine motor skills using the screws, screwdrivers, nails and hammers from our tool kit.





We could have some future architect's in our midst as preschool children have been designing some brilliant bridges and tunnels to enable the cars to travel over, under and through. The children carefully thought about the designs and adapted models to improve how they work.



Children have been making patterns and pictures on the peg boards. This encourages them to develop a knowledge of sequencing, colours and develops fine motor skills.



Woody our leopard gheko has a new home and the children were very excited to introduce him to it. They carefully looked after Woody while Amanda set up his new vivarium and then watched him explore his new surroundings.



Preschool have also been enjoying a Chinese restaurant in the role play area. The children have had various menus and traditional Oriental resources such as woks, oriental clothing, chop sticks, fans, tea sets and much much more.

The children have enjoyed time in the garden playing with the water tray, especially when we created dozens of bubbles using washing up liquid.

We would like to welcome Lola, Millie and George to Preschool. We hope they are all settling in well and enjoying their time at nursery 😊

## Why Choose Our Pre-school

Here at Ringwood we have been running a very successful preschool (also known as Oak Room) for over 10 years. With great links to the local schools we pride ourselves in ensuring every child leaving us ready to start a new adventure at big school.

Our preschool offers flexibility to suit the needs of all parents. We are open 7:30am -



6:00pm and children are able to attend morning, afternoon or full day sessions. We accept children doing government funded only sessions as well as offering the options to do over and above the government funded hours.

We are also able to offer both term time and stretch funding options enabling us to cater for most families needs.

Within our preschool staff provide children with a stimulating and attractive learning environment. This has been specifically designed to encourage meaningful conversations, stories, singing, group activities, individual activities and outdoor play that engage the whole child. Each day is different and routines are flexible to suit the needs of individual children. Each day has a good balance of adult lead and child centered experiences and we never forget to ensure there is lots of fun.



Our preschool focuses on encouraging childrens self help skills and promoting independence. Resources are all displayed in storage units with photo labels to encourage children to make choices and think about their personal preferences.

Children participate in sessional circle times allowing them to develop a sense of routine, be part of a group, gain self confidence and develop social skills. We have a self registration system

that helps children to recognise themselves as individuals and develops a recognition of letters and sounds .

Children are encouraged to contribute to their own learning journal and are given the opportunity to view photos, listen to their observations and any comments they make are recorded. Our preschool staff hold regular meetings with our eldest children to discuss future activity ideas, weekly menus and the experiences they have recently had. Preschool mascots Angel and Rufus regularly go home with a different child to develop the link between preschool and home and encourage responsibility.



We are extremely proud of what we have to offer in our preschool and have received many compliments from local school teachers about how school ready Ringwood Day Nursery children are. So if you know anyone looking for a preschool place, please do not hesitate to recommend us.

## Nursery Bags



I would like to ask that we take careful consideration when packing childrens bags for nursery. As a parent I understand that everything other than the kitchen sink usually goes into your childs day bag. When you are out and about it is good to be prepared for all eventualities, however not all these items are safe in the hands of children.

Upon inspecting childrens bags I found an array of items that could be harmful to children for various reasons. Within some of the nursery rooms bags are accessible to the children so we would like to urge you not to put anything in your childs bag that could be potentially dangerous. Bottles, spare clothes, comforters, nappies and wet wipes are all we need any other items such as medications or creams should be given to a member of staff.

Thank you ☺

## Pear Room Entry

Please note that due to how busy we have become , as of week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October toddler room parents need to use the main front door to bring the children into the nursery.

Thank you ☺

## Gentle Reminders

**Car Park** - Can parents and carers please show consideration for local residents and each other, we have had reports that cars are coming broadshard lane particularly fast and this is a danger to local residents walking as there is no foot path. We have also had a few near misses in the car park so please drive carefully and with caution.

**Childrens clothes** - Please can we ask that all childrens clothes are being labelled as we are getting very busy and lots of children have the same clothing items in the same size. Should you wish to purchase labels [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) has some great solutions to label clothing items, comforters and more.

**Nursery doors** - Please ensure you do not grant anyone access into the nursery and close doors behind you. Childrens safety is of upmost importance to us here at Ringwood and anyone entering the nursery must be authorised access by a staff member.

**Toys** - Please can we ask that toys remain at home so that they do not become lost or broken. Staff do their best to keep childrens personal items safe, however this is not always possible so please leave toys at home and have fun with nursery resources instead.

## 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 Nursery is filling up fast and in the availability wont 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 (3months to 2 years) - Limited availability until January 2017

Pear Room (2 years to 3 years) - Limited availability until December 2016

Oak Room (3years to 5 years) - Limited availability until December 2016



We are still keeping christmas plans underwraps but watch out next month for our special edition Christmas newsletter, which will inform you all about our plans for the festive season.

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Pumpkin carving competition

This year we will be celebrating halloween with a pumpkin carving competition. Open to everyone, pumpkins can be brought into the nursery from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October onwards. All entries will be lit on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm for everyone to see..



There are prizes up for grabs for the winners of the under 2's, over 2's and staff categories. So please get creative and we will look forward to seeing your designs.

## Parents Evenings

We will be taking bookings for Parents evenings from week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016. An email to remind you will be sent out nearer the time.

Baby room (Cherries) 09/11/16

Toddler Room (Pears) 10/11/16

Preschool (Oak) 02/11/16

## Exciting dates for the diary 2016

Month	Event	Date
	Pumpkin Week	24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October
November	Parents evenings	Details Above TBC
	Children in need	
December	Annual Christmas Fayre	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December

Thats all for now  
Katie, Gemma and the Ringwood Team

