



Ringwood Day Nursery May and June 2016 Roundup



Her Majesty's 90th Celebrations



We would like to thank all the families that came along to our Garden Party on Friday 10th June. Our families enjoyed some traditional British afternoon tea treats including finger sandwiches and scones with jam and clotted cream. We all had an amazing time and hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.



Welcome Chelsea



We all said our farewells to Ellie who finished with us on the 10th June.

Replacing Ellie is Chelsea who has been part of our supply staff team since May 2013 and studied for her lever 3 qualification here at Ringwood. Chelsea is very excited to be a part of the full time staff team and delighted to be in the baby room as this is her preferred age group.

I hope you will all join me in congratulating Chelsea and wish her all the best in her new job role.

Deputy Update

I can now confirm that after holding interviews internally that Gemma has been offered and has accepted the position of Nursery Deputy. Gemma has over 18 months experience in the role previously at our Bournemouth nursery and I am sure she will do a fantastic job for us here at Ringwood.

Room Updates.....

Cherry Room

Over the last two months our babies have been getting very messy and enjoying lots of sensory play in the tough spot. The babies have been exploring baked beans using plates, spoons and cups, oats and lentil play, flour mixed with baby lotion, flour and powder paint, jelly and shaving foam, shredded wheat, gloop and pasta frozen in ice.





This has enabled the children to explore wet and dry, smooth and lumpy, hot and cold. They have also been developing motor skills when pouring, scooping, and transferring.



The baby room have spent lots of time in the garden come rain or shine. Activities have included playing in the sandpit and water tray, riding the bikes and trikes and on the rainy days

we were jumping in the puddles. The children also explored making rainbows using powderpaint on the wet floor and covering the slide in shaving foam to make it super slippery.



We have been encouraging Early Mark Making skills using crayons, dabber pens and paint. Early Mark Making is not the same as writing. It is a sensory experience for babies and toddlers that encourages physical development. Mark making is the start of a journey towards being able to write and is a real developmental milestone. By providing a child with a variety of mark-making opportunities you can help them develop imaginatively, creatively and physically.



The babies have also been enjoying lots of baking. The most recent delights have included flapjacks and chocolate brownies. Cooking is a great sensory activity and can be used to encourage all areas of development.

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome Elliot, Elise, Frida and Willa to Cherry Room. We hope you are having a great time so far and settling well into nursery life.

Next Month...

Ruby room children will be continuing with various cooking activities and sensory experiences. The staff are providing various art activities to create an around the world display and we will be asking parents to provide us with pictures to create some photo books for individual children.



Pear Room news



Over the last two months our toddlers have been enjoying lots of sensory play activities. The children have taken part in body painting, oat and shredded wheat play and making marks in shaving foam.

The children made and enjoyed sensory bags and the one containing hair gel was a particular favourite. The children were encouraged to feel and describe what the bags felt like and made marks and patterns in the contents.



Our toddlers have been developing their fine motor skills by threading pasta on to spaghetti. This can be a very fiddly activity but the children were determined and persisted until their spaghetti was full.



The children have also enjoyed spending lots of time in the playground developing their gross motor skills, co ordination and balance using the climbing frame, scooters, bikes and cars.

We have enjoyed baking some biscuits and cakes, the children are encouraged to think about ingredients, team work, following instructions and beginning to use mathematical language such as more and less.





When outside in recent weeks the children have enjoyed splashing in puddles on those rainy days and playing on the bikes and trikes in the sunshine. We even went on a bug hunt to see what creepy crawlies we could find with ants and worms being the most popular of our garden creatures.

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome Oliver Joshua and Felicity to Pear Room. We hope you are having a great time so far and settling well into nursery life.

Next month.....

Pear room children will be enjoying participating in creative and sensory activities about holidays including sand and ice play. Children will be creating a beach display for everyone to enjoy and particip[ating in role play such as ice cream shops.

Oak Room news

Moving on from watching the life cycle of a seed pre-school children have recently learned about the life cycle of a chicken. The children had eggs in an incubator in oak room for 21 days and were counting down to hatching day. We were lucky enough to successfully hatch 6 Cuckoo Maran

chicks 3 boys and 3 girls. The children were delighted and enjoyed petting, holding and caring for the chicks before they returned to the farm a week later.

It has definitely been a wet start to the summer so far but this has not stopped us enjoying the garden. Armed with all in one wet weather suits and welly boots preschool have been exploring colour mixing with powder paint in the rain.



The results were beautiful and created pavements that looked like something out of Mary Poppins.

The children also had their very own foam party in the playground covering themselves the floor and the slide in tons of shaving foam.

With wet weather comes mini beasts that are always a firm favourite with the children. Like pear room children the preschool too went on a bug hunt and found creatures including wiggly worms, slimy slugs and snails and a marvellous millipede. All the children were very excited and showed great care when handling the creatures they had found.



Our preschool children have also been very creative over the last two months from

making dry magic potions to constructing complex models to painting and drawing master pieces all of the children have participated in activities designed to encourage creative thinking and self expression. Wood working is always a firm favourite among these activities and the children have built complex models ranging from boats to planes to space rockets.



Our preschool children have been

exploring a variety of malleable and sensory play. Our most recent creations have been clean mud which is created with tissue and soap and coloured flour.



Next Month.....

Holidays are also the hot topic in preschool and so staff will be creating activities to develop and explore this area of interest. Children will be learning about different countries and cultures, methods of travel, types of accommodation and weather and temperature.

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.



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 September 2016

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

Exciting dates for the diary 2016

Month	Event	Date
July		
August	Graduation Party for our School leavers	13 th August
September	Guide dogs visit	TBC
October	Nursery Photographer	Saturday 3 rd September
	Pumpkin Week	24 th -28 th October
	Parents Evenings	TBC
November	Children in need	Details will follow
December	Annual Christmas Fayre	Saturday 3 rd December

Please note children on term time FUNDED ONLY hours will finish with us on Friday 15th July for the summer and will return week commencing 5th September.

Children on a Ringwood Day Nursery term time contract will finish on Wednesday 20th July and return week commencing 5th September.

Parents with children on a full time contract that are leaving us to go to school please remember your contract will automatically terminate on 31st August 2016. If you require childcare after this date then please don't hesitate to contact us and we can extend your placement with us.

Thats all for now
Katie, Gemma and the Ringwood Team

