



Ringwood Day Nursery

February Round -Up

Whew! What a month, the whole nursery has been busy trying new things and taking part in a wealth of celebrations.

Oak and Woodpecker rooms

We have had a busy February in pre-school. We have been creating gingerbread men from salt dough and the children have revamped the gingerbread man story sack. We will be doing more activities on this closer to World Book Day (Thursday 5th March).

The children practised their fine motor skills threading ribbon around paper plates which they decorated by sponging on paint they had mixed themselves to create the desired shades of red and pink. We linked this to Valentine's Day and spent time encouraging talk about who we loved and what makes us happy.

The week after was an exciting one, first our Monday 10th birthday party then Pancake Day and followed by Chinese New Year with only a day between!





Pancake Day was full ofpancakes! There was a game of musical pancakes, a pancake tossing competition, the story of Mr Wolf's pancakes and stretchy pancake dough to name but a few of the activities on offer. The children also great fun combining all the ingredients to make their own pancakes. Check out our [Facebook](#) page for even more hilarious lemon tasting photos!



Chinese New Year was celebrated in style in Pre-School. The children ate with chopsticks, made dragon puppets, experimented with Chinese writing, made lanterns and did some noodle play with different flavours. As it is the year of the sheep, the children also made some fantastic collaged sheep which you can see on the board in Woodpecker Room.

A warm welcome to Jude who has joined us in February 😊

Coming up in March: Models and magnets! The children have shown a great interest in making all sorts of models using different construction materials. We will be exploring this further by providing plenty of varied opportunities. If you happen to have any cardboard boxes, milk bottles, etc going spare, we would greatly appreciate them for junk modelling 😊 Recently the children have discovered the magnetic feet on the Ponies, creating a marching army up the radiator! Hence our intended focus on all things magnetic.

Pear Room

This month has been all about the celebrations. Valentine's Day brought big discussions about who we love and plenty of pinks, reds and heart shapes to experiment with. We also had a great opportunity to take some of the children out to the library this month, enjoying both the library experience (looking at lots and lots of books!) and the walk there and back looking out for cars, lorries, dogs, and PUDDLES. All of which were great talking points.



For one brief and glorious day we played and played in the snow, getting cold and finding how snow can be wet and sticky at the same time.



We watched Leigh making pancakes in the kitchen and tried out the lemon and sugar toppings for ourselves at lunch time. However, the favourite toppings at home seemed to be blueberries, strawberries and chocolate... or so the children said!

Using chopsticks takes a lot of practice and trying out different techniques is all part of the fun. It's also really great for developing problem solving skills.



We used black paint to make our own Chinese writing and had a brilliant morning creating a red and gold Chinese dragon picture.

New to Pear room this month is Evelyn... welcome from all of us!

Following on from our trip to the library and linking in with World Book Day and Red Nose Day we will be looking at lots of books, telling stories and maybe dressing up too. We will also be working on a special something for Mothers Day.

Cherry room



This month we have been exploring the garden more, making use of our new all weather suits, being able to go out even when it was cold and windy.

Welcome to the newest members of Cherry room, Mason and Leo who join us this month. With new babies coming into the nursery the other children are being warm and welcoming, giving their new friends toys to hold and play with.

Tasting new things has been a big part of our month from noodles to pancakes.





Chinese dragons done the Cherry room way!



We had great fun walking the winter sunshine. The older children collected leaves and twigs to make a collage.



Next month... Dressing up for World Book Day, painting our faces for Red Nose Day and making that special art work for Mothers Day!

We will also be exploring the signs of spring, looking at the blossom on our tree and watching for the bulbs coming through too.

Hi all,

Once again a great and inspiring month at the nursery, this time full of food and celebrations. We still have some of our 10th anniversary parties to hold and more children will be receiving their commemorative water bottles and balloon too... one little girl even requested it was used for her morning milk at home!

Thats all for this month. Don't forget to  Find us on **Facebook** for more photos and up to date news.

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