



Ringwood Day Nursery January 2016 Monthly Roundup



Firstly I would like to thank you all for an excellent first month at Ringwood, everyone has been very welcoming and I am finally enjoying some smiles, conversations and even the odd cuddle with some children that are seeing me regularly. For those of you I haven't had a chance to meet I look forward to doing so in the near future. I am extremely proud to be part of an outstanding nursery and already feel settled and at home.

Fond Farewells

We will be saying goodbye to Susan this week who is leaving us to go on maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the best and hope she enjoys some rest and relaxation before her bouncing baby arrives. We would also like to say goodbye to Molly who will be leaving us in February to go and work at Sheiling School. Molly has been a great asset to Ringwood, she will be missed by us all and I would like to wish her all the best in her new role.

Welcome Back Zoe

With two of our baby room staff entering a new chapter of their lives we have been working hard to find a new staff member for our baby room. Zoe worked as an apprentice for Ringwood back in 2012 and left to go travelling around Australia and New Zealand. Zoe enjoyed her time down under but recently decided it was time to come home. Fortunately for us Zoe was keen to get back to working with children and jumped at the chance of returning to work with us here at Ringwood. I would like to formally welcome Zoe back to the nursery and know she will be a huge asset to us.



Room Updates.....

Cherry Room

This month we would like to welcome Joel and Joseph to cherry room. We hope they have enjoyed their first sessions and are settling well into nursery life.

Cherry room have been focusing on physical play in January. This has included lots of fun activities. We have explored creative activities using spoons, paintbrushes and glue spreaders to improve our fine motor skills and hand to eye co-ordination.



The babies have also enjoyed some cooking activities this month and the favourite recipe by far was homemade pizza. Cooking activities are a fantastic learning opportunity as all areas of development can be covered. As we are focusing on physical development this month the staff encouraged the children to mix and roll the dough. However, as with all cooking activities the best bit was definitely eating them for tea! Yum Yum!



Cherry room have also been using their gross motor skills in the garden. The babies have enjoyed kicking and chasing balls, driving the cars, riding the trikes, climbing steps and walking with and without walking.



Next Month..... Cherry room will be celebrating Chinese new year and exploring food in messy play. This will include coloured rice, noodles, pasta and tea bag sensory play. We will also be making our own pancakes for pancake day

Pear Room news

This month we would like to welcome Mason and James to pear room. We hope they have enjoyed their first few sessions and are settling well into nursery life.

Pear room children are really enjoying role play and dressing up this month. They have been role playing mums and dads, dressing up in whacky outfits and of course pretending to be their favourite characters. The staff have been exploring the childrens understanding of people who help us. The children have been encouraged to role play familiar situations. This included our friends becoming poorly and going to see a doctor to make them better.





The children have been exploring mark making using various materials such as paint brushes, dabber pens, cornflour, baby lotion and some have made pictures of farm animals and people who help us.



Next month..... Pear room are exploring noodle play for Chinese New Year, making love heart biscuits for Valentines day and as there is a current interest in dolls and babies we will be providing the children with baby baths, dolls, towels, nappies and clothes to encourage open ended play.

Oak Room news

This month Oak room have shown a huge interest in how things work. The staff planned a very enjoyable activity where the children were encouraged to create their very own catapult.



The children made their catapults using wooden sticks and elastic bands. Once the children had made their own catapults they all had a competition to see who could ping their pom-pom the highest.



Oak room children have also been exploring the world around them and looking at different types of weather and different temperatures. During the freezing few days that we had recently some of Oak room children noticed that they could see their breath in the cold. They then used this to pretend to be dragons running around the playground and breathing fire!

During a talk with Tracy the children began discussing the weather and the sky. They decided to go outside and lay on a blanket to observe what was in the sky and this is what they saw.....



The children noticed how quickly the clouds were moving and then spotted some airplane vapour. Once they had turned around the children were lucky enough to spot a beautiful rainbow.



Upon seeing the rainbow the children wanted to make their own picture of a rainbow, which are displayed in Oak for everyone to see.

Next month..... Oak Room will be making cakes, weighing out ingredients, chopping our own snack and washing our utensils and celebrating Chinese New Year.



If you haven't done it already don't forget to like our Facebook page to receive regular updates and information.

<https://www.facebook.com/Ringwood-Day-Nursery-271441172872>

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 51 week 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 in the availability 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.



Have you had time to complete the 'About Me' section on Tapestry yet? We would appreciate it if all parents would please take the time to complete this information about your child. You can access this through the browser page <https://eylj.org/login/> If you then click on the 'children' tab a card will appear. On that card are the words 'About me' click on those words and it will open a form for you to complete.

'Like' button Have you noticed the new 'like' option on Tapestry? If you don't have time to leave a comment but want us to know you've read an observation you can simply click on the like button.



Exciting dates for the diary 2016

Please pay particular attention to the highlighted events. These are events that are being held on Saturdays by invitation only. We look forward to telling you more about them nearer the time

Month	Event	Date
February	Shrove Tuesday	9 th February
	Chinese new year	Week Beginning 8 th February
March	World Book Day	Thursday 9 th March
	Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 19 th March
April	Creature teachers visit for our older children from some insects creepy crawlies and small furry animals	TBC
May	Parents Evenings	Dates and times TBC
June	Queens 90 th Birthday Celebrations	Week Beginning 6 th June
July	Graduation Party for our School leavers	Saturday 23 rd July
August		
September	Guide dogs visit	TBC
October	Nursery Photographer	Saturday 1 st October
	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

Those of you on education grant term time contracts please remember it is half term week commencing 15th February 2016.

Thats all for now
Katie, Carly and the Ringwood Team

