



Ringwood Day Nursery Spring 2017 Roundup



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2017. We have lots of exciting events coming up and 2017 is set to be a very busy year for us here at Ringwood Day Nursery.

The phones have truly gone crazy and the nursery is filling up fast. If you are looking to increase or change sessions or know someone looking to reserve a place with us then please get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We have all enjoyed the lovely warm weather we have had recently and the children have all loved being outside exploring all the activities on offer.

Staff News

I would like to welcome Susan back to our baby room, Susan left us last February to go on maternity leave and has had a lovely 9 months off with her daughter Kaitlyn. Susan has settled back in really well and it is like she has never been away.

I would also like to offer congratulations to Chloe who works in our toddler room. Chloe has finally completed her level 2 qualification and as if that wasn't enough to celebrate she has also found out that she is expecting her very own bundle of joy in July this year. Chloes last day will be on Monday 19th June and we would like to wish her all the best on her maternity leave and look forward to meeting her bundle of joy later this year.

We have also recently said goodbye to Vicky in our toddler room, Vicky has left us to take on a supervisors role in a nursery closer to home. We would like to wish her all the best in her new role and hope she visits us all very soon. Replacing Vicky will be Zoe from our baby room. Zoe requested to move to pear room to gain more experience with our older children after working with babies since 2011. Zoe loves this age group but she is looking forward to embracing a new and exciting challenge with our toddlers.

Zoe is being replaced by Kirsty who is due to start with us on 19th June 2017. Kirsty is an experienced practitioner that is moving from a nursery in Poole. Kirsty brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience and is looking forward to her new role here at Ringwood.

With the nursery filling up fast the staff team is expanding and we pleased to welcome Kelsey to our preschool room and Stephanie to our toddler room. Kelsey has experience working with children aged 0-5 and previously worked for Thomson holiday clubs for a number of years. Kelsey enjoyed this role, however after lots of changes decided to accept a job offer from British Airways as cabin crew. Although Kelsey enjoyed travelling she has missed working with children. Kelsey holds and degree in childhood studies and human development and is very much enjoying sharing her knowledge and skills with the preschool children. Stephanie has recently finished her degree in childhood and youth studies, she has previously had work placements with nursery and reception aged children but is extremely excited to begin her first full time role here with us at Ringwood.

Room Updates.....

Cherry Room

This Term Cherry room have been exploring lots of new messy play activities. The babies were encouraged to explore the texture enjoyed mixing the colours and squeezing the bags really tight so they could feel the squidgy texture.

The babies also enjoyed paint and cling film play. They used their

hands and tools such as rolling pins and brushes to make marks in the paint and watched the colours separate and mix together as they did this.. The babies used sponges to create some beautiful pieces of abstract art that Henri Matisse would be proud of.

The babies have shown an interest in interactive stories and are excited to sit down and listen to the bear hunt and the very hungry caterpillar. For the very hungry caterpillar staff offer the children an opportunity to explore a story sack



containing soft toys from the book. For the Bear Hunt Zoe and Michelle offer a very entertaining song and dance that the children find very amusing and love join in with.

The babies have been developing their hand eye co ordination when participating in cooking activities and enhancing their gross motor skills with indoor and outdoor activities. Zoe has also been doing some simple yoga techniques with the babies which has been a huge hit 😊

Coming up.....The babies will be exploring lots of new textured activities within sensory activities, they will be doing various cooking activities and many different role play activities including the dollies.



Pear Room news



This Term Pear room have all been focusing on rainbows and talking about why we have rainbows. They all spoke about the different colours in a rainbow and did lots of different activities surrounding this.



The staff and children have also taken part in celebrating Chinese New Year with noodle play, Chinese symbol painting and making paper lanterns. All the children thoroughly enjoyed these activities, as well as a scrummy Chinese inspired lunch of sweet and sour pork.

The children have also enjoyed making pancakes on shrove Tuesday. The children made frying pans using paper plates and then created their pretend pancakes using tissue paper. The children then squeezed some lemon on top and pretended to flip them. At lunch time the children had the opportunity to enjoy some real pancakes for dessert made by our chef Leigh. The pancakes went down well after some initial encouragement from staff, YUM YUM!



Pear room all enjoyed taking part in various different activities for world book day in march. They have all shown an interest in The Gruffalo story so they read this story as a group, made owl ice-cream, dressed up in various different outfits and made stretchy dough, to name a few.

Throughout March and April our toddlers have also enjoyed playing with shredded paper (including cleaning it up with dustpans and brushes), washing the babies and using the toys in our technology basket.



The children have been very interested in messy play activities and looking at new textures. They have had the sensory tray filled with many different items including a cereal farm, dinosaurs, sand and rainbow rice.

Coming up..... Pear room children will be enjoying a range of different activities focusing on the beach because many children have been on holiday recently.



Oak Room news

This term the children in Oak room have been very busy and enjoyed lots of time in the garden. Although the wet weather isn't a huge hit with us the children love it and had lots of fun outside with the water and paints.





Children in oak room have also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year and shrove Tuesday. To celebrate the children took part in pancake making, creating paper lanterns and enjoying their very own Chinese restaurant in the role play area.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed mark making activities and they have explored many different ways of making marks.



The children have been particularly interested in painting and sensory play this month. Our messy tray has been filled with a variety of materials such as baked beans and spaghetti, sand and dinosaur bones as well as coloured water play. The children especially enjoyed body painting and bubble painting, paying particular attention to blowing and not sucking when using the straw.



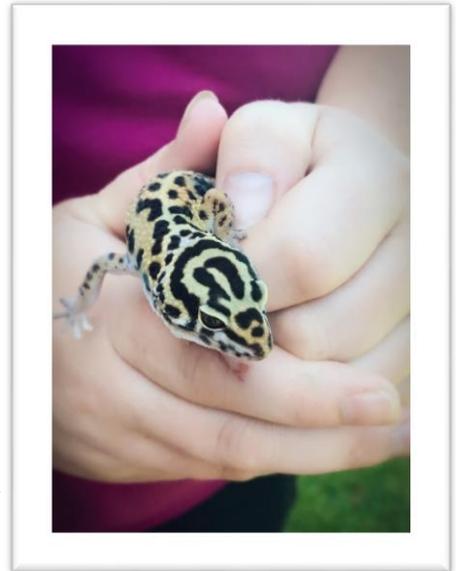
The children have really enjoyed taking part in wake up club everyday. The children take their shoes and socks off and express themselves through music and movement. They do lots of exercises to build up core muscles and carefully listen to instructions supporting and ensuring they are ready for school.



Coming up Oak Room children will be focusing on the seaside, the children are all talking about holidays so they will be doing various activities about the beach and under the sea. The children will also be looking at still life art to develop their interest in painting.



As some of you may know we had to say a very sad goodbye to our Gecko Woody on Friday 2nd June. Woody has been with us 10 years after we adopted him from a family that could no longer care for him. He had a great life and was much loved by all of the children and will be truly missed.



After speaking with the children we all decided together that we would very much like another Gecko friend to come and live with us. We are pleased to formally introduce Leo the Leopard Gecko →

Leo is a wriggly energetic baby gecko that's definitely keeping us on our toes. The children and staff are handling him daily getting him used to his surroundings and he definitely seems to be enjoying his new life and home here in our preschool.



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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.



We Need A Chef

After over 8 years at Ringwood our lovely chef Leigh has decided to retire. It has been a difficult decision but after much deliberation Leigh has decided the time is right for him. We would like to take the opportunity to thank him for all his hard work and wish him a very happy retirement. Thankfully it isn't the last we will see of Leigh as he has offered to cover holidays and sickness for our new chef for the foreseeable future.

We are currently looking for someone to take over Leighs role. If you know anyone who is looking to stop those unsociable hours and work 5 mornings week in a fun and friendly environment then please contact Katie for futher details.

Exciting dates for the diary 2017

Month	Event	Date
July	Graduation party for our school leavers	Saturday 29 th July
August		
September	Ringwood Carnival	Saturday 16 th September
October	Nursery Photographer	Saturday 7 th October
	Pumpkin Week	23rd -27 th October
	Parents Evenings	TBC
November	Children in need	Details will follow
December	Annual Christmas Fayre	Saturday 9 th December

Thats all for now
Katie, Gemma and the Ringwood Team

