



Ringwood Day Nursery October Newsletter 2019



We have had a lovely summer here at the nursery and we're ready for an exciting autumn term and it certainly has been so far! We have been very busy across the nursery and have lots of new to share!

Autumn started with a bang!



On Tuesday 29th October we received a routine Ofsted inspection. We were given half a days' notice and of course eager to show the inspector the fantastic care and provision we provide on a day to day basis. We ensured the inspector saw a range of activities, and the team were encouraged to demonstrate their skills,

knowledge and expertise. The inspector spoke to several parents, staff members, management and observed a variety of activities throughout the nursery. The inspector was extremely complimentary about what she observed awarding us an OUTSTANDING grading with no recommendations. I would like to thank my amazing staff team



To read our full report please follow this link:

<https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50125890>

Or we will happily email a copy to you if you would like.

Staff News

Some sad goodbyes...

We said goodbye to Sammy a few weeks ago, Sammy had worked at the nursery for over 13 years. Sammy built up relationships with many families over this time and was a great asset to our team. Sammy decided it was time for a change of career and has taken on a new role within the NHS at Bournemouth hospital. We have kept in touch and Sammy is getting on well and enjoying her new role 😊

We also had to say goodbye to Maree from our baby unit. Maree has worked for the Day Nursery Group for over 10 years, but with her son starting school earlier this year she has decided that a term time position closer to home would better suit family life. This decision was an emotional one and we would like to wish Maree all the best with her new venture 😊

We will also be saying our goodbyes to Olivia at the end of this month. Olivia started here as an apprentice and completed her level 2 in childcare. Olivia has decided upon completing her apprenticeship that she would really like to gain some experience working in a school environment, with older children. We wish her the best of luck in the future 😊

Welcome to some new faces ...

We would like to welcome Milly, Hannah and Lauren to the team.

Milly has joined our supply team working regular hours. Milly has had experience in other settings and loves working with children of all ages. Milly will be working throughout the nursery and already has a fantastic bond with the children.

Hannah has joined the team in Oak room and pre-school, Hannah is qualified to a level 3 in childcare and has had experience within other settings. Hannah has settled in well into Oak Room and is enjoying being part of the team.

Lauren has just joined our baby room team, Lauren is level 3 qualified and has had lots of experience in other settings as well as working abroad for kids clubs at resort destinations. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming them all to the team.

Congratulations!

We have had lots of exciting news within the team this year, firstly congratulations to Kirsty B from our baby unit who got married in May this year and bought her first house.

Shortly afterwards Amanda Cox (now Steward) got married in July, it was a beautiful and extremely hot day enjoyed by everyone!

Last and certainly not least, Michaela got married in October.

We were all fortunate enough to join the celebrations and I'm sure you will join us in wishing them lots of love and happiness for the future.



We're delighted to announce that Kirsty C, who went on maternity leave in September has had a little boy. Baby Isaac was born on the 3rd October. Kirsty and Isaac are doing very well, and she is hoping to pop in to see us very soon. We can't wait to meet him!



News from

Cherry Room...

We've been very busy in the baby room recently and have been doing lots of exciting activities, the children have been really interested in transport this term so we have been painting and decorating cars, we've been talking lots about the wheels and the different types of transport. We have been reading lots of stories about vehicles as well as singing lots of songs with our song spoons. We have also been making getting creative decorating vehicles, painting, sticking, dabbing and colouring in our pictures. These are all up on our display board for us all to look at throughout the day.



We have also been busy doing lots of autumnal activities, we have been making pumpkins during our pumpkin week, we have made autumnal suncatchers, hedgehogs and autumnal leaf painting, we have used leaves that we collected from the outside environment and stuck them onto paper, we also painted our hands and talked about the autumnal colours and how the paint felt.



Pear Room...



Pear room have been embracing autumn and all its different events with lots of fun activities, they have been busy doing lots of arts and crafts to make our autumnal displays. The children took part in plenty of fun activities for pumpkin week. They made pumpkins with different materials to be displayed in the room, and did lots of different sensory play including orange themed materials such as pasta, lentils and tissue paper.



The children also made some poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day. The children did several variations of poppies and we talked briefly about why we were making them. The children were all really proud to show their parents what they had made and take them home with them.



Our children in pear room love a story and we share books on a regular basis with all of them, either as a group at group time or in small groups or one to one. The children love to use the story books to talk about what they see and what is familiar to them. They often end up using a familiar story such as 'We're



going on a bear hunt' or 'The Gruffalo' as part of their role play.

We use lots of different stories to share different emotions with the children and help them to gain an understanding of how different things make people feel e.g. happy, sad, angry.



Oak Room/ Pre -School...



Oak room have also been super busy celebrating the joys of autumn.

To celebrate firework night, they did some super colourful tea bag painting. This was lots of messy fun. The children soaked tea bags in brightly coloured paint and then threw them at the piece of black paper, as the tea bag landed it exploded like a firework and made a colourful explosion on the paper. All the children were keen to have a go at this activity and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



The children also celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The children enjoyed lots of craft activities at nursery, making their Diya lamps as well as decorating Rangoli patterns. The children were also



lucky enough to have one of our lovely parents come in to talk about Diwali and why it is celebrated. She talked about how lots of people celebrate Diwali just like Christmas or Easter and how it is a festival that celebrates the story of Rama and Sita. The children listened to the story and held the dolls and props. The children were also shown how to put on a sari (a traditional Indian dress) and put on jewellery and we then did some dancing, we learnt about what the different shapes you make with your bodies mean; putting the palms of your hands together and holding them up in the air signifies the lamp lighting the way.



Dates for the diary...

- Pre-school Christmas performance – individual invites have been sent out to families
- Christmas fair – Saturday 14th December. Invites and details to follow.

Please remember we will be closing at 4pm on Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24th December), then we re-open as usual on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

Availability

The Nursery is filling up fast and the available sessions 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.

Cherry Room (3months to 2 years) – Very limited availability throughout 2020

Pear Room (2 years to 3 years) – Spaces Available now

Oak Room (3years to 5 years) – Limited spaces available now, full availability from September 2020

Referral reward

Don't forget our referral reward, it's our way of saying thank you to those parents who recommend family, friends and colleagues to Ringwood Day Nursery.

The reward will be £100 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 full time (51 weeks a year) contract.
- The registration form is completed with your name on it as the referrer!

Once the new child has attended Ringwood Day Nursery for 3 full months the £100 reward will be credited to your account in the 4th month.