

Ringwood Day Nursery



Newsletter
January 2021

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break as much as possible, and although it was a very different Christmas to usual, we hope you still managed to make some lovely memories with your immediate family.

COVID updates

We sent out a copy of our revised policy, parental agreement, operating procedures and assessment of risks via Blossom in January. If you did not receive this then please contact us and we will resend it to you.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your support and cooperation as we continue through these unprecedented times.

Video Tour of Nursery NOW AVAILABLE!!

We have recently had video tour of the nursery carried out. This is now available for you to view via the homepage on our website. We wanted to share a recent video of the nursery with you all so you can see the exciting areas and some of the activities your child has access to throughout the day. Please feel free to share this video with friends and family.

Since being back we have been up to lots of fun and engaging activities. We thought we would share some of the things we have enjoyed throughout each room in the nursery with you all, we hope you enjoy them!

Cherry Room...

Cherry room have been having lots of fun in their designated garden area, they have been watching, catching, popping and blowing the bubbles whilst outside. They have also been practicing their jumping and running to manoeuvre themselves around the space.



During both inside and outside play the children have been enjoying games of hide and seek and peek a boo. They have also been hiding in cardboard boxes, and hiding objects in a box then delighting in finding them again! The possibilities with the cardboard boxes and hide and seek are endless!!



We have also been creating our valentines display board based



on the book 'Guess how much I love you'. We have been busy with lots of arts and crafts- printing shapes, making heart shapes and crafting the animals from the book.



We have then been learning lots about animals with our animal cards and animal story books. We have also been learning the signs for all the different animals.



Pear Room...



Pear room have been engaging in lots of light play, exploring the sensory lights and disco lights. From this they have been interested in shadows and exploring their own shadow and the different shapes that can be made in shadows.



Pear room children have been making marks in a variety of ways, and the cold and frosty January mornings provided the perfect blank canvas for this. They could feel the cold, crisp, frosty grass and use their finger to make marks in the frost on the garden fences. The children also explored the frozen tuff spot with the leaves frozen under the surface, finding way to try and touch them and get them out!



The mark making experiences have continued inside as the children have enjoyed lots of painting activities, including printing shapes, using cotton buds and paint brushes and drawing with chalk to make marks in a variety of ways.



Oak Room...



Oak room have been investigating lots of different sensory play opportunities this month. They have been able to use all their senses to explore with, participating in specific activities for sound, touch and sight. They have then been able to talk about their findings and how they felt eg, squashy, squidgy, dry, funny, cold etc or how things looked and sounded.



The children have been learning about dangers and risk taking. They have been given the opportunity to use resources that teach them how to safely handle tools and resources that could be dangerous if not used properly. The children thrive with this sense of responsibility and are able to give the activity the high level of concentration it requires.



These activities are things like using scissors or the hammer and nail set. When used safely these activities are excellent for their fine motor skills.





We have also been rearing to go superheroes in the preschool rooms, with lots of dressing up in masks and capes. The children have been perfecting their gross motor skills ready to



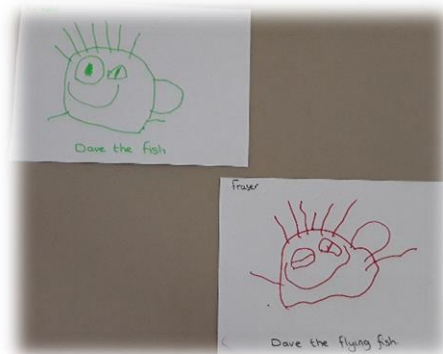
save the day as superheroes!! They have loved rolling, jumping and balancing on the inside physical equipment.



The older children have been letting their imaginative juices flow when writing a story about our pet fish. We talked about the story having a beginning, middle and end. The children were then able to offer suggestions to parts of the story.

This was a wonderful group activity, the children worked together

and shared ideas to produce such an elaborate and imaginative tale!



"Dave's Adventures"

Once upon a time.....

There was a little fish called Dave... And he lived in the fish tank. And one day he was practising his exercises, and he jumped out of the fish tank...

A passing pigeon scooped him up safely in his beak and took him to the train station.... The pigeon dropped Dave and to his surprise Dave could fly... He was a flying fish... Using his new wings Dave flew to the moon...

At the moon Dave met some Aliens... they where "Pink"... Dave and the aliens had a party and danced all night....

The next morning he woke up and he could hear lots of animal noises.. He was at the Zoo... He could see the elephants, lions, and the tall giraffes he decided to fly and say Hello to the giraffes.. The giraffe was very suprised to see a flying fish...

Dave began to cry he was missing his fish friends... so he decided to find his tank... using his fish binocular he spotted his fish tank.... Flapping his wing he flew back to his friends... They had a fish picnic with chocolate buns, cake and ice-cream.. They also had a Ping-Pong disco party... Everyone is very tired... Dave was so happy to be home... He closed his eyes and dreamed of his adventures... The End.





As many of you will be aware I am due to have my 3rd baby at the end of March. My Maternity leave will commence Monday 22nd March with my last working day being Thursday 18th March. This is all providing the little man doesn't decide to make an appearance before this date 😊

Whist I am away Michaela will be stepping into the role of Acting Manager with Charlie at her side as Acting Deputy. I have every confidence that the nursery will be in very capable hands during my leave and plan to return to work in September 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS

With Michaela stepping into the role of Acting Manager we would also like to congratulate Chelsea who has been promoted to Pear Room Supervisor. Chelsea has worked for Ringwood Day Nursery for over 8 years studying her NVQ Level 3 in childcare whilst originally working as part of our supply staff team.

Over the years Chelsea has gained a vast amount of experience working with children of all ages and is a well recognised staff member within the team.

We are really pleased that we have had the opportunity to watch Chelsea grow and progress into the knowledgeable well loved practitioner we see today. I hope you will all join me in wishing her well in her new role that will commence as of Monday 22nd March.



AVAILABILITY

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A NURSERY OR PRE-SCHOOL PLACE?

THEN LOOK NO FURTHER, WE STILL HAVE SOME AVAILABLE SPACES FOR 2021 CONTACT US NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

- Cherry Room (3months to 2 years) – Very limited availability before June 2021
- Pear Room (2 years to 3 years) – Some spaces available NOW
- Pre-School (3years to 5 years) – Some spaces available NOW

3 AND 4 YEAR OLD FUNDING AVAILABLE

(15 and 30 hours available on term time and stretched offers)

DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION WE ARE STILL FINDING WAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES TO VIEW THE NURSERY SAFELY. PLEASE CONTACT US ON 01425 470709 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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.

Dates for the Diary 2021...

We are hopeful to be able to resume our usual calendar of events later this year, although we will be looking at the dates and current guidance for these nearer the time to avoid disappointment. A couple of the things will be able to go ahead with are detailed below.

Event:	Date:
Nursery Photographer	Saturday 9 th October
Pumpkin week and pumpkin carving competition	Week commencing 25 th October
Christmas Fair (TBC)	Saturday in December (TBC)

Some of the occasions we will be celebrating during the year at nursery are:

- Each season- Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn
- Chinese New Year
- Pancake Day/ Shrove Tuesday
- World book day
- Easter
- Olympics/Paralympics
- Pumpkin week
- Diwali
- Bonfire night
- Children in Need
- Christmas

That's All For Now

Katie, Michaela and the Ringwood Day
Nursery Team

