

Ringwood Day Nursery



Newsletter
April and May 2021

Nursery News

As we are starting to see coronavirus restrictions lifted and lockdown eased, we ourselves are making plans as to how we will proceed with transitioning out of our current procedures and return to 'normal' once again.

As we head through each phase of the 'road map' we want to ensure everyone is kept up to date with changes we will be implementing here. Please ensure you are logged in to your Blossom account in order to receive the latest news from us.

We have already sent an email regarding restarting our early starts, covering the time between 7:30am and 7:45am for an additional fee. We hope to start these from 1st July 2021. If you would like to book onto these, please email myself using the following email address - katie@ringwooddaynursery.com . Spaces for this will be limited and offered on a first come first serve basis. For more details, please feel free to call or send an email with your query.

Staff Training...

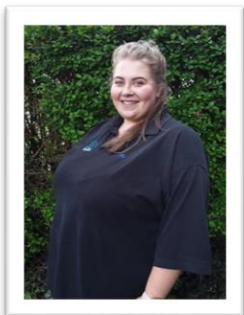
Did you know that since The Day Nursery group started in January 2005, it has been a company policy that ALL STAFF are paediatric first aid trained, hold a food hygiene certificate and safeguarding qualification? All of these require an update or refresher every 3 years.

As well as this, all our full-time staff are qualified to level 3 or above, with the exception of our apprentice.

This is something we are extremely proud of as a nursery and The Day Nursery Group. It means we exceed the legal requirements for these qualifications, providing families with **OUTSTANDING** care, provision and reassurance when choosing our setting.

Welcome To The Team...

I would like to officially welcome both Milly and Lexy to the Ringwood Day Nursery team. Although both have been with us a while, we are delighted to be able to offer them a full-time position.



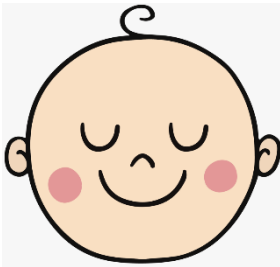
Milly first joined us in 2019 as part of the supply team. She has worked throughout the whole nursery over the last 2 years, gaining experience with children of all ages. During this time Milly decided to pursue a career in childcare and started her level 3 qualification, which she will be completing very soon. Milly will be based in Cherry Room with the youngest children in the nursery.



Lexy joined our supply team in October 2020. Lexy has come to our setting with plenty of previous nursery experience and has soon become another valued member of the team. Lexy has worked throughout the nursery so far and will do so for another couple of months before being based in Pear Room (2-3 year olds). Lexy's experience is heavily toddler based and she will be another asset to the pear room team.

We also welcome Skye to our supply team. Skye is keen to learn more about the role of an adult in a nursery setting and gain experience working with children of all ages throughout the nursery.

Congratulations...



I would like to congratulate Charlie (Cherry room) and her partner Ben on their exciting news, they are expecting their first baby in October. We wish them all the best with the next chapter in their life and journey into parenthood!

School leavers...

If your child is leaving to go to school in September 2021 please could you please email us to confirm their leaving date.

- Currently children on a full-time/all year round contract will be due to leave on their last session closest to, or on 31st August 2021.
- Children on a term time or education grant only contract will be due to leave on their last session closest to, or on 23rd July 2021.

If you would like to add some additional sessions for your child throughout the summer or for the beginning of September before starting school, then please do let us know and we will accommodate this where possible.

We may also be able to offer wrap around care for children who are starting school on half day sessions. Please contact the office with your enquiry regarding this.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A NURSERY OR PRESCHOOL PLACE?

THEN LOOK NO FURTHER. HERE AT OUR OUTSTANDING DAY NURSERY, WE STILL HAVE SOME PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2021

CONTACT US NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT ☺

Cherry Room (3 Months to 2 Years) - Limited availability before September 2021

Pear Room (2-3 Years) – Limited spaces available NOW

Oak Room/Preschool (3-5 years) – Spaces available NOW

3&4 YEAR OLD FUNDING AVAILABLE

(15 and 30 hours including stretched and term time offers)

DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION WE ARE STILL FINDING WAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES TO VIEW OUR NURSERY SAFELY.

PLEASE GO TO www.ringwooddaynursery.com TO REQUEST A VIRTUAL TOUR OR CALL 01425470709 TO BOOK ONTO OUR NEXT OPEN DAY ☺

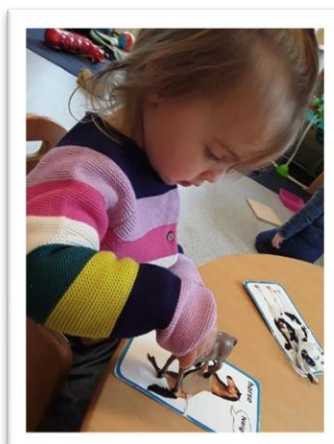
Our spaces are filling up fast for September onwards, please contact us with your enquiry as soon as possible!

Here's what each room have been up to over the last couple of months...

Cherry Room...

This month in Cherry room we have been really interested in animals and animal rhymes. We have really enjoyed using our song spoons and animal puppets to explore different rhymes and animals, and have been encouraging the children to make the different animal noises. We especially enjoy 'incy wincy spider'! We have created a very special display all about this nursery rhyme, we made handprint spiders, rain clouds, rain drops and the shining sun. As staff we have been intrigued in learning the relevant signs and Makaton to help promote the rhyme, we have

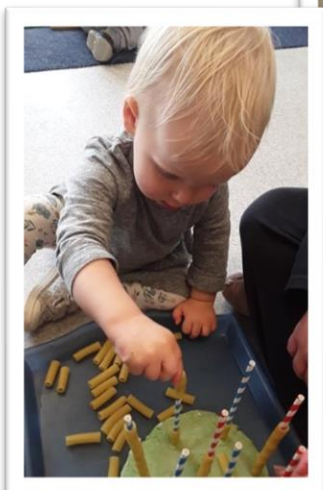
placed visual aids on our display to help us all learn the signs for our favourite rhyme!



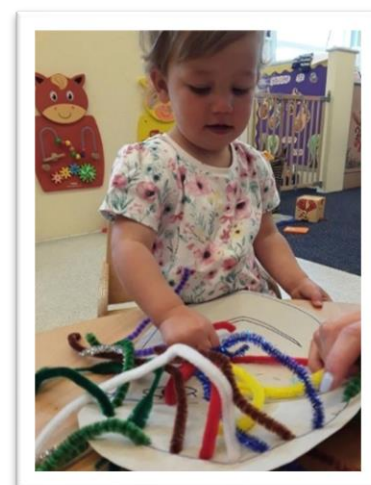
We have been helping the children to recognise different animals and have been using our animal flash cards and small world animals to help the children correctly match and identify the familiar animals. The children have been particularly good with the different animal noises and have been working very hard to match the pictures to the animal figures. We have also enjoyed lots of fun sensory play with our chocolate (for the mud) and Weetabix (for the straw) farm tray.



We have also been working on our fine motor skills. We made a face out of a cardboard box and put holes along the hair line, we then



encouraged the children to thread pipe cleaners through to make lots of beautiful hair! The children were very good at the threading and had to concentrate very hard to push the pipe cleaners through. We have also been threading pasta and cheerios onto pipe cleaners and straws.



Pear Room...

In Pear room we have been interested in mark making, we have explored using a variety of different materials to see the different marks we can create. We have used sticks in wet sand to create lines and circles.



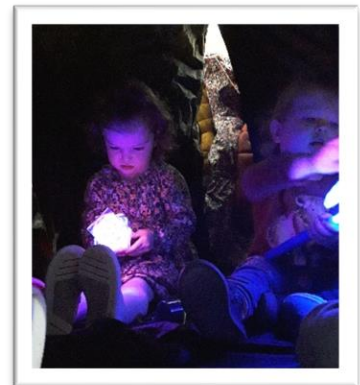
We have wrapped cling film around the table legs and created a transparent canvas for the children to paint on. This enabled the children to see their peers mark making skills and to allow them to mirror what their peer was doing, as well as making their own marks. We wrapped elastic bands covered in paint around a baking tray and encouraged the children to pluck the strings like a guitar, making a wonderful spray pattern on the paper below.



The children have also been practising using a variety of tools in Pear room, as well as mark making, we have been using scissors for cutting and making collages, talking about the safety of using scissors- "because they are sharp", and ways to make different shapes and lines in our paper. We have also been using tweezers for grasping small objects. We set up numbered cupcake cases and encouraged the children to use the tweezers to pick up the correct number of pompoms and place them in the numbered case. This also helped promote the children's counting and problem-solving abilities.



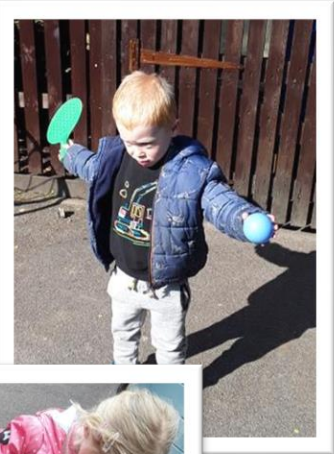
Pear room have also enjoyed lots of great sensory activities. Particularly a musical circle times in the garden, taking it in turns to play our instruments REALLY loud! They also enjoyed our sensory tent inside, using lots of torches, light wands and bouncy balls to explore the lights in the dark tent!



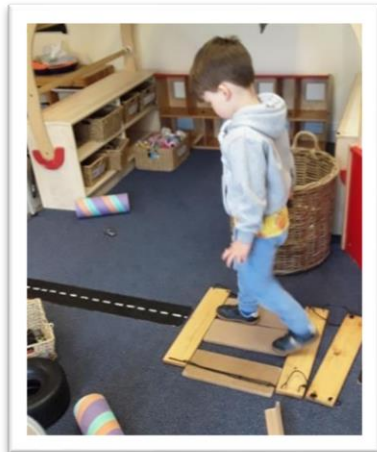
In Oak Room...



This month in Oak room we have been working on our hand-eye co-ordination. We've been practising throwing and catching and using the bats and balls. The children have practised balancing and bouncing the balls, as well as passing the ball between each other. I



In the room the children have been making obstacle courses using loose materials such as wooden planks, cardboard tubes, wheels and reels, this has helped the children practise their manoeuvring between objects, jumping, running and hopping and navigating obstacles.



We have also been threading, threading cheerios and pasta onto spaghetti and straws. A great activity for developing the children's fine motor skills and concentration.



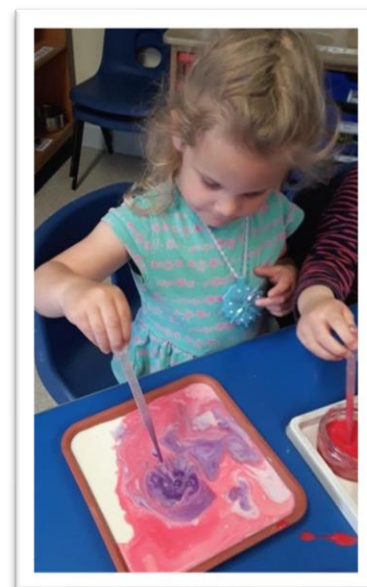
This week Oak room has set up a Café in the role play area, the children have used the till and phones to place their orders. They have been using pretend money to pay for their meals, practising their counting and communication skills

with their peers. The children have all learnt to take it in turns taking on the different roles in the Café, sometimes being the chef, waiter/waitress or a customer. Some of the children have had quite a feast whilst at the Oak room Café!



Pre-school...

This month in Pre-school we have been doing lots of experimenting with colours. Amanda and Tracy set up trays of milk and then separately mixed water and paint, the children then used the pipettes to draw up the painty solution and release it into the milk. As the children did this they watched as the paint and milk moved with each other creating different shapes and patterns, but never quite mixing.



We have had lots of lovely fun with our friends. We have dressed up as superheroes and have been using the role play area for lots of fun activities. We are enjoying lots of lovely picnic teas on the benches and in the garden (when the weather has allowed!!)



The children in Pre-school have had a keen interest in science recently, we have been doing lots of interesting experiments and exploring the world around us.

One very windy day we all made some kites, cutting them out and decorating them. We then took them into the garden and watched as the wind moved them around and took them into the air with each gust that passed through the garden.



We have also been doing some volcano experiments, mixing vinegar, water and soap in a bottle, and then adding baking soda. The children have loved watching the eruption and everyone helped clear up the mess that followed!

**Thank you for reading our latest newsletter, we hope you enjoyed it!
From Michaela, Charlie and the team at Ringwood Day Nursery. 😊**