

# Ringwood Day Nursery



February 2023  
Newsletter

## Nursery News



Congratulations to Michaela and her husband Craig on the birth of a little boy called Toby, he arrived on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. Mum and baby are doing well, we hope you will join us in wishing Michaela well and we hope to see them both soon!



We would also like to welcome Holly, Sarah and Tilly to the team;

Holly has joined our bank staff team and has previously worked in other nurseries and has come here to extend her experience within early years.

Sarah has also joined our bank staff team and has just finished university studying English and is exploring her future career options within early years.

Tilly has been on a work placement with us for the past year gaining her experience within the setting alongside her qualification. Tilly has now decided to join the team during the holidays. Holly, Sarah and Tilly will be part of bank staff team and will move around the nursery supporting all the team. We hope you join us in welcoming them to the team!



Unfortunately, we are having to say goodbye to Lexy, Lexy joined us in 2019 as part of our bank staff, she then joined the team in Pear room on a full time basis. We have loved having Lexy as part of the team but she has chosen to take time away from childcare to look at a different career path. We wish her all the luck and will be sad to see her go!

# Cherry room

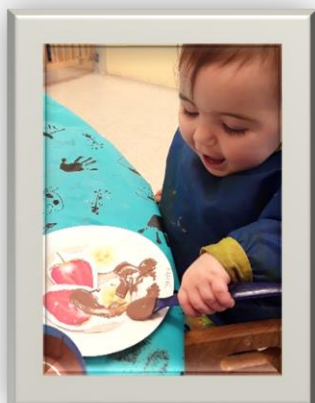
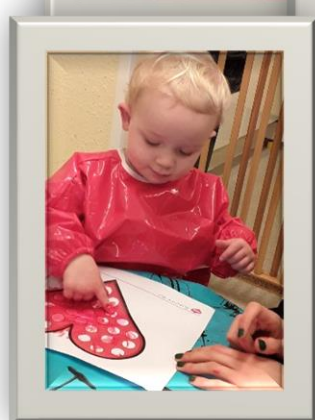
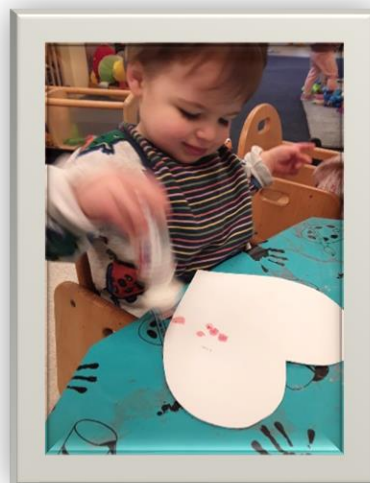
Cherry room have enjoyed celebrating Valentine's this month and have explored some lovely, themed

activities. The

children have done heart finger painting and sticking and have enjoyed exploring some inter sensory

trays and playdough, with coloured rice and scented playdough. The children in

cherry room sent all their wonderful artwork home to share with their loved ones!



Cherry room have celebrated lots of lovely traditions this month and have enjoyed some pancake day craft! The children have decorated paper plates and made a pancake collage of their favourite toppings!



As usual our babies have enjoyed lots of lovely new sensory experiences, recently they

have been exploring soft and hard objects. The staff have offered the children baskets of soft and hard objects to explore, the children were encouraged to explore the objects, to touch and feel them in their hands and against their face. The staff would ask questions and prompt new words to extend their vocabulary; 'is it soft' 'is it bumpy'.



# Pear room

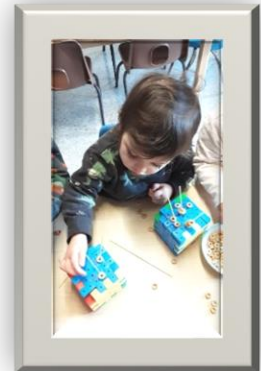


This month in pear room the children have been exploring the hungry caterpillar story, they have read the story during circle time and used the story sacks to explore the puppets and props for the story. Using visual aids during story time really helps bring the story to life and encourages the children to take an active roll at story time. The children have then made their own giant hungry caterpillar for the display board as well as making and decorating the food he ate during the story!

Pear room have also been practising their fine motor skills, the staff have set up cubes with spaghetti in to act as a base and have encouraged the children to thread cheerios onto the spaghetti. This activity is great for practising their pincer grip as well as their hand-eye co-ordination!

As part of celebrating Valentine's day the children in pear room have taken part in some lovely activities, they have explored valentine's playdough, using cutters and utensils to make and mould shapes. They also made valentine's cards for their loved ones at home, using tissue paper and glue to make a heart shaped collage!

Staff also covered the floor in paper and encouraged drawing different shapes, they started with demonstrating heart shapes and encouraged the children to colour them in and copy the marks.



# Oak room

It was Pancake Day and in Oak room the children listened to a pancake story during circle time.



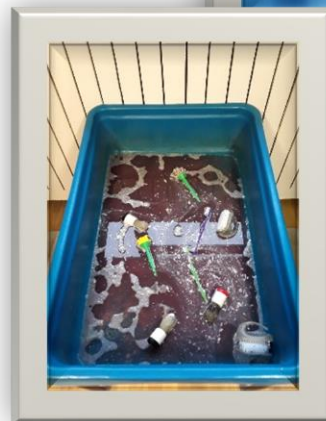
The children then had a chance to make their own playdough 'pancakes' and they then took part in a pancake race. The children had to perfect their balancing skills during the race to keep it in the pan! The children across the whole nursery then had pancakes for their tea! YUM!

Oak room have also been very creative this month,

the have been practising their fine and gross motor skills, using scissors and paintbrushes. As well as using pens and pencils for copying letters and numbers.

Oak room have also been exploring different water trays, Amanda and Skye have set up different water trays with different colours and scents and then encouraging the children to explore their

senses by mixing and pouring the water. Feeling the warm or cold water on their hands and exploring what they can smell.



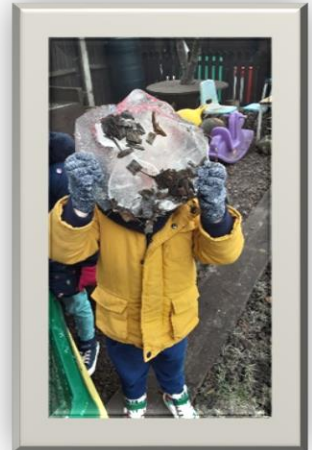
## Pre-school

In January we celebrated Chinese new year, the children in pre-school loved exploring the role play area that was set up as a Chinese restaurant! The children practiced their fine motor skills using their chop sticks to eat their Chinese lunch and they also practised copying Chinese letters and symbols.

It was very cold when we came back in January and the children all loved exploring how the cold weather affected the garden, the children saw

frozen spiders webs and the frozen water in the mud kitchen. Tracy and Amanda brought the ice inside and the children enjoyed looking through the ice and how the ice is distorted when cracked and melting. Tracy discussed with the children how water changes when cold.

Pre-school have also been looking at forming patterns with the natural resources. The children have been using our natural resources area to form different patterns and to make shapes, they have also been using the larger resources to create floor patterns and using them to walk along. Tracy and Amanda have been promoting their physical development and their maths skills using these activities.



# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

Spring coronation party	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023
Easter Bank holiday closures	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May bank holiday closures	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School Leavers Party	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
August bank holiday closure	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
Christmas Fair	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023



### Just a few reminders....

**TOYS FROM HOME** -Please can children not bring in toys from home (excluding comforters) unfortunately we have had a couple of incidents where things have become broken or lost.

**REPORTING ABSENCES**- if your child is going to be absent from their session, please could you let us know via phone or email.

**JEWELLERY** - can children wear minimal jewellery (stud earrings only) due to health and safety reasons as well as items getting lost.

**LOST PROPERTY** - can parents take home clothing items at the end of the day and try and ensure clothes are labelled or initialled where possible.