

Redhill Day Nursery News from Summer 2024

Graduation

On Saturday 27th July, it was time to say goodbye to our Preschoolers who are due to leave us and go to school. The sun shone as Krazy Kev entertained all the children and their parents and everyone had a great time. This was followed by a picnic lunch and then a presentation of graduation packs. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best moving on to school and we know that they will flourish and we are going to miss each and every one of them. Although we will still see some of them we would love to see pictures of their first day in their smart new uniforms.



Welcome Kaitlin

Kaitlin joined us at the end of July and will mainly be working in our toddler room alongside the team. She comes with a wealth of experience working with all ages and is also trained to support children with SEN. Please join us in welcoming Kaitlin to the Redhill family.



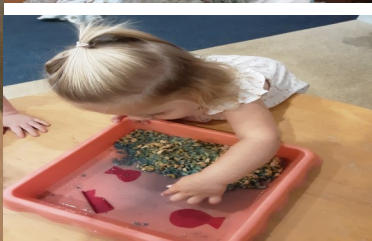
Good bye Lucy

As some of you may be aware Lucy in our baby room is expecting her own bundle of joy in late October. Lucy will be starting her maternity leave mid September and we can't wait to meet her little princess when she arrives.



Baby room

Over the last term in the baby room, we have been super busy exploring outside and enjoying activities such as sand and water play and playing with the ride on and push along toys. We have also continued to explore different messy and sensory play activities and one of our favourites was different fruit in water play where the children all had a go at tasting the different fruits however some of us weren't keen on the lemon and limes. Other messy play activities we have been doing are: making marks using the cars in paint, shaving foam play, coloured rice play, sticking different resources to paper and different sensory bags to name a few. Over the next few weeks we will be focussing on action songs and movement along with settling new friends in and preparing settles for some of our older children that are due to move to the toddler room soon. We are also currently in the process of swapping over key workers so if your child has a new key worker we will let you know shortly.



Toddler room



This term our toddlers have been super busy and have shown an increasing interest of getting messy and exploring the changes in different mediums.

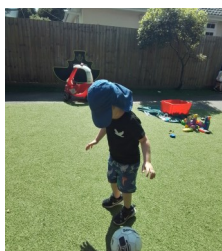
We have explored this interest in a number of ways including bubble wrap painting, marble painting and exploring what happens when we add different objects to ice and watch it melt. We have also continued to enjoy helping make lots of playdough and have been enjoying choosing what colours to use. Whilst exploring these activities, we have found ways of being able to develop our fine motor skills, with the use of pegs, thin paint brushes and our fingers.

We have been loving our story times showing increasing attention to our favourite story 'The smartest giant in town.'

We have linked our love of this story to making a new display board. We have also been making the most of the lovely weather and spending a lot of time outside in the sunshine.

Preschool

In Pre-school room, we have been practicing our fine motor skills through exploring lots of different activities. The children have explored threading with beads and pasta. We have explored painting with different resources, such as paintbrushes, cotton buds and using our fingers to explore the textures and work on building up those muscles in our hands. We have had lots of practice using different tools in a variety of ways, such as using scissors to cut patterns in the paper and using tweezers to pick up smaller objects. Following on from our weeks on learning more on how we use our fine motor skills in different ways, we have moved on to working on our gross motor skills in lots of ways. We have loved using a ball to practice kicking, catching and throwing with our peers and adults. Pre-schoolers have enjoyed our action games, where they have been given an action to do such as run, jump, skip, crawl, to a different place in the garden. One of our activities we have done, which the pre-schoolers have really loved getting involved in has been bean bag bowling. This has been continuously asked for from the children, which is lovely to see! It not only has improved the children's gross motor muscles, but has taught them more about the importance of taking turns and having fun in a game that you don't always win. We have also been very lucky in getting a special visit from the police! Mike the police officer came to see us at Nursery in his police car. He taught us lots about the importance of being a police officer, told us all about what the police do to help people and we even got a chance to have a seat in the police car, some of us even wearing the special police hat and getting to hear the siren, which was very loud! The pre-schoolers absolutely loved the whole experience and were talking about it for days after!



Dates for the diary :

Saturday 7th September	Nursery photographer
28th October- 1st November	Half term
31st October	Pumpkin carving competition— more details to follow
Saturday 7th December	Christmas fayre- more details to follow
Tuesday 24th December	Nursery closes for Christmas break
Thursday 2nd January 25	Nursery reopens

If your personal details have changed recently i.e. new number or new address please let us know ASAP. It is vital we hold up to date information for all contacts involving your child. In the event of an emergency we must ensure we have the relevant numbers we need. We have also noticed that some Blossom 'all about me' are currently out of date please could you use your app to update your child's information so the staff have up to date knowledge about your child.



Additional Information

Medication:

We understand that all children will get ill at some point and this can cause a strain on everyone within the house hold. In order for us to stop the spread of illness we ask that if your child needs Calpol or if they have had any prior to starting their nursery day please keep them at home. If your child is prescribed any eye drops, antibiotics, steroids or any other medicated creams etc they will need to remain off for 24 hours. Once they have passed 24 hours then as long as we have a prescription label then we are able to administer the medication. If you are unsure please speak to the member of the team.

Mobile Phones

The nursery operates a strict NO mobile phone policy to safeguard the children in our care. Please refrain from using your mobile phones whilst on the nursery premises, this includes phone calls, messages, video calls and taking photos when in the setting or looking through the window.



End of the session

As you are all aware as a setting we operate 7:45-6pm. The morning session finishes at 12:45pm and the afternoon session finishes at 6pm. If you would like a detailed handover we ask that you arrive no later than 5:50pm to enable staff to do this for you. Any collections after your child's session ends will occur a fee. If you are running late please give us a call to let us know.

Toys from home

Recently we have had more and more children bringing in toys from home, Whilst we understand that sometimes it is easier to let them bring them in, we would kindly ask that if you can please leave them at home because we don't want toys to get broken or lost whilst in the setting as this would cause upset to the child. If the toy is a comforter and helps them to settle then you are more than welcome to still bring them in.

A little message from a lovely mummy in our setting:

Hi! My name is Claire, and I am a Mummy to two little girls, one of whom has been going to Redhill Day Nursery since she was a baby. After having my second little one, I realised that going to our previous dance class was really difficult for lots of reasons! I needed a dance and sensory play experience that was aimed at Parents and Carers of multiple children...Wiggles and Giggles is my answer to that, and I'd love to invite you to share in it.

You can expect seated sensory play which leads into more active singing and dancing with props, and a mid-session throwback tune for the adults to wiggle to.

We have space for little ones to lay with teething toys, or to have bums changed or tummies fed, and we give time to put babies in a sling if that's preferred. It is a completely non-judgemental environment for you to bond with your little ones through dance and play.

Wiggles and Giggles is on alternate Fridays at 10.30-11.10am in Kinson Community Centre, BH10 7LH.

Car park

We just want to ask that people take a slower approach when entering the car park. Please remember that at any time, parents could be dropping off or collecting their child, meaning there are children around. Could people also remember to park respectfully to allow as many vehicles as possible to park and to ensure children are transported safely in and out of the setting by not blocking the gate and when dropping off and picking up please exit the car park quickly to allow other parents to enter and park safely. Thankyou for all your support!!

From

Becky, Lisa and the Whole Redhill family

