

**Redland Nursery
Redland Nursery and Children
Centre
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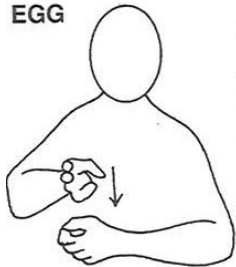
Welcome to April 2009!

Reception

Following the feedback we received from the annual questionnaire, we have made some changes to the way in which reception will be staffed. Starting this month, we have organised for there to be member of staff available at reception from 8am until 6pm every day. Emma will be at the front desk from 8am with Gareth taking over from 10.45am until 6pm. This means there will always be someone to greet you or help with any questions you may have.

Makaton-Sign of the month

EGG



Small quick downward movement of middle + index fingers. Stop movements just above other fist, without touching

We want you to play a part in our equalities and diversities policy here at Redland nursery. If you would like to help, please see Kelly or a senior member of the team.

Junk Modelling collection

We would like to thank parents for their help in collecting junk modelling material and would like to remind collectors that we can only use **clean, safe junk** and we **cannot use empty toilet roll tubes**. At the moment, we have enough junk to last us a few months so we have removed the collection box until the end of April.

Unwanted fabric needed

As part of the Communication, Language and Literacy project we are involved in at nursery we are looking to create some communication friendly spaces. We desperately need clean unwanted cushions, curtains or large pieces of material such as duvet covers to help us on our way. If you can help us in any way, keep a look out for the donation box in reception. Thank you!

If your child goes home in Nursery clothing, please return it as soon as possible to the room staff.

Dates to Remember

- **10th-17th April, Nursery Closed** – for the Easter holiday and Bank holiday. Please note that the Easter Break for children using the NEG is from the 6th-17th April.

Health Advice - Chickenpox

Chickenpox is a mild but highly infectious disease that most children catch at some point. It takes 10-21 days for the symptoms to show after coming into contact with the virus. You are infectious from about 2 days before the rash appears until roughly 5 days after. You should stay at home until all of the blisters have fully crusted over, and this usually happens 5-7 days after the first blister appears. After the last blister has burst and crusted over, you are no longer infectious. Information taken from www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox

Would any parents/carers etc, like to become volunteers ???

NEG Changes

If you are currently receiving the NEG it will be changing from September. Please come and see Kelly the Nursery Manager at reception to discuss how the changes will affect your sessions.

Gareth Roberts - Administrator

I'm Gareth Roberts, administrator for the nursery. I have been at Redland for a few months already so you may recognise me, and I'm sure those that don't will recognise me soon. I have recently made the switch from a temporary contract to become a permanent member of the Redland team. You will still be able to find me at the reception desk to greet you everyday and I will still be able to help answer any questions you may have regarding the nursery. As part of the changes to reception, I will no longer be there when the nursery opens and will instead be at the front desk from 10.45am until 6.00pm everyday.



Reminder

Parents/Carers are asked to give 2 weeks notice to reception or room staff when requesting holiday for their children.

Parent Comments

Please fill in below with any comments you have.

What makes 5-a-day?

Here is a rough guide to portions to work towards 5 servings of fruit and veg a day. Adults and over 10's:

- 1 Apple, medium banana, pear, orange
- 2 plums, fresh apricots or medium fruits
- ½ grapefruit, avocado, mango
- 1 average slice of Melon
- 80g grapes or berries
- 1 heaped tablespoon dried fruit
- 150ml fruit juice or smoothie
- 3 tablespoons small chunks of cooked veg
- 3 tablespoons green leafy veg

- 1 large dessert bowl salad
- For children aged 1 to 3, portions should be a quarter to a third of an adult's.
- For children aged 3 to 6, portions should be half that of an adult's.
- If you would like to know more, this information and more is available from www.netmums.co.uk

Menu Feedback

As we come to the end of the first month with the new menu, we would love to hear your thoughts on the new setup. Is there anything your children have said they liked or didn't like? Is there anything else you would like to see on the menu or do you think things are fine as they are? We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Missing

Tesco carrier bag containing: Grey Jogging Bottoms, Light-blue short-sleeved top with a dragon on, 2 x socks and 1 x long sleeved-top.
If found, please return to reception.



Sunflowers

Thanks to the nice weather we have been able to get outside, so the children have had lots of fun exploring their environment. In the month ahead we are all going to be learning about springtime and Easter. As you may know, Viki is leaving us to have her baby and whilst she is off, Amy is stepping in to cover the senior role. We wish them both the best of luck.



Ladybirds

Over the past month Ladybirds have been doing activities related to spring, learning about the garden and planting their own seeds. They very much enjoyed their picnic in the garden last week and spending more time outside as the weather begins to improve. Ladybirds have also had fun doing lots of messy play and creating lots of art work to share with you at home



Rainbows

This month in Rainbows, the children have enjoyed making mother's day cards and talking about what their mums do for them. We have been taking advantage of the brightening weather now leaving the door to the garden open for free flow play. Rainbows are also excited about their new den in the garden to use for quiet time, sitting and chatting with their friends. We have been watching our seeds grow that we planted ready for spring. You may notice that both Rainbows and Ladybirds walls will look a little bare as we are preparing for redecoration during the Easter week.

We would like to thank every one for their continued support!

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If you would like the Newsletter by e-mail, please complete and return this form.

Name: _____ **Child's Name:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____