



**Redland Nursery  
Redland Nursery and Children  
Centre  
Brook Street  
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## Welcome to May 2009!

### Special Moments

As an ongoing record of your child's development, the Learning Journey provides an opportunity to share key moments and observations between parents and nursery. In order to make the most of this, we need to be able to celebrate achievements not just at nursery, but at home too. If your child achieves something which we can also celebrate at nursery, please complete a 'Special Moments' sheet that we can include in the learning journey and help us support your child's further development.

### Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Lynzi Mepham to the team and to say good luck to Sarah Warren as she moves into Sunflowers for a 6 month period whilst Viki is on maternity leave.

### Dates to Remember

- Bank holidays 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, Nursery closed.
- Parents Evening 19<sup>th</sup> May  
6pm-8pm Rainbows  
6pm-7pm Sunflowers and Ladybirds

### Voucher Collections

We are still collecting the vouchers from Tesco and Sainsbury for equipment for schools and nurseries. We are hoping to collect enough vouchers to be able to claim some new saucepans for cooking in the nursery from Tesco and to be able to claim a gardening kit from Sainsbury with lots of tools and useful bits to help us and the children to grow plants and learn about the way plants grow. So if you have any vouchers gathering at home, please bring them in to us to help reach our totals.

### NEG Changes

If your child is currently in receipt of the NEG, there are some important changes coming from September. The main change to note is that the allowance will be changing to 15hours a week. This will mean that you can claim for a combination of three morning or afternoon sessions which works out at approximately £52 pounds per month at 15 hours a week. Please come and see Kelly the Nursery Manager at reception to discuss your new booking pattern for September.

### Makaton-Sign of the month

HOT (1)  
(Feeling Hot)



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

### Name Tags

Could parents/carers please label any items brought to nursery that may be lost or dropped, or sun cream and lotions so that we can ensure that things can be matched to the right child.

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

### 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.

### Lynzi Mepham - Nursery Officer

I'm Lynzi Mepham, I'll be a keyworker to some of the children in Ladybirds. Many of you may recognise me as I already have a child attending the nursery. I have a level 3 NVQ in Childcare, Learning & Development and have been working in childcare for 4 years. I will look forward to meeting you all.



### Quality Assurance

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, the nursery will be visited by an inspector to assess the nursery for the second stage of the Preschool Learning Alliance Quality Assurance Program.

### Reminder

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



### Sunflowers

This month in Sunflowers the children have been doing lots of messy play. They have been exploring different textures such as sand, water, foam and gloop.

The children have also helped us to plant some sunflower seeds which they have been helping to water and are watching them grow.

In the month ahead we are going to be learning about different animals. We will be singing lots of songs about animals and dressing as a variety of different farm and zoo animals.

We would like to welcome Sarah Warren into Sunflowers. She will be joining us from ladybirds for six months whilst Viki is on maternity leave.



### Ladybirds

I would like to say a warm welcome to Lynzi who has joined Ladybirds and will be a member of staff with us for six months and a big thank you to Sarah Warren, who has moved to Sunflowers, for all her hard work in Ladybirds.

This month we have seen some new children and some who have moved up from sunflowers start in ladybirds. Welcome to them and their parents.

This month we have been watching our seeds grow and are now planting them outside. The children have been interested in finding some animals like ants, spiders and worms and using magnifying glasses to make them bigger. The children have been making art backing paper using their own marks and symbols.

We have created new story bags where the children can join in with props.

As it has been getting hot, we have been out on the school field where the children have used the available space to run, jump, kick and make lots of noise!!!!

Please can you ensure that you bring a sun hat with your child's name on it as it is getting hot.

If your child has gone home in Nursery clothes, please ensure you bring them back. Please remember your child's bag with spare clothes when toilet training.

Thank you.



### Rainbows

Here in Rainbows we have been planting. We have recently moved our Sunflowers and Sweet peas out to the garden, and they are growing nicely. Today, we planted some runner beans. The children will have the opportunity to care for the plants themselves, supported by the staff, watering them and watching them grow on our 'Knowledge and Understanding of the World' table.

You may have noticed that the room is looking fresher. The staff painted it over the Easter holiday in a calm neutral colour as a local government research programme has said that too much colour distracts children's learning. We have noticed already that the children are much calmer.

We have also been studying Communication Friendly Spaces (CFS); these are places where children can go for quiet time, privacy or somewhere to talk. Children enjoy spending time in cosy corners, under tables, blankets, behind screens etc and in Rainbows we are providing these opportunities by having resources available to the children at all times. We have converted the shed outside into 'the den' which the children all seem to like. We have noticed good communication skills amongst our children when these spaces are being used.

At home, a large box or a clothes drier covered in an old sheet makes a great communication friendly space for your child. Ask a member of staff in Rainbows to show you our selection of photographs of children using communication friendly spaces naturally.

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

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### Parent Comments

Please fill in below with any comments you have.

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_