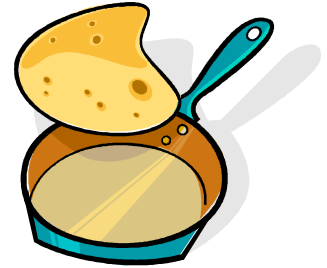




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Welcome to February 2009!

<p><u>Junk modelling box</u> Please place clean safe junk in the box on the nursery corridor for the children to use at Nursery.</p>	<p><u>Safety within Nursery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that if you are unable to collect your child that the person collecting them is given the password. If they do not know the password, your child will not be able to leave and we will call you. When picking up and dropping off your child, if you do not recognise a parent waiting to come into the nursery, please do not let them through and inform a member of staff who will be able to investigate. <p>Parents are invited to read and review any changes made to the Nursery's Policies and Procedures including the current safety procedures.</p>	<p><u>Dates to Remember</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent's evening May 19th 6-7 pm Ladybirds and Sunflowers. 6-8 pm Rainbows. Nursery closed for staff training 13th-17th April.
<p><u>Parents</u> If you have any ideas or views regarding activities we could do with the children, please share them with us at reception. Parents are also invited to read and review any changes made to the Nursery's Policies and Procedures, found at reception.</p>	<p><u>Going Green</u> If you wish to have our monthly newsletter emailed to you, please return the form overleaf.</p> 	<p><u>Parents as partners</u> The next meeting of the Parents as Partners group will take place at The Audley Arms on the 25th February from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.</p>
<p><u>TALK! Techniques</u> The TALK techniques were developed by I Can to help develop all children's communication skills. Here are a few tips from TALK. For more information, ask at reception.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking together. Adults and children should be equal partners in communication. Attention and listening. Support your child's understanding of language and activities by focussing attention on talking. Level of language. Adapt adult language to fit the child's level of understanding. Keep on commenting. Reinforcing and extending a child's language development. Comment on things said or done during activities and encourage correct use of language. 	<p><u>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.</u></p> <p>Would any parents/carers etc, like to become a volunteer?</p>	<p><u>Makaton-Sign of the month</u></p> <p>JUICE</p> 
<p><u>Parent Comments</u> Please fill in below with any comments you have.</p>	<p><u>Jo Grostate - Advisory Teacher</u> I'm Jo Grostate, the Early Years Advisory teacher, employed by Wiltshire County Council Early Years team. My role is to support the children, staff and parents at Redland in enhancing children's learning and development through good practice. You'll see me working in all the rooms, but look out for my information sessions, drop-ins and items in the newsletter too.</p>  <p>Thank you for the returned questionnaires. We have already begun looking at the comments you have made and started to implement changes.</p>	

A Reminder to Parents

Our Healthy Eating policy here at Redland Nursery is that we do not have sweets, chocolates, biscuits, cakes or fizzy-drinks. This is due to previous issues with lunch boxes containing only these items.

Any other items, excluding nuts, can be brought to the nursery. As part of our commitment to healthy eating, we have given some recommendations, but it should be remembered that if you have any nutritional/health concerns for your child we can refer you and your child to the children's centre or your health visitor.

Nursery Menu

We are in the process of refreshing the nursery menu and would appreciate any suggestions from parents and carers about the sorts of things we serve. If you have any ideas, please let us know so that we can consider them when constructing the menu. Please bear in mind that meals are a snack meal and so should be quick and easy to prepare.

Working towards

Achievements

We are currently taking part in and completing

- Healthy Settings Award
- Communication Language & Literacy Award
- Continuing with the QA scheme

• Self-evaluation Framework
If you would be interested in supporting with any of these, please see Kelly or Jo.



Sunflowers

We have had lots of fun this month playing with lots of messy seasonal activities. We have been exploring the winter season through playing with ice, going for walks and art activities such as printing snowflakes and cold colours collage.

This month we are going to help the children discover all about themselves, their family and pets. It would be appreciated if you could bring in any photos which might help with this. This could include pictures of your house, any pets you have and photos of siblings and grandparents.



Ladybirds

Thank you to all children/parents who gave us cards and presents for Christmas. I hope you had a lovely Christmas. The start of the year has been very busy as we have seen lots of new children start in ladybirds so we welcome them.

The children have been very interested in having a picnic, so we had a teddy bears' picnic with lots of food. The children have enjoyed pretending to be mummies and daddies; pouring drinks and cooking lots of different foods. We also made dragon masks, played with noodles with chopsticks and painted using red, black and gold to celebrate Chinese New Year.

I would like to say a big thank you to Sarah Hitchens who will be moving to Rainbows in the week beginning the 29th January.



Rainbows

A belated Happy New Year to all as this is the first newsletter of 2009!!

January in Rainbows has been a really busy month. We have been focussing a lot on rhyming words such as dog, log and fog, and the children have even 'invented' some great rhyming words of their own. We have also been doing a lot of work with numbers and counting 'up to' and 'beyond' five. Parents can continue with this at home by encouraging their child to recognise numbers in the environment, i.e. the supermarket, which is also a great place to encourage your child to 'find 5 apples', for example.

Our role play area has been transformed into a doctor's surgery which the children are really enjoying!! Role play is a very important part of your child's development so it is always a good idea to save any large boxed at home as they provide many opportunities for role play – we had a 'Rocket' this week, which kept the children entertained for hours. We have also been celebrating Chinese New Year through a range of different activities. Take the time to have a look at the 'Dragon' we have made – it's displayed in our room!! We offer a very warm welcome Sarah Hitchens who will be joining us in Rainbows in February. Finally, many of you will have noticed that Alison is back, it's lovely to have her with us again!!

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

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

E-mail Address: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____