

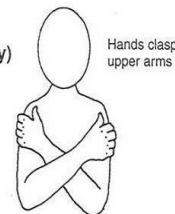
Welcome to June 2009!

Makaton-Sign of the month



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(Or any
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Behaviour Management - Conflict Resolution

During the week the nursery was closed the staff met to further develop their skills in managing behaviour. The training specifically focussed upon using a conflict resolution technique which encourages children to be in greater control of problem solving processes and therefore develop important life skills. The technique was developed by 'Highscope' with which Barnardo's has strong links. It involves the adult supporting the children through six stages or steps when a conflict, dispute or disagreement arises. Below is a simplified version of the 6 steps:

1. Approach calmly (thus creating a positive and neutral attitude) stopping any hurtful actions or language.
2. Acknowledge feelings to help children let go of feelings and think clearly.
3. Gather the information avoiding *how* or *why*.
4. Restate the problem clarifying the issue.
5. Ask for ideas for solutions and choose one together.
6. Give follow-up support as needed.

Whilst tailored more towards pre-school age children, it can be used with older children or simplified for toddlers.

Staff have already experienced success with this technique and it now forms part of our Behaviour Management Policy.

Dates to Remember

- The Big Toddle – 23rd June at Redland Nursery
- Father's Day – 21st June
- Child Safety Week – 22nd – 28th June

Voucher Collections - The end approaches...

Sainsbury will be issuing vouchers for schools until 3rd June so any vouchers you have been saving up would be greatly appreciated as we near the end of the collection period. Vouchers need to be handed in at the nursery before 17th June so that we can process them in time and make sure we can get as much new equipment for the nursery as possible. Tesco will stop issuing vouchers on 7th June so these are also nearing the end of the collection period. If you have any Tesco vouchers waiting to be donated, please bring them in before 22nd June to allow us time to process these. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped us this year in collecting these vouchers and once we have processed our orders there will be an update in the newsletter so you can see what your collecting has helped us order.

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

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

Junk Modelling

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our junk modelling collection. We have been making lots of models from the materials you donated and are starting to run low so we are once again looking for donations of safe, clean junk to be turned into models. We are not able to use empty toilet rolls so please do not bring these in, and please could any containers which may still have a bit left in be washed before being brought to nursery. Please ask a member of staff for more information about what junk we can use and where the junk collection box is located if you do wish to bring in any junk for us to build with.

The Big Toddle

As part of Barnardo's, we are once again joining in with the Big Toddle. The event will be held on the morning of 23rd June at Redland Nursery. Children are all welcome to join in, regardless of ability to help have fun and raise some money. If you would like any information on the Big Toddle or some ideas for gaining sponsorship for your child, just ask at reception.

Staff Spotlight - Vicky Van Lill

My name is Vicky Van Lill; I work in Rainbows and have been at Redland Nursery for nearly 2 years. I have recently been appointed head of transitions and this means I will be helping the children when they move from room to room and ultimately when they go up to school. We know that moving rooms and having big changes can be a huge step and we are hoping that if we can make it as easy and stress free as possible, children will become more open to change, not only now but throughout their lives. We will be doing transfer records and settling in visits from room to room. If there is anything you can think of to help make your child's transition easier, please speak to myself or any of the staff. Thank you.





Sunflowers

The children in Sunflowers have enjoyed looking at a variety of different animals. They have been doing lots of sticking and painting to create pictures of their favourite animals. We have also enjoyed doing lots of singing and dancing to our favourite songs.

Hopefully the weather will start to improve soon so we would like to remind all parents/carers to bring in some sun cream and a hat for their child. We would also like to thank all the parents who attended the parent's evening. We are wondering if any parents/carers might have any unwanted saucepans that they would like to donate so that we can liven up the garden with saucepan drums for the children to play with outside.



Ladybirds

We have been seeing how many adventures we can have at nursery from walking in the rain, building a den, visiting the Post Office and making and flying kites. Please see our display of photographs in Ladybirds.

The children have been really interested in re-enacting some of their favourite stories including the Three Little Pigs, Bear Hunt and Ginger Bread Man.

We have been watching the sunflowers grow in our garden and looking for lots of mini beasts too.

We have been outside a lot as the weather is getting better; please can you bring in sunhats and sun cream for your child.

Thank you to the parents who attended parent's evening, if you were unable to, and would like to make another appointment for another time, please speak to a member of Ladybirds staff and we can arrange a meeting.



Rainbows

Recently in Rainbows, we have focussed a lot on 'growing'. We have watched our seeds grow into plants and the children have enjoyed looking after them. We plan to continue this into our next focus, where we will use the plants to monitor growth, measuring them, comparing them and introduce mathematical language into our investigations, extending the children's vocabulary, i.e. long, short, big, small, heavy and light.

We have addressed the need for more numeracy related activities and resources and to support us in this we will be creating a PSRN area in the room (Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy).

Children will have access to numeracy resources in this area which will make their exploration of numeracy a fun and exciting experience.

Thank you to all of you who came to our parent's evening on Tuesday 19th May, it was so nice to see so many of you. Those of you who could not attend will receive your child's progress report shortly which will highlight your child's progress within the 6 areas of learning. As always, we are available to discuss these reports with you should you wish to comment on them.

Finally, we in rainbows would like to thank those of you who have provided sun cream and hats for your child.

However there are still many who have not. Sun rays are very damaging to your child's delicate skin and it is important that together, we do all we can to protect them. Please ensure that your child has a named hat and bottle of sun cream at nursery every time they attend. We have erected a canopy outside that covers a large amount of the garden, providing shade from the sun. The children now have access to the garden ALL DAY and this is an Ofsted requirement so they are exposed to the sun a lot. Let's keep them safe.

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:** _____