Stafford Newsletter

March 2022

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

So, what have we been up to in March?

March has sure been a busy month for the Monkey Puzzle Family…with several events being celebrated throughout nursery! Our celebrations included Pancake Day, St David's Day, World Book Day, International Women's Day, St Patrick's Day, Holi Festival and Mother's Day.

Cheeky Chimps

This month in the baby room we have focused on two topics. For the first two weeks our topic was weather! We looked at all the different types of weather from rain to sunshine. We painted suns, participated in wellie boot printing, explored our sensory bags for sunshine, rain and cloud and played in a rainbow spaghetti sensory tray!

We then moved onto our topic looking at spring! The babies enjoyed playing with baby chicks in flour with cotton wool eggs and cleaning dirty sheep in the tuff tray.

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During the month we have also celebrated St Patrick's day with a green sensory tray with all things green that we could find around the room. We also explored Holi festival of colour with some colourful moon sand. There was of course Red Nose Day too where babies loved colouring in red noses!

Mischievous Monkeys

Our Toddlers spent the first half of March further exploring their 'hungry caterpillar' topic. They have been able to take part in more outdoor play with the weather getting milder! They have even looked to see if they can find any real caterpillars!

We have now moved onto our new theme 'Spring animals and flowers'! The children have been helping us to do some lovely pictures for our display. We have been looking at different types of animals and reading stories about these animals.

For the festival of Holi, the children enjoyed participating in different activities with bright colours such as play dough and messy paint!

Groovy Gorillas

This month we have been focusing and exploring our new theme of weather. The children have enjoyed talking about the weather outside and noticing the change in weather as we move into spring. They have enjoyed counting pompoms out, making raindrops to match the number of umbrellas, which focused on them developing their number recognition. The Groovy Gorillas have enjoyed painting and drawing their favourite weathers, which focused on developing their pencil control. We have also celebrated a variety of celebrations and festivals.

We have celebrated pancake day by using playdough to slip pancakes! For St Patrick's day they cut and stuck paper to make shamrocks! Whilst for Holi we explored colourful messy play.

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Next month we are excited about exploring farm animals!

Our Mother's Afternoon Tea Event!

A big thank you to our lovely mums that were able to join us and their children for the Mother's Afternoon Tea! It was great to see parents chatting, eating and looking relaxed with their children. I know the children loved having a couple of hours with their mum in nursery!

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Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in March across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Conor, Evan, Harry W, Henry, Hunter, Jove, Nyla, Robert and Xanthe!

Employee of the month!

The Management team are always thankful to all the staff that work so hard to care for our Monkey Puzzle children and develop their learning. Our staff have voted Shannon as this month Employee of the month!

Well done Shannon!

Upcoming Nursery Events!

Monkey Puzzle Stafford 3rd Anniversary Party- 1st April 2022!

Dates for you Diary!

2nd April – **World Autism Day**

2nd April to 1st May – **Ramadan**

7th April – **World Health Day**

11th April – **National Pet Day**

12th April – **National Space Day**

17th April – **Easter Sunday**

22nd April – **Earth Day**

23rd April – **St George's Day**

29th April – **International Dance Day**

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Important notes for Parents:

Please ensure that you keep an eye on our Famly App for announcements and messages!

If there are any changes to your child's contact details or emergency contact details then please can you advise management of this.

Our new policies are now available online on our website under Parents Page. The policies are password protected but will be shared with parents via Famly! There will be more new policies being added in the coming months.

We are proud to be rated **9.9/10** on daynurseries.co.uk. Thank you to all our parents/carers who have reviewed our nursery!

Don't forget to add your pictures onto our Famly app, so that practitioners can share your child's experiences and achievements with their friends and on their journal.

If you have any questions then please message us on Famly or call us during opening times on 01785 250188. We are always here to help.

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