Stafford Newsletter

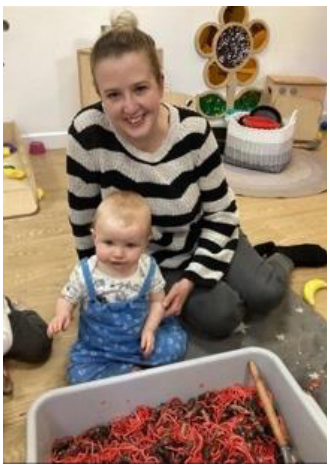
October 2022

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

So, what have we been up to in October?

October has sure been a busy month for the Monkey Puzzle Family!

We held our Spooky Spectacular Halloween Stay and Play event for families of our Monkey Puzzle children! It was great to see parents, grandparents and siblings interact with the children and participate in various activities. A big thank you to all those that came to make the event memorable for the children.



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Cheeky Chimps

This month we have been busy getting creative and messy. The children have been exploring different textures such as coloured foam painting. We used shaving foam and colouring to create a cloud like texture which left behind marks on the easel. To further our investigative skills we did some pinecone painting to see what marks they would make. We thought this would look very autumnal as we also used the sticks to make marks too.

In our fine motor area we made a display of puppets and used them alongside reading stories. We have also taken an interest in our story spoon which display books such as Elmer, the Gruffalo and We're going on a bear hunt.

To improve our fine motor skills within physical development the babies had the task of setting the bugs free. They wrote messages to the babies saying help! The babies loved tearing up the tape and setting them free!

We have also continued an interest in stacking toys, the babies have fun figuring out how to place the shape or the cup on top of each other. We added some pasta shapes and spaghetti and encouraged the little ones to fill and empty the stacking cups!

Mischievous Monkeys

The Toddler room have been brushing up their vocal cords this month and have enjoyed learning new nursery rhymes such as "Miss Molly" and "Peter Rabbit".

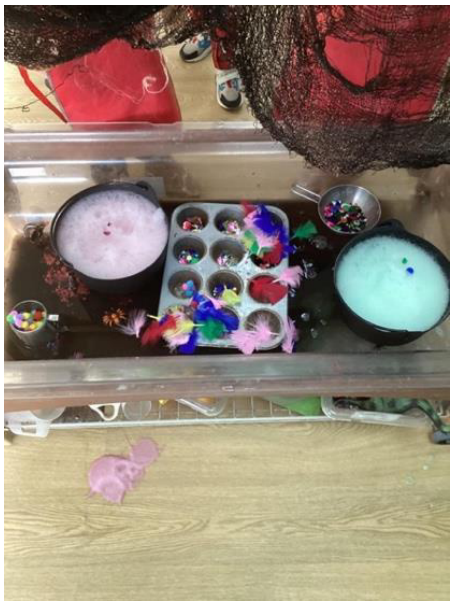
They have loved the new nursery spoons that we have created which allows them to choose the song that they want.

We have also been celebrating Diwali this month where the children learnt about the festival of light. They painted their cut-out hands to create various henna tattoo designs. They also enjoyed creating different patterns in the colourful rice.

Groovy Gorillas

This month in Pre-School we have had lots of fun doing Halloween activities, including a pumpkin patch, Halloween counting, spider webs and much more.

The children have been further developing their listening and communication skills and absolutely love story time!



Some of the pre-schoolers are loving activities directly linked to their interest of construction and continue with this theme both inside and outdoors!

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We have been very lucky with the weather in October so continued to play outdoors.

We have also celebrated Diwali this month and made lots of glitter pictures. We've also had lots of fun playing in the garden and planting some bulbs that will grow in the spring.

Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in October across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Ethan, Jack B, Jaxon, Maya and Latrelle!

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 Lauren as this month's Employee of the month!

Well done Lauren and we hope you enjoy your giant Millie's Cookie!

Dates for you diary!

Parents Meeting with Key Workers

Parents were invited for a face-to-face meeting with their child's key worker last month, following receipt of children's summative assessment. If you did not book a meeting or were unable to attend then please contact your child's key worker to re-arrange a new slot.

Dates for your diary!

5th November
Bonfire Night

10th November
World Science Day

11th November
Remembrance Day

13th November
World Kindness Day

15-19 November
Anti-bullying Week

20th November
Universal Children's Day

24th November
Thanksgiving

30th November
St Andrew's Day

Important notes for parents:

Please ensure 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.

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