Stafford Newsletter

August 2022

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

So, what have we been up to in August?

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

We have started refurbishment of the nursery, with the re-decoration of nursery rooms being phase 1! The painting will continue through September with our new feature walls in each room, which consist of the new branded Monkey Puzzle colours. We look forward to sharing pictures of the re-branding in next month's newsletter.

Cheeky Chimps

This month the baby room have taken a big interest in messy play! We've had all the messy activities out from baked beans to coco powder. The babies have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

we have also celebrated national friendship day where we described all the qualities of a good friend. We also made personal friendship bubbles and added pegs to say why we were friends with someone.

As well as this a lot of our children have liked playing with animals and dinosaurs. Together we have created dinosaur swamps with leaves, plant pots and edible mud.

We have even created a monkey sensory bin which included pictures of real life monkeys and cartoon monkeys. There were also lots of soft toy monkeys to sit and cuddle and of course we had to include a monkeys favourite food BANANA! In a bottle there was some fried banana so the children were able to smell what bananas smelt of.

Some of our children have also noticed our bug house has been put outside which they like to check whenever they go out. This has also sparked their interest in insects. To further their interest we created activities which would improve the children's fine motor skills. We placed children tweezers in a tray and made a spider web out of tape to trap the insects in. The children then had to use the tweezers or hands to free the insects. They had so much fun.

Mischievous Monkeys

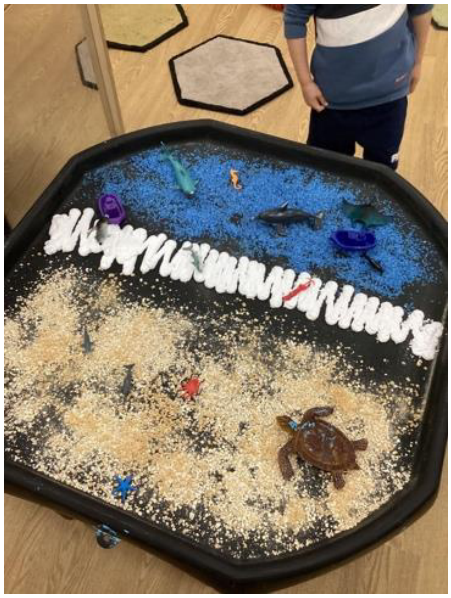
The Toddler room this month has been interested in gardening and the children have planted some different herbs and flowers. The children have enjoyed checking on the herbs and flowers each time we go into the garden and have helped the practitioners water them when they need it!

The children have been encouraged to use all their senses when looking after the flowers. They have really enjoyed smelling what they have planted! We can't wait to see what the herbs and flowers look like next month!

Also this month the toddlers have been exploring our new emotions board. The children can express happy and sad emotions and are encouraged to use words to communicate their feelings. They have done such a fantastic job with this and have even started exploring different emotions in their French lessons.

Groovy Gorillas

The last few weeks we have been doing an under the sea topic. The children have been exploring different sea creatures and have had lots of fun making colourful rainbow fish for our display.



We have enjoyed talking about the sea creatures…what they look like, where they live and what noises they make! The children have some amazing imaginations.

We will be moving onto our new topic…Space next month which is of interest to many of the children. We look forward to sharing our adventures with you!

The children also had fun further exploring dens in the garden after spending the day learning all about beavers after a child showed interest in them in the previous month. It's been great to see the children so interested in this topic and wanting to find out more and more about it!

Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in August across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Albie D, Alex, Dougie, Eleanor, Elijah, Giselle, Jack, Logan & Sofia.

Happy birthday also to our lovely and smiley staff member in baby room…Amy Finney!

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 Jennifer as this month's Employee of the month!

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

New Staff!

We welcome Siobhan to Monkey Puzzle Stafford! Siobhan joined us a few weeks ago as Room Leader for Mischievous Monkeys. The children absolutely love her, and she has settled right in!

Dates for your diary!

5th September – International Day of Charity

6th September – Read a Book Day

8th September – International Literacy Day

13th September – Roald Dahl Day

21st September – International Day of Peace

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.

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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