Stafford Newsletter

July 2022

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

So, what have we been up to in July?

July has sure been a busy month for the Monkey Puzzle Family... with several events being celebrated throughout nursery!

Cheeky Chimps

We have been busy in the baby room over the last month! The children have explored their favourite activities and more as part of our new approach! We started off the month looking at families and what it is to be a family. We also looked at different types of vehicles.

For the Reggio Emilia approach as staff members, we sat back and observed our key children and discovered what they liked to play with. From this we began to plan activities around each child's interest. Together as a team we have brought in natural materials for children to explore and investigate.

The babies especially enjoyed discovering rocks, shells and driftwood collected from the beach. As well as this the children took part in circle time looking at different vegetables and carrying them into free flow play.

Some of the babies also had a chance to discover the greenhouse and look at all the things that are growing in there. They helped put the scarecrow in the pots and helped to water the plants with the watering can!

Amy has also done an amazing job in the baby room garden by redecorating it. The babies love the garden wall feature and the new dangling CDs!

The babies enjoy playing with all sorts of vehicles and liked playing with the activities that consisted of paper planes in foam, train track and train sensory bin and a foam car. They also played on the cars in the garden making loud car noises!

As the weather began to get warmer, we increased the amount of water play we had out! The children enjoyed playing with balloons filled with water and splashing about in the tough tray! What a way to cool down!

We have also recently introduced our Marvin the monkey suitcase which has been going home on the weekend for some fun activities with the children. So keep your eyes peeled it might be your turn next!

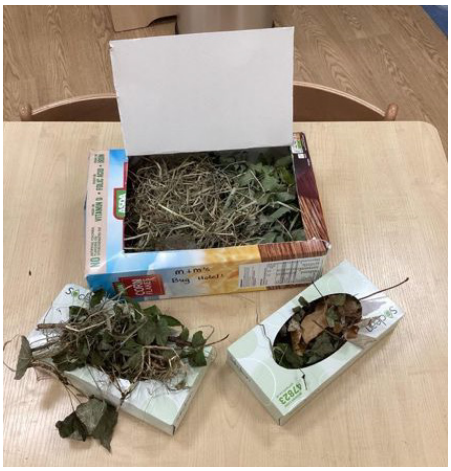
Mischievous Monkeys

The Toddlers have been busy this month! We have been busy exploring pirates. The children have enjoyed having the inflatable pirate ship in our room. We have been busy wearing our eye patches and finding our buried treasure. We have started to make salt dough pirate coins. We will enjoy painting these when they are dry.

We have made some bug hotels for the bugs outside out of recycled materials and things we found on a hunt in the garden. We have explored different natural items such as leaves, branches and twigs.

The children have been enjoying paddling in the room when we had the heatwave, they kept nice and cool with all the water play.

We look forward to catching on our projects that the children have enjoyed next month and expanding them in order for them to achieve the most out of their favourite activities.



Groovy Gorillas

This month we have been following children's interests and creating projects based on these. The first project we did was about beavers. During breakfast a boy came in talking about beavers, so we watched some videos all about beavers. Afterwards we went outside to create some beaver dens using sticks and leaves. The children went home excited to show their parents the beaver den.

Another project we have looked into is allotments. A few children came in talking about what they have grown in their allotments. We decided to bring some soil inside so that the children could grow their own vegetables. After we went into the greenhouse to see our vegetables. All the children were excited to find some peas, carrots and potatoes.

We have also been enjoying the hot weather by playing in the garden more often and for longer! Even on the hottest days we enjoyed cooling ourselves down by dipping our feet in the water and having a story.

Over the next month we will be saying goodbye and good luck to the children leaving nursery from the Pre-School room. To celebrate their time at Monkey Puzzle Stafford, we held a graduation ceremony for them.

We are so proud of our children and their achievements. They will be missed by all the staff in the nursery. We wish you all the very best.

Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in July across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Ari, Koa, Emmie, Gracie, Harry A, Marlow, Reuben I-J, Talia, Thomas, Willow K, Happy birthday also to our lovely staff…Jennifer from Baby Room, Jennie & Martha from Toddlers and Hannah & Lauren from Pre-School.

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 Amy F as this month's Employee of the month!

Well done Amy!

Staff Departure

Amy Jenkins (Room Leader for Toddlers) has sadly left the Monkey Puzzle family for a short period and is now on maternity leave. She will be missed by all the children and staff at the nursery. We wish her a relaxing few weeks before the arrival of the new addition to the family. Amy will be popping into nursery from time to time and coming in to show off the baby! We will share the happy news with you soon!!!!

Upcoming Nursery Events!

Keep an eye on our Famly App for an announcement for our next parent event!

Dates for your diary!

7th August – Sisters Day

16th August – Tell a Joke Day

19th August – World Humanitarian Day

Your views count!

Thank you to all parents that completed our electronic parent survey. Your views are important and we want to always develop further as a nursery. We will share the results with you in August, once the results have been collated and analysed.

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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