

April 2022

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

So, what have we been up to in April?

April has sure been a busy month for the Monkey Puzzle Family... with several events being celebrated throughout nursery! Our celebrations included our 3rd birthday celebration, National Pet Day, International Space Day, St Georges Day, International Dance Day, Earth Day and of course Easter.



Cheeky Chimps

In the baby room we have been exploring all things Gruffalo and Dinosaur! We have also been taking advantage of the nicer weather by going out into the garden.

When first focusing on our Gruffalo theme the babies enjoyed activities such as Gruffalo crumble with cereal, oats and other crumble ingredients. The babies also loved reading about the Gruffalo and the Gruffalo's child. They enjoyed looking at the woodland surroundings and animals that are in the book. We placed sticks and leaves into a tray for our soft cuddly woodland animals.



As well as looking at all things Gruffalo the babies have loved playing with the dinosaurs. This was our second theme of the month. The dinosaurs were placed in cupcake cases as they attempted to make cakes, but ended up getting covered in sticky icing sugar.



We also had a dinosaur sensory tray including lots of textures and colours. The babies loved getting messy themselves when creating dinosaur pictures by gluing and sticking and stomping paint sponge shapes like dinosaur feet.

As well this month we have celebrated events such as the nursery's 3rd Birthday, national pet day and easter. On the nurseries 3rd Birthday we had a party with balloons and colourful confetti moon sand. On national pet day we encouraged the children to look at pictures of their pets and talk about them. Finally for Easter we created little rabbits cards for our loved ones!

Mischievous Monkeys

The Toddler room have been looking at spring flowers. We got all the things we needed ready like pots, soil, spades and seeds then began filling the pots with soil. Once we had filled the pots and covered the floor with soil we planted our sunflowers.



We very carefully watered the seeds, perfecting our pouring skills and placed them on the windowsill. We talked about how plants grow and what they would need like sun, soil and water. The children watered and checked their pots everyday to see if anything was happening. The children got very excited as they began to see the seed shoot and leaves began to stick out of the soil. We are all looking forward to seeing how tall they grow.

We have also been looking at spring animals and are going to be talking about baby animals born in the spring. The children are looking forward to seeing what animals match with their mommy's and daddy's.

Also this month we have celebrated astronauts day. We had an Easter hunt in the garden and talked about eggs rolling down the tube. This engaged the children to use problem solving by moving the tube to different angles to see if the eggs moved faster or slower. We also enjoyed the sensory tough spot with different materials, hidden inside were eggs the children had to find. This gave the children the imagination to talk about what the different textures felt like.



Groovy Gorillas

This month we have been exploring farm animals. The children have enjoyed helping change the role play area into a farm shop. They have enjoyed selling fruit and vegetables.

We have also talked about spring animals and looked at pictures of baby animals.

Outside the children have engaged in getting the greenhouse running by planting fruit and vegetables. The children have enjoyed going into the greenhouse every day to look at the changes in the plants as well as reminding us "the plants need watering".

We have also celebrated Easter by decorating eggs in a variety of ways.



Our Third Birthday celebrations!

A big thank you to all of the parents and grandparents that attended our Birthday celebrations. It was lovely seeing parents in the nursery and the Deputy Mayor Peter Jones and his wife Mrs Joy Jones have asked me to pass on what a pleasure it was to visit the nursery and have a chance to talk to parents.





Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in April across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Dele, Frankie, Leo, Poppy, Rory, Rosina, Sarah, Tommy and Natasha.

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 Elise as employee of the month!

Well done Elise!



Upcoming Nursery Events!

Father's day arrangements are taking place. This will take place on Thursday 16th June, more information will follow shortly.

Graduation celebration for the children leaving us are also underway. Marvin will be joining in with this celebration, so get those cameras ready! Graduation day will be Wednesday 20th July.



Dates for your diary!

Nursery will be closed on the 2nd May as it is Bank Holiday.

2nd May - Eid

5th May - Maths Day

8th May - VE Day

12th May - Florence Nightingale's Birthday

15th May - International Day of Families



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Important notes for parents:

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

If there are any changes to your child's contact details or 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 Family! 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 Family 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 Family or call us during opening times on 01785 250188. We are always here to help.

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