# Stafford Newsletter

## December 2022

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

### So, what have we been up to in December?

December was an extremely busy month for the Monkey Puzzle Family with all the Christmas festive events happening this month!

We had outdoor Christmas tree lighting, decorate the bauble competition, Christmas jumper day, Santa visit, raffle, dress up week and Christmas parties!

Thank you, parents, for continuing to support the nursery whether this is has been through sending items for our raffle hampers or you have sent your children dressed up in fancy dress!

So, what have the rooms been up to this month?

### Cheeky Chimps

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It's that time of year where we all try and get into the festive spirit and keep the magic of Christmas alive for the babies within baby room. Throughout this month we have been singing all sorts of Christmas songs from Santa got stuck up the chimney to jingle bells!

Cheeky Chimps have loved exploring all things sensory this month. In the fine motor area we encouraged the babies to find hidden objects under different coloured materials. Under the materials were toys such as sensory bottles, musical instruments and puppets.

The babies had so much fun mixing in the magic glitter into the reindeer food ready to spread on their gardens on Christmas Eve. We have also been getting messy with coloured foam in the shape of a Christmas tree and a star! Some of the children used their senses playing in the gingerbread play dough too! We have loved every minute of getting Christmassy so much so that we had to have an early Christmas dinner to celebrate the occasion with our friends!

To end the Christmas festive period at nursery we all enjoyed our Christmas Dinner..... it sure was yum!

## Mischievous Monkeys

This month we have been doing lots of crafts for Christmas. We have been talking about Santa, the reindeers and snowmen and what Santa is going to bring.

We have also enjoyed showing our friends our Christmas jumpers…this was so much fun!

We have enjoyed messy play…creating hand and footprints! The children also found this so much fun!

This month we have been focusing on our numbers…we were able to count the objects and find the number!

We have enjoyed our Christmas meal with all the staff and children…it was so yummy.

During our French lesson we have been playing hide and seek with Santa, singing Christmas songs and reading Christmas stories.

During circle time we have been asking the children what they would like Santa to bring them. The responses were soooo cute… "apple" "Coco melon" "yellow Christmas tree" "socks ". Bless them!

The children have been exploring their imagination through play, some children have enjoyed playing on the train and have expressed that they are going to " London Euston " and going to fun fair to see Santa.

## Groovy Gorillas

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This month we have been getting ready for Christmas. The children have all been very excited and have enjoyed doing lots of Christmas activities.

We have been making Christmas cards, calendars and reindeer food for the children to bring home.

We have also had fun making our Christmas role play area and decorating our Christmas tree. We have had lots of fun with glitter, making baubles, pictures and decorations.

The children have also enjoyed making pretend snow and exploring different textures in our tuff tray. We turned our water tray into a winter potion station and the children had lots of fun pouring coloured water and mixing it with lots of Glitter and sequins. We have made candy cane shapes and play dough Christmas trees.

The children had a brilliant Christmas dinner and loved pulling a Christmas cracker! We are all very excited to meet Santa in his grotto.

## 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's Employee of the month!

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

### Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in December across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Estrid, Leo, Marnie, Phoebe, Rocco, Rue, Scarlett, Tydan, Willow & Winifred.

## Dates for you diary!

A reminder of upcoming events in January and February!

**15th January**
World Religion Day

**16th January**
Martin Luther King Day

**1st February**
Chinese New Year

**4th February**
Rosa Parks Day

**6th February**
Children's Mental Health Week

**14th February**
Valentine's Day

**21st February**
Pancake Day

**22nd February**
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## 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.

# Your management team:

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