Stafford Newsletter

January 2023 - Happy New Year!

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

So, what have we been up to this month?

It's fantastic to be able to share the activities and achievements of our Monkey Puzzle Children and Staff. We believe it is important to keep our nursery community up to date with nursery news. Happy reading!

Cheeky Chimps

The babies have had a great Christmas break and came back to nursery ready to get stuck in. They all came back with smiles on their faces, eager to play and ready to get messy.

As it was New Year we celebrated Chinese New Year with the babies painting their own version of Chinese letters and numbers. We got out some black paint and let the babies make marks. We also got out more paint to create some Chinese lanterns using red and yellow paint.

We have welcomed some new faces into the room as well and can't wait to see them grow this year in the baby room. They have got stuck in and explored the wooden blocks and the outdoor area.

The babies also experienced the snow at nursery too, some of us went outside and made snowballs and others stayed inside in the warm and played with the snow out of the tray.

Mischievous Monkeys

Last month we certainly saw a glimpse of Winter which has meant one thing for our Mischievous Monkeys; fun in the snow!

The children were wrapped up in many layers and got to explore our new Winter Wonderland outdoor space. The children enjoyed jumping, walking and creating snowballs. There were even some toddlers who tried to get the practitioners with their snowballs.

Also, last month the children have been working on crafts for our Winter Wonderland display. One of our fine motor skill activities was to create their very own snow flakes, scrunching and sticking their tissue paper to the snow flake. In addition, the children enjoyed creating winter trees on paper plates with paint.

In January we have learnt about the celebration of Chinese New Year. The children learnt that it was the year of the rabbit. They got to enjoy our bright noodle messy play, our rabbit colouring sheets, create different animals in the red play dough and the children worked extremely hard on their tissue paper lanterns.

In our role play area this month we have been exploring and learning about trains. The children created their very own trains that was made out of 2D shapes. They got to also design their very own train tickets using various mark making tools. It has been lovely to see the children working together to create their own train tracks, taking in turns and sharing pieces.

Groovy Gorillas

All of the Pre-School children have come back to nursery ready to learn, after an exciting Christmas break.

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Our theme last month has been artic animals and cold weather. We have had lots of exciting things in our water and tuff tray including shaving foam, artic animals pretend snow and the children especially enjoyed ice play. We have also enjoyed making some snowy pictures and the children enjoyed doing some stencil paintings.

The children loved it when we had some snowy weather and had lots of fun wrapping up warm and playing outside in the snow.

The children have enjoyed playing with some new outdoor toys this month and have especially liked the new footballs…they have enjoyed throwing and catching and scoring lots of goals.

We have also celebrated Chinese New Year this month. The children have had lots of fun trying to use chopsticks to pick up rice and pasta. We have also made lots of lanterns and dragon pictures and the children even had a try at drawing Chinese symbols.

The children have also been working very hard on writing their names and recognising some numbers.

Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in January across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Brooklyn, Eleanor, Ernie, Evelyn, Harper, Henry M, Magnus and Rueben P!

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. This month's Employee of the month is Siobhan!

Well done Siobhan for meeting key targets related to your role. We hope you enjoy your hamper!

Dates for you diary!

A reminder of upcoming events in February and March!

4th February
Rosa Parks Day

6th February
Children's Mental Health Week

14th February
Valentine's Day

21st February
Pancake Day

22nd February
Lent

1st March
Women's History Month

2nd March
World Book Day

7th March
Holi Festival

17th March
St Patrick's & Red Nose Day

19th March
Mother's Day

22nd March
Ramadan

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 up to date policies are available online on our website under Parents Page. The policies are password protected but will be shared with parents via Famly! These policies are updated annually.

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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!

Why not leave a comment about us on Google Review!

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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