

Stafford Newsletter



February 2023

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

So, what have we been up to this month?

This month was sure a busy one!!! Lots of different celebrations including Chinese New Year, Rosa Parks Day, Valentines Day, Pancake Day and Lent!

We also took time out to focus our attention on Children's Mental Health week. We spoke about our feelings and who we can share our worries with from our support community.

Cheeky Chimps

The babies have been feeling the love this month and expressing themselves!

We started the month off by taking part in mental health week. Every day we get together and sing hello to our friends and ask how we are all feeling. We feel this time is important and we love getting together to welcome our friends and to choose our favourite songs to sing. The babies enjoy singing happy and you know and all the other nursery rhymes.



As part of Valentines Day we created cards for the babies to send home to loved ones. The babies had fun making handprints and making the sounds of dinosaurs. We also had lots of red activities out such as a red sensory tray, colouring love hearts, red cereal with animals and red play dough!



This month our babies have been enjoying reading with practitioners or reading with friends. They like to choose their favourite books and interact with staff as they read to them.

We have also spent more time outside in the garden as the weather is starting to get warmer. The children especially loved the ribbon ring and running through it whilst looking at the different colours. Some of our children love blowing bubbles and watching the wind blow them away, they like to shout pop pop pop when they burst too!

Mischievous Monkeys

We started this month in the toddler room with some fun with our parachute!

The children especially enjoyed it when we added the soft play balls. We've introduced a "pop corn" song where the children get to shake the balls up and down which causes them to go everywhere!!!



Also, this month the children have been working very hard on their Valentine's cards for their loved ones. They worked in small groups to create heart sun catchers and and we had some lovely discussions of things and people that they love.



We have also this month started to create our new role play area which is now going to be our very own Mischievous Monkey's fire station! The children have been working with Courtney to create a big fire truck and house to stick on our display.



Groovy Gorillas

We have enjoyed doing lots of different activities in nursery this month. Firstly, we enjoyed doing valentines activities...making heart printing pictures, and cards and they enjoyed making a big finger print heart for our display.



We have also enjoyed celebrating pancake day this month. The children loved watching us make the pancakes and especially liked eating them with lots of fruit and a little syrup! We also had fun making our own gloopy pancake mixture and the children loved making pancake pictures. The children also found it very funny when I accidentally set the fire alarms off whilst cooking the pancakes.





This month our theme has been 'pirates' the children have really enjoyed our pirate role play area. They have made a treasure chest, a big pirate boat and lots of treasure and jewels. We have also enjoyed listening to some pirate stories.



We have participated in lots of writing and drawing, the children have been practicing their names and have been doing a great job. We have also been able to spend lots of time playing in the garden and the children have enjoyed seeing some of our bulbs that we planted last year start to grow.

Competition Time!!!

Here is the chance for one of our lucky parents to walk away with a Cadbury Celebration Easter Basket (worth £50) and a Special Edition Marvin The Monkey!

To enter the competition and have a chance of winning the above, simply write a review on Day Nurseries about Monkey Puzzle Stafford.

<https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/review-submit/65432231635/rcsid/1012/>



Your name will be put into a draw on 6th April and one of our Monkey Puzzle Children will pick out the winning name. Closing date for this competition is 4pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023!

Good Luck!!!!!!

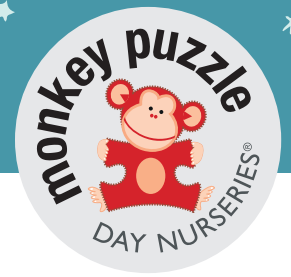
Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in February across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Emilie, Ezra, Jordan and Nevaeh!

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 Shannon.

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



Dates for you diary!

A reminder of upcoming events in March and April!

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

2nd April

World Autism Day

7th April

Good Friday

9th April

Easter Sunday

11th April

National Pet Day

23rd April

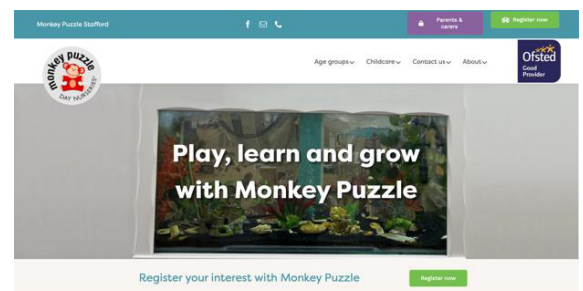
St George's Day

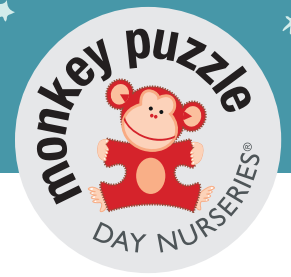
Important notes for parents:

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 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 Family! These policies are updated annually.





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 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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