Stafford Newsletter

March 2023



Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

This month was certainly a busy one!!! Lots of different celebrations throughout the nursery including Women's History Month, World Book Day, Holi, St Patrick's Day, Red Nose Day, Mother's Day and Ramadan. What a dynamic month with so many topics for our Monkey Puzzle children to learn about and explore!

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

Cheeky Chimps

Baby room have been very busy this month with our cheeky chimps exploring many different fun and new activities!

This month Siobhan took over as Baby Room Leader and spent time getting to know all our Cheeky Chimps and their baby room routines!

We celebrated Mother's Day by planting sunflower seeds for our beloved mothers, ready for them to help grow as that's what mothers do best- help us grow as children! We also had some fresh cut flowers in our sensory tray, and we have been smelling them and giving them to our friends.



Baby room then explored our fine motor skills by using glue sticks to stick tissue paper onto balloons. This was a fun and very sticky activity as you can imagine! Then to help celebrate Ramadan we stuck different shaped paper on temples to create our own temple.







We also made moon sand and turned it into a moon and we made our own moon plates, we got very messy in the paint!



To end our fun activities, we celebrated St Patrick's day where we got sticky using icing to decorate digestive biscuits, we even tried to give the biscuits a cheeky taste!





Mischievous Monkeys

This month the children have been working hard on their fine motor skills. The children have engaged in a variety of fine motor activities including pegging socks on a washing line, matching the colourful lollipop sticks on the rainbow and putting them in and pushing pom-poms through the caterpillars. The children have enjoyed all these activities.



We have also been looking into shapes and identifying simple shapes such as square, rectangle, triangle and circle. The children have used felt shapes and stuck them on the sticky shapes on the wall. This has been helping to develop the children speech as well as the recognition of shapes.



The children have enjoyed being outside in all weathers whether it's snow, rain or sunny. They have enjoyed climbing up and down the stairs on the slide, developing their physical development, using one foot at a time. They have also enjoyed rolling all the balls down the pipes and talking about all the different colours which they can see.

We have also celebrated lots of different celebrations this month. The first one was world book day where all the children came in pyjamas, and we had parents come in to read us stories. For Mother's Day we made cards for all the parents.

For St. Patrick's Day we made our tuff tray into a pot of gold with green oats, colourful hoops and glitter. This allowed the children to explore a wide range of materials and use their imagination. Whilst playing in this the children enjoyed saying they were making food for mummy and making food for the dinosaurs. We also made a variety of crafts for St Patrick's Day including tissue paper cloves and painted some clovers. We have also celebrated Red Nose Day where the children enjoyed painting paper plates red and making their own red nose. The last event which we have celebrated is Ramadan where the children have painted some moons and stars to represent Ramadan.











Groovy Gorillas

This month we have been having lots of fun in pre-school! The children have enjoyed spending more time in the garden and have loved seeing our plants beginning to flower.

The children have been having lots of fun building bridges to climb across and have made lots of different paths.



We have been talking about healthy fruit and vegetables and the children have had lots of fun cutting, chopping and experiencing the different smells and textures.







The children have been excited to play with our new maths resources. They have participated in lots of learning with numbers and patterns and have been using playdough mats to create numbers and shapes.

Our role play area has now been turned into a farm and the children have really enjoyed making and playing in our tractor. We look forward to this role play area developing during the next month!

This month we have also been busy making Mother's Day cards and making some Ramadan crafts. We have also enjoyed making a St Patrick's Day display and the children created lots of displays.













Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in March across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Ellie, Evan, Evie, Harry W, Henry T, Nicole, Nyla and Tishe!

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 Amy.

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

Competition Time! EASTER COMPETITION!

Thank you to all our parents who took part in the Easter competition. The lucky winner will be revealed in next month's newsletter!

Dates for your diary!

A reminder of upcoming events in April and May!

2nd April - World Autism Day	23rd April – St George's Day
7th April – Good Friday	1st May – May Day
9th April – Easter Sunday	8th May – VE Day
11th April – National Pet Day	8th May – Bank Holiday in celebration of King Charles III's Coronation



Important notes for parents:

Please ensure that you keep an eye on our Famly software 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.

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