

Stafford Newsletter



April 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 World Autism Day, Easter, National Pet Day and St George's Day. What a lively 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

This month we are taking the opportunity of the warmer weather and starting to have lots of fun outside. We have even been able to enjoy our afternoon snack outside, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.



Also, this month the children have been working very hard on their new role play area which is down in the jungle. The children have created vines with their very own handprints.



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One of the main themes we celebrated this month was Easter. The children enjoyed the theme activities such as egg and spoon races, filling and pouring with egg cups and they help decorate our Easter bunting for our Easter Fate.



Also this month we have done activities for autism week where the children got to colour in their own jigsaw pieces and we created our very own puzzle.



Mischievous Monkeys

This month the children have enjoyed celebrating lots of different celebrations. The first celebration was Easter! The children enjoyed exploring Easter sensory tuff tray.

They also enjoyed painting some Easter eggs and using plastic eggs to build towers with. Whilst taking part in a variety of Easter activities the children enjoyed talking about the Easter bunny and what they did at Easter, developing children's speech by holding conversations with them. The children also loved the Easter fate which was held at nursery.



They all enjoyed dancing to music and popping the bubbles which was helping develop their physical development by moving in different ways.



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We have also celebrated St. George's day where we used red playdough to make some England flags. We also coloured in some St. George's day colouring sheets which has been helping the children to develop their pencil control and fine motor skills.



This month we have been expanding the children's interest of playdough. Many children have come into nursery this month asking for playdough, so we have expanded their interest by providing them with different materials to put in the playdough such as flowers, feathers and spaghetti. This has encouraged the children to use their imagination.



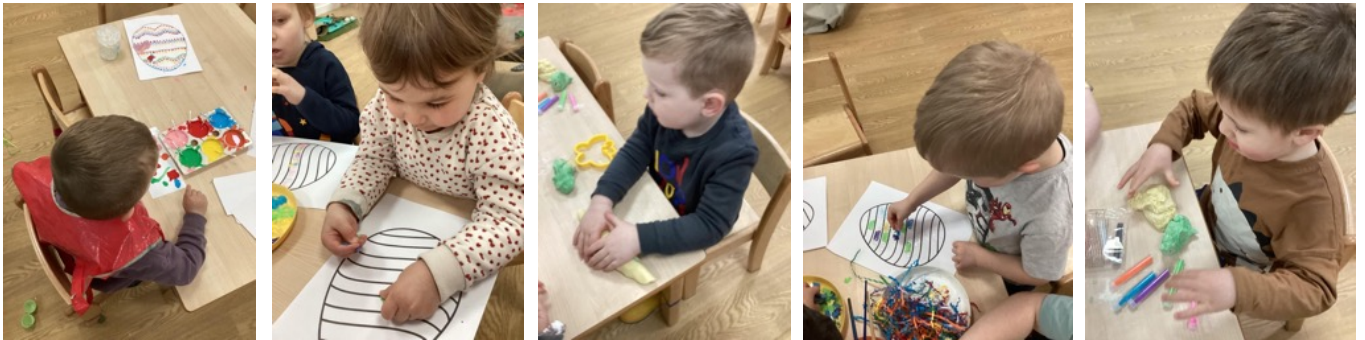
They have enjoyed making birthday cakes and singing happy birthday. They have also enjoyed making flower gardens and farms.

Also this month we have been developing children's fine motor skills by squeezing tennis balls and putting pom-poms in and out and pulling the pom-poms out of the whisks.



Groovy Gorillas

In April Pre-School explored a range of new things, they took part in different Easter themed activities such as painting eggs and decorating eggs with shredded paper. They really enjoyed the range of textures used within this month. Not only did children take part in these activities we also had plenty of discussions about eating chocolate!



They've absolutely loved our role play area of the vets, all children helped make the animals feel better by applying plasters to the dinosaurs on the table and applying bandages onto the teddies. Across the wall they have been looking at how words relating to vets are written.



These words linked into them learning how to write their names, children this month have practiced their name writing and tried to write new words such as bandage. Not only this but to prepare some children for school we practiced writing our numbers on whiteboards.





Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in April across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Amelia, Benjamin, Frankie, Harry B, Hunter, Jaxson, Orla, Poppy D, Poppy K, Reggie, Rory, Sarah, Tommy and Georgie!

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 Courtney.

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

Dates for your diary!

A reminder of upcoming events in May and June!

1st May – May Day

8th May – VE Day

8th May – Bank Holiday in celebration of King Charles III's Coronation

1st June – Global Day of Parents

1st June – Pride Month

5th June – World Environment Day

6th June – D-Day

18th June – Father's Day

28th June – Eid

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Important notes for parents:

Please ensure that you keep an eye on our Family 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.



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.



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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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