Stafford Newsletter

July 2023

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

This month we celebrated 4th July Day and Nelson Mandela International Day!

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

Cheeky Chimps

This month Cheeky Chimps have been busy using and exploring natural resources within our activities. We have been creating funny playdough faces on the wooden segments, pinecone wrapping with pipe cleaners and scooping letter leaves out of the water tray.

The weather this month has been a little unpredictable but that has not stopped our Cheeky Chimps having fun in the garden. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their very own den using the parachute, they loved sitting and playing underneath it with the ICT toys.

We have enjoyed exploring our two main themes this month, the first being the “4th of July”. We painted stars for our door display but the activity the children enjoyed the most was our biscuit icing activity and of course eating them afterwards!

Also, this month we celebrated ‘Nelson Mandela Day’. The children enjoyed activities such as flag mark making in shaving foam and chalk. We also introduced key Mandela quotes for our all-inclusive faith display.

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Mischievous Monkeys

This month the children in Mischievous Monkeys have been learning about textures. The children enjoyed feeling the playdough, twigs and leaves and learning lots of new words such as soft, hard, squidgy. The children took their time and expanded their concentration by making pictures with the resources.

The children have also been practising their fine motor skills with paint brushes. The children are getting really good at using a fist grip, which is the first step to gaining the skills of using a pincer grip for writing. They were able to make marks in the flour and encouraged to do lines from top to bottom and anticlockwise circles as this will help them write sounds when they are ready.

The children have also been strengthening their finger grip by moving the shapes from the table to the pot. We differentiated this activity and added the name shapes and colours for the older children. This is a great way to incorporate lots of learning and sharing with the children.

Outside the children are learning to jump safely and bend their knee's when landing. The children loved trying to jump the highest and be able to land with their feet firmly on the ground.

Well done Mischievous Monkeys and what a lovely month we have had.

Groovy Gorillas

This month Pre-School have been planting plants in our garden, learning all about how plants need water and sun to grow. They have enjoyed getting their hands dirty with soil! They've loved having a go at planting and digging! They have learnt the importance of growing plants.

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The children have loved their French lessons this month…shaking rattles to explore different French sounds! They have all been super happy about getting moving during these lessons…very active Groovy Gorillas! The children have all been happy linking their favourite Marvel characters to the theme of the lesson.

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Our Groovy Gorillas have been learning all about nurses this month! They have explored a range of resources from injections, bandages, using stethoscopes to dressing up with doctors' jackets! They have role played together, sharing ideas such as "fixing an ill baby" and helping adults with a bad back!

Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in July across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Albert R, Ari, Koa, Biel, Gracie, Marlow, Oaklie, Riley & Theadora!

Dates for your diary!

A reminder of upcoming events in August and September!

6th August – National Friendship Day

5th September – International Day of Charity

15th September – Rosh Hashanah

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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.

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.

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!

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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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