

Stafford Newsletter



August 2023

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!

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

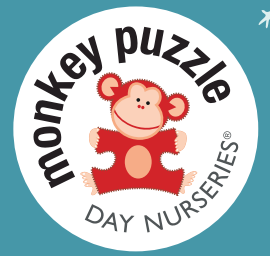
Cheeky Chimps

The Cheeky Chimps this month have been working extremely hard on their physical development. Firstly, we have been working on our gross motor movement and coordination. The children have enjoyed different activities that involve throwing. The children have been throwing balls into our basketball hoop, dropping hoops onto our coloured cones and on our hot days the children have loved throwing wet sponges at our target board!



Next, our Cheeky Chimps have enjoyed working on their fine motor development. This month we introduced new sensory activities where the children were developing their finger dexterity and hand coordination. The children were popping and squishing frozen peas and rice pudding together.

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Also, in this month of August we have seen many of our Cheeky Chimps adventure on holiday! This has been a fantastic topic of conversation where we have learnt through communication what they have been up to. A lot of children have talked about how they have travelled and the beach! This then became our main idea for our holiday display board where the children coloured in different vehicles and created their very own starfish.



Mischievous Monkeys

During August our Mischievous Monkeys have been exploring mark making, using flour a lot! They used a range of resources from sticks, dinosaurs, and cards to create marks. Exploring the way, they can add meaning to their marks within their play by using words. Which has shown to be supporting a lot of their vocabulary.

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We've been looking at natural resources, from soil to leaves. Using our hands to feel a range of textures and to learn about planting as well as exploring where animals might live or what they might do within this natural resourced area.



We have also been looking into caring for babies and animals using our teddies, we learnt about feeding bottles, changing nappies and putting them down for a nap when needed. They've been amazing at caring so well for these teddies.



Groovy Gorillas

This month, the Pre School room have been focusing on the topics of 'getting ready for school' and 'under the sea'.

To help get our pre-schoolers 'school ready' we have focused on a lot of activities that involve group work, sharing and taking turns. For example, the children worked together using crates, pots and tubes to move water from one end of the garden to the other. This encouraged the children to work as a team to come up with a solution and communicate effectively with one another.



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Then, we have looked at the 'under the sea' topic. We have learnt about different sea creatures and plants under the sea. They have explored this topic through lots of pictures, stories, and sensory play such as sand, water, blue rice and shaving foam.

Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in August across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Albie, George, Gracie J, Isla, Ivy N, James, Sofia and Violet!

Dates for your diary!

A reminder of upcoming events in September and October!

5th September – International Day of Charity

15th September – Rosh Hashanah

1st October – Black History Month

5th October – World Teacher's Day

10th October – World Mental Health Day

31st October – Halloween

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.



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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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