



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter September 2023

Smooth Transitions

It has been very reassuring to see that all the children are now beginning to settle in their new rooms. The children have been so resilient with so much change over their early years and so we congratulate them all again as they settle into their new classes at Countryside. I have also heard from many of the children who left for school this September and again this year, we are so pleased that for everyone we have spoken to, their children have settled in well and are very happy to be attending school. This is testimony that whilst here at Countryside we nurture children's curiosity and challenge their minds we also know that by attending the Nursery this prepares the children so well for the very important transition to school.



New Book Corners



Hedgehogs and Little Squirrels Book Corners have had a re-vamp!

Looking at books is so important for children's holistic development so we have been working hard to re-furbish our book corners. The children have really enjoyed looking at new books in the new areas.



Fun in the Summer Sun



Even though the weather has been quite wet, there have been a few days when the sun has shone and we have taken these opportunities to go out into the paddling pool, caravan and large sand pit- what fun we have had!!

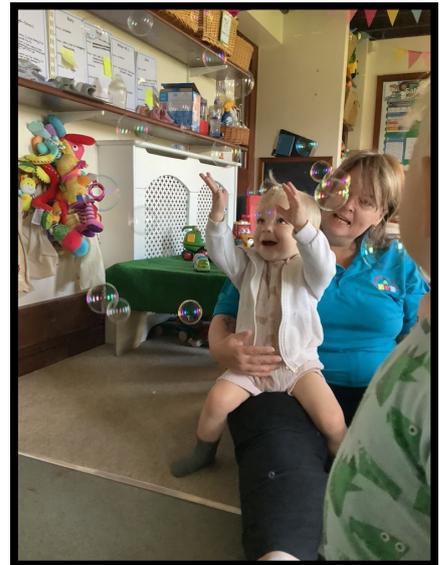
Ladybirds Learning Activities in August 2023



Washing the pots and pans together.



Encouraging fine motor skills.



Bubble popping fun!



Making a snuggly bed together.



Enjoying a book.



Climbing high!



Exploring the spaghetti sensory tray.



Squishing and squeezing the playdough.



Having fun together.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in August 2023



Encouraging fine motor skills.



Filling our pots with compost ready to plant our seeds.



Have lots of fun splashing in the puddles.



Enjoying looking at books on our new furniture.



Using the rollers to create our worms.



Using the soft play to create a super long bridge to climb along.



Using the wooden blocks to create my house!



Completing Puzzles.



Exploring the building sensory tray.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in August 2023



Enjoying the story "Little Red Riding Hood"



Making Dinosaur footprints.



Exploring the Slime sensory tray.



Creating some spectacular shoes!



Soft Play fun.



Working together to create our very tall structure.



Lots of fun digging in the large sand tray.



Having fun together in the sun



Lots of fun choosing some new resources for Nursery.



Using our hands to explore the shaving foam sensory tray.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in August 2023



Visiting Ashleworth Hub for a hot chocolate



Look at our lovely vegetables we have grown



Henry found a Hedgehog!!



Fun in the paddling pool



Burying our legs in the big sand pit



Building the biggest tower ever!!



Look at our paper aeroplanes



Looking at shapes



Fun with the elastic band challenge



Working hard to make our cubes



A trip to the library



Working hard with our counting

Other pieces of Information

Christmas Closing Dates

Dates for Christmas Events 2023

Monday 11th December

Christmas Parties for Hedgehogs 9-30am, Big Squirrels 11-30am, and Little Squirrels 2-00pm at Corse and Staunton Village Hall- Times to be confirmed

Tuesday 12th and 13th December-

Big Squirrels Nativity at Corse and Staunton Village hall- times to be confirmed

I have just put these dates initially, so you can organise your calenders, but if you can just bear with me for the Nativity times as I will finalise more details shortly- thank you.

Thank you to Ned



Thank you so much to Ned for kindly donating some lovely resources for Nursery. We really don't expect any gifts, but it is very kind of parents to think of us here at Countryside. Anything which is donated and we can't use, I take to the St Richard's Hospice in Malvern.

Maintenance Work by Matt Hale Tree Surgery

Again, on one of the hottest days of the year, (they do always seem to pick the hottest days to come to Countryside), Matt Hale's team of merry Men came to trim, clip and shear our trees and bushes. I would like to thank Matt and the team so much for completing an excellent job under very hot conditions.



Goodbye and Thank you Claire



We had a wonderful day on Thursday 24th August as we all said farewell to Claire after her 18 years of service!!

Thank you so much to all parents who contributed- we purchased Claire a tea for two at Hatherley Manor Hotel, an engraved vase for a lovely keepsake and she also had some spare funds which she is going to put towards her wedding rings in January.

Thank you to all the children who made cards in their classes and thank you to all the staff for making this such a special and memorable day for Claire. We would like to wish her our very best wishes- Grace xxx

Magic Moments

Please let us know if your child has done something exciting at home and we will celebrate it here with a Wow Certificate! It is really wonderful to see our children taking steps forward in their learning and development and they also love sharing their certificates with their friends during Circle Time.

Ladybirds: Congratulations to **Daisy** and **Angus** for taking your first steps independently. Well done to **Henry C** for doing so well with using the potty. Congratulations to **Rory** for eating all of your lunch. Well done to **Daisy** for using your spoon to feed yourself independently and well done to **Ryan** for trying to feed yourself with a spoon. Well done Ladybirds you are all so clever!

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Santi** for sleeping in a big boys bed, clever boy, well done.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Wilf** for doing so well with your swimming. Well done to **Bobby K** for wearing pants and being so brave at the Doctors. Well done to **Arthur** for being very helpful with Daddy. Congratulations to **Emily** for being dry all day and at night. Well done to **Ben** and **Martha** for being so brave at the Doctors and Dentist. Congratulations to **Eleanor** for starting to use the potty and well done to **Freddie** for having some table manners at Nursery. Well done Little Squirrels, you are all amazing.

Big Squirrels:- Well done to **Penny** for being so good with her own self-care and also for being dry at night- you are such a clever girl. Well done to **Evelyn** for riding her bike so well without stabilisers and also to **Thea** for achieving a Bronze award when completing the library challenge- we are so proud of our big squirrel friends.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Signwriter

I am not sure if you have noticed, I am sure you have, but we have been busy installing new signs around the Nursery. Phil from PV Graphics has been working with me to create some lovely new signage around the Nursery area. I am very pleased with the signs and I would like to thank Phil for his painstaking patience working with me to ensure he has the correct font and the number written correctly etc etc....- not an easy task!!



Line Writing Thursday 21st September

On Thursday 21st September I am going to have to shut the car park from 2-15-4-15pm as we have Cheltenham Surfacing coming to the car park to re-paint the lines/ disabled area and zebra crossing. They are also going to paint some parking bays for our tractors in the play areas and then Phil (the signwriter) has some more number signs ready to number each bay. Therefore, I will send a reminder out the night before, but I have chosen this time as this is when the car park is at its quietest, so I would be grateful if all parents could avoid these two hours when picking up your children- thank you for your co-operation with this matter.