



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter March 2024

**People Who Help Us- Thank you so much to all of our parents.**

As you can see the children have had so many wonderful experiences during our "People who help us" week. The whole Nursery became involved and we are so grateful to all of our parents who gave up their valuable time to make this week so special for the children- thank you.



**Ambulance and Paramedics**



**Vet with Lola the dog**



**Dr Freya and Dr Emily**



**A visit to Ashleworth Post Office.**



**Trip to Newent Fire Station**



**Hedgehogs decorating biscuits in a commercial kitchen**



**Trip to a Printing Factory**



# Ladybirds Learning Activities in February 2024



Sandpit fun



Peek a boo!



Scooping and mixing



Exploring the musical table



Snowy and Browny came to see us.



Decorating Dragons.



Climbing high!



Creative time.



Fun with balls and tubes.



# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in February 2024



Exploring the sensory table



Painting using fragranced paint



Creating shapes with the large mosaics



Chinese New year crafts.



Lots of fun in the Mud Kitchen



Washing the babies.



Feeding Nursery pet lambs.



Yoga time.



Ice cream sensory tray.



Making biscuits.



# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in February 2024



Colourful puddles.



Cooking up some tasty treats.



Exploring the sensory tray.



Creating our Rabbit and Guinea Pig pictures.



Look what I caught!



Creating structures together.



Fun with friends in the fresh air.



Ready, steady, go!



Working together.



Getting creative with the playdough.



Vet role play.

Decorating our Happy faces.

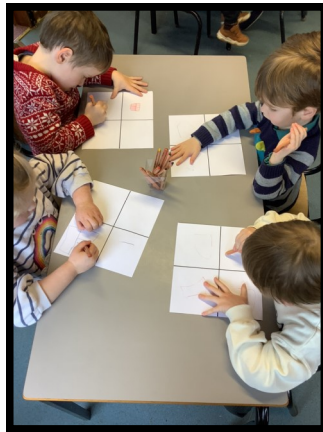




# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in February 2024



Fun with shapes.



Creating squares



Sensory shape tray



Snowy and Brownie, Nursery pet lambs.



Visit to Eldersfield School



Great Balancing.



Practising our scissor skills.



Icing biscuits.



Creating our circle collages



Creating Valentines cards.

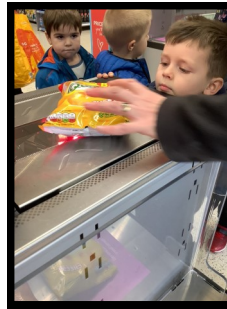


Celebrating Chinese New Year.



# Big Squirrels Visit to the Co-op

On Thursday 15th February Big Squirrels were excited to be going on the mini bus to buy some crisps! We watched Come outside- a visit to a crisp factory to see how they were made and then we went to the shop to choose our favourite crisps- this took some time to decide!!!



## Parent First Aid

On Wednesday 10th April 2024 I have organised a free first aid refresher evening for parents. The session will begin at 6-30pm and we will aim to finish at around 7-30pm (depending on questions). The evening is an information evening where the trainer will be demonstrating the basics of first aid and how to save a child's life. This is not a certificated course, but if after the evening you would like to attend further training, I am sure that the company can signpost you to their training courses.



For me, I have organised this evening to raise awareness for anybody looking after young children. The first aid will be based on procedures for young babies and young children (not adults). We are also opening this session up to grandparents or any other relatives who look after your children. This would be an ideal session for people who would just not know what to do in case of an emergency but would feel more confident if they had the basics of first aid. Therefore, if you would like to attend, please could you email me and I will make sure I book the places for you.

## Children who attend other settings

Can I just remind parents to let me know if your child is attending another setting as well as Countryside Day Nursery. It is good practice that we liaise with the other settings, just to ensure that both settings see consistency in your children's learning. Therefore, please do email me if your child attends another setting and you think we don't know.

Many thanks as always—Grace



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## Thank you to Bobby's Daddy

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On Monday 12th February Bobby's Daddy very kindly came into Nursery to make Bird Boxes with the Big Squirrels children. The children were very excited to see Bobby's Daddy arrive with all his tools!

The Big Squirrels had a great time watching how they all work.

Thank you so much for giving the children this wonderful experience.



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## Shrove Tuesday Celebrations

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On Tuesday 13th February we celebrated Shrove Tuesday at Countryside. We had a wonderful day with the children as we had many pancake races, we made sticky pancakes and we all enjoyed trying pancakes with a variety of toppings.

What a lovely Shrove Tuesday we had with our friends at Nursery.





## Celebrating our Dogs in Little Squirrels



We then had a special visit from Harper's dog called Poppy. She was very excited and loved having cuddles.



We also had another special visit from Bea's dog Pollen. We enjoyed giving Pollen cuddles and tickling her tummy. Pollen showed us her tricks and how she responds to her whistle, she also showed us how she plays hide and seek with her toy which is called a dummy.



We also had a special visit from Rubys Granny's puppy Bella, we really enjoyed stroking her and giving her treats.



## Little Squirrels trip to Aqua Jardin



On Friday 23rd February Little Squirrels went on a trip to Aqua Jardin. They saw Stingrays, Turtles, Goldfish, Shrimp, Eels and a variety of colourful fish of varying sizes. Little Squirrels were also lucky enough to meet two Parrots, a grey one called Ava and rainbow coloured one called Scooby.

Little Squirrels had a wonderful time and brought some colourful pebbles and Aquatic plants for their sensory tray to explore back at Countryside.





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## Magic Moments

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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:** Well done to **Ronan** for doing so well with your crawling. Congratulations to **Daisy, Penelope** and **Mabel** for sleeping on a mat and well done to **JJ** for using more words.

**Hedgehogs:** Congratulations to **Kit** for doing so well wearing pants and well done to **Edison** for using more language at Nursery and recognizing shapes.

**Little Squirrels:** Congratulations to **Rose G** and **Wilbur** for doing so well wearing pants. Well done to **Levi** and **Ezmae** for settling so well in Little Squirrels.

**Big Squirrels:** Well done to **Erin** and **Poppy** for getting dressed all by yourself. We are so proud of you both

**Congratulations to all of you superstars!**

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## Big Squirrels Parent Days

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This month will be Big Squirrels Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with Grace or Laura any information to see how your children are getting along, please email me at [info@country-sidedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@country-sidedaynursery.co.uk) and Laura or I will arrange a suitable time to arrange a consultation with you.

Alternatively, please message Laura or myself through Tapestry and we will then arrange a convenient time with you via this method.

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## Easter Closing Dates

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**Nursery closes 5.45pm Thursday 28th March 2024**

**Nursery re-opens Tuesday 2nd April 2024**

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