



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter December 2024

Children In Need

On Friday 15th November we joined in with the Children In Need fund raising event. Big Squirrels participated in an exciting Supa Strikers session at Hartpury Village Hall with "Coach Chris" and the Ladybird, Hedgehog and Little Squirrel Children came dressed in their pyjamas. Please can all donations and sponsor forms be returned to Nursery by Friday 13th December. Thank you, very much for all your contributions for this very worthwhile charity.



Fee Increase From Spring 2025

As always Countryside Day Nursery offers high quality care and education for young children within the community, however, in order to continuously deliver these high standards there has to be a necessary fee increase from Spring 2025. Considerations will be made to keep the fee increase to a minimum. Nearer the time I will have more idea as to the Governments plans and agenda regarding all childcare costs. So at this point, I will be able to confirm then the increased fees.

I am writing this in December's newsletter to give you as much notice as possible. As you are all probably aware Countryside reinvests huge amounts of income back into the Nursery in order that your children can benefit from improvements and quality practice. Excellent variety of learning opportunities for your children to improve their outcomes and constant purchase of new resources are some examples of how your money is re-invested into the setting. In addition to this, I know that everyone is aware of the increase in fuel costs, food costs and general day to day running of a business. All of these factors will lead to a necessary fee increase from a month (around Spring Time) which I will announce as soon as I know in the new year.

Please note that we now accept the 15 and 30 hours funding for the relevant age groups (eligibility criteria will apply) and from September 2025 all children aged 9 months onwards will be able to access 30 hours of funding (eligibility criteria will apply)

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind parents whose children are leaving for school in September 2025 to cancel their salary sacrifice childcare contracts, as Countryside Day Nursery cannot reimburse any payments which are made once the children have left the establishment.

Can I also remind parents to visit the governments childcare choices website which has a plethora of options to support parents with childcare costs.

Ladybirds Learning Activities in November 2024



Exploring the ICT toys.



Having a go at completing the animal insert puzzle.



Ball and tube fun.



Creating firework



Filling and emptying pots.



Enjoying a book.



Having fun with the musical instruments.



Exploring the activity table.



Tunnel fun.



Exploring the sand.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in November 2024



Sensory tray fun.



Enjoying a walk in the meadow.



Watching the Maize being harvested.



Joining in the interactive story time.



Using a variety of tools to explore the play dough.



Exploring the light box and post box.



Gruffalo Crumble sensory tray.



Parachute fun.



Exploring the snow.



Feeding the chickens.

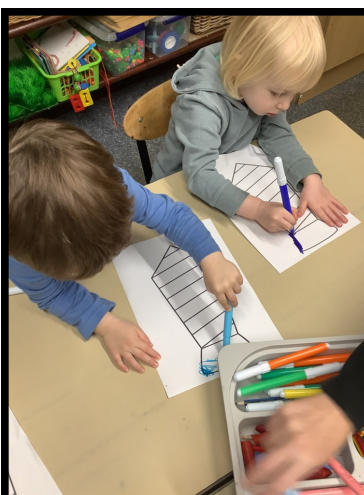


Visiting our Big squirrel friends.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in November 2024



Creating pictures with pumpkin seeds.



Creating our "Smartest Giant in Town" ties.



Having fun with our new train track.



A walk through the meadow to look for the Gruffalo.



Creating our Ladybirds.



Checking our chickens and collecting the eggs.



Creating cakes out of the dough.



Using lots of sticky glue to create our stick men.



Splashing in puddles.



Creating our hearts.



Cutting and sticking.



Exploring the ice sensory tray.



Exploring the jelly bath mixture.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in November 2024



Constructing a wall together.



Exploring the Dragon sensory tray.



Enjoying a hotdog in the meadow.



Looking at the alphabet learning blocks.



Painting with the fine brushes.



Creating firework pictures.



Creating the Gruffalo child.



Exploring with colours.



Enjoying Christmas craft.



Balancing the marbles using tongs.

Hedgehog and Little Squirrels trip to Hoppity Poppits.

On Wednesday 6th November the Hedgehog and Little Squirrels children went on a trip to Hoppity Poppits to find the characters from "Room on the Broom". We had a wonderful time and the children really enjoyed exploring all of the different areas.



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 **Seb** for becoming the best big brother and being so kind. Well done to **Henry** for eating your meals with a spoon at home. Congratulations to **Lottie** for playing together with your friends. Well done to **Finley** for walking independently. Congratulations to **Henry** for communicating and using words. Well done to **Darcie** for using more words and actions and congratulations to **Ava** for practicing sitting up so well.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Isaac**, **Astrid** and **Wilfred C** for settling so well in the Hedgehog room and congratulations to **Felix** for being very helpful and considerate in Hedgehogs.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Mabel BM** for being brave at the dentist. Well done to **Luther** and **Rory** for doing so well wearing pants.

Big Squirrels: Well done to **Molly** for joining your new gymnastics class, showing great confidence at your first session. Congratulations to **Angus**, **Bertie** and **Dylan** for riding two wheeled bikes. Well done to **Finley** for being very helpful at home.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Ladybird Parent Days

This month will be Ladybirds Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with your child's key worker how they are getting along, please email me at info@country-sidedaynursery.co.uk and I will ask a member of the Ladybird team to arrange a consultation with you.

Alternatively, please message the Ladybird staff through Tapestry and they will then arrange a convenient time with you via this method.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all!

On behalf of the staff and myself, we would like to thank you very much for continuously reading our newsletters, tapestry posts and supporting your children every step of the way. You would not believe what a difference this makes to us as staff within our job roles, as your support is fundamental to your child's early learning and development. We are so lucky at Countryside to have an excellent partnership with parents and we thank you so much for being brilliant supportive parents.

Please note that the last day the Nursery will be open is Friday 20th December 2024
December and we will re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2025 at 8-00am.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, we hope that you will all enjoy a well deserved restful Christmas period, and we hope that you have a lovely time at Christmas with your children. Can I take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year from us all here at Countryside. From Grace xxx