



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

January 2024

Countryside's Nativity Play



Nativity Days.....

We had the most amazing Nativities- well done to all our Big Squirrel friends- you were fabulous.

We were very proud of you all!!

Christmas Party Day



A visit to the stable



On the 11th December the Big Squirrels children were kindly invited to visit baby Jesus in Eleanor's Mummy's stable. This was a wonderful experience for the children which they really enjoyed.

Thank you so much for inviting us.

Ladybirds Learning Activities in December 2023



Exploring the Musical Mat together.



Climbing high!



Having fun exploring the sensory wall.



Shaving foam fun.



Exploring the Busy Board.



Christmas colourings.



Ready, steady, go!



Having fun with the pop up toys.



Lots of glitter and glue!

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in December 2023



Decorating our Christmas Trees.



Using stickers to decorate our Christmas bags.



Decorating our Christmas tree.



Making marks in the flour.



Parachute fun.



Enjoying looking at books together.



Ready for our Christmas Lunch!



Trying out the Obstacle course.



Using the spoons to fill up the pots.



Singing along to 10 Green Bottles.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in December 2023



Painting and glittering our Christmas stars.



Looking for the hidden treasure!



Decorating the tree together.



Dentist Day!



Christmas paintings.



Looking at the Bugs.



Practicing our cutting skills.



Having fun in the garden.



Exploring the Ice sensory



Building towers together.



Completing puzzles together.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in December 2023



Using our fingers to create Snowmen.



Completing the Blow Ball Challenge!



Brilliant balancing!



Decorating our Christmas bags.



Decorating our Christmas tree.



Busy building and fixing.



Bean bag and hoop fun.



Opening up our advent calendar.



Cosmic Yoga time.



Enjoying our Christmas lunch, Cheers!

Thank you to our parents

Thank you to Molly's family



Thank you Molly for very kindly donating your book "The Tiger Who Came to Tea".

This was very kind of you and the children in Hedgehogs have really enjoyed listening to this story.

Thank you so much.

Thank you to Beatrix's family



Thank you to Beatrix for donating some dressing up clothes to the Nursery.

These resources will be greatly used as the children have lots of fun dressing up in different costumes.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.

An amazing Tractor Run- Monday 18th December

On Monday 18th December we were so grateful as several of our ex parents and ex children were organising a tractor run and the route came straight past the Nursery. Farmer Andy made sure that we were all safe to watch and we even saw Farmer Bill driving one of the tractors. Thank you so much to the organisers for going slowly past the children and for beeping their horns- it was truly an amazing sight.



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 **Ottilie** for independent walking, **Mabel** for using more words and also well done to **Mabel** for waving goodbye to Mummy at morning handover. A huge well done to **Ronan** for enjoying more tummy time and for sitting up and to **Stella** for completing fabulous communication with friends. Well done to **Felix** for communicating, babbling and smiling to his friends and staff. And finally a huge well to **Hazel** and **Florence** for settling well into Ladybirds.

Hedgehogs: Congratulations to Zeta, Ryan, Wilbur, Henry and Kit for settling so well into Hedgehogs- you have been amazing- well done to you all.

Little Squirrels: Well done to Leah for settling so well into Little Squirrels- a huge well done to Leah.

Big Squirrels: Well done to Poppy for being so brave in hospital- we are very proud of you Poppy. Also a massive well done to all our Big squirrel friends for completing an amazing Nativity Show- it was wonderful- well done Big Squirrels. Also, well done to **Ottilie T** for sleeping in your own bed.

We are so proud of you all

A very big congratulations to all you superstars!

Funding

Just a reminder that at Countryside children are currently able to access the 15 hours of Nursery Education Funding at the ages of 3 or 4 years. Any unfunded hours at Countryside will be charged at £11-40p per hour from March 2024. At Countryside we offer the 15 hours of Nursery Education Funding and parents are able to access a maximum of 6 hours per day at any one time for a fully funded session time. Please note Countryside does not and is not planning to offer 15 or 30 hours of Nursery Education Funding for any other age groups.

Please do look also to see if you are eligible for the Government tax free childcare as this can be a considerable saving from your child's Nursery fees. For more information visit:-

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/how-to-use-tax-free-childcare/>

Children's Dental Hygiene

We are continuously hearing the struggles for parents to register and access dental practices with young children.

Statistics taken from the British Dental Association states:-

3.7% of 5-year-old children in England had experience of obvious dental decay.

Therefore, we would like to know if your child is currently registered at a dentist, has seen the dentist, where their dentist is and do they regularly clean their teeth. This is relevant for all rooms, as even young babies should be regularly visiting the dentist. The staff will be asking you these questions and we would be grateful for your honest answers.

For more information and support, please see the NHS link below

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/take-care-of-your-teeth-and-gums/>