



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter July 2024

Ofsted Report—31st May 2024

As you all know, we had our routine Ofsted inspection on 31st May. Please find the link below to view our latest Ofsted report

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY501162>

We received some fabulous positive acknowledgements in the report and some of these read as follows:-

- Children are happy and enjoy their time in this caring nursery.
- Staff have high expectations of every child and provide an engaging curriculum for children to learn through play.
- Children are confident and self-motivated learners.
- Children learn how to be independent.
- Staff prepare children well for the transition to school and teach them important skills, such as how to follow instructions.
- Staff have a clear idea about what they want children to learn.
- Staff put swift interventions in place for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- Staff enjoy working at the nursery and staff morale is high- they strive to constantly improve
- Staff model good manners and teach children how to follow the rules and expectations of the Nursery.
- Staff teach children about healthy lifestyles and children enjoy a range of nutritious snacks and meals offered by the Nursery.
- Staff provide lots of opportunities for physical movement to build children's strength and fitness
- Staff know the children well. There is a strong key-person system and effective communication between staff and parents.
- Staff effectively promote children's communication and language skills, for instance they introduce new words and model correct pronunciation
- Children are confident communicators
- Children are prepared for life in modern Britain

Following our inspection I would again personally like to thank the staff as I couldn't do this job without my dedicated team behind me. The staff work so hard to deliver a high quality of care and education every day to your children. Ofsted only have a snapshot of one day, but I see the Nursery every day and see some fantastic learning opportunities and excellent care given for every child here at Countryside. This is the most important factor to me.

I would also again like to take this opportunity to thank you all as parents for your amazing endless support not only on the day with all your wonderful emails which you sent in, but also for your continuous support every day here at Countryside- it is truly appreciated.

Daddies Morning



On Friday 7th June we welcomed our Daddies into Countryside Day Nursery for a Daddies morning. We had a range of activities on offer in the rooms but we all enjoyed a walk round the perimeter of the large field, where our Dad's met the Nursery's pet lambs and chatted away to their children and their friends. We then finished the morning off with a bacon roll from the kitchen.

I would like to thank all our dads so much for joining in with this event. The children were so excited that their Daddies were coming into play, they just couldn't wait. Thank you so much for giving up your valuable time and for making your child's day a very special and memorable day.



Grace's Birthday Celebrations

On Thursday 27th June to celebrate my birthday Little and Big Squirrels went on a trip to the Dick Whittington Park. We had a wonderful time. We managed to hire the whole venue just for us, which was great and we travelled there in two buses, the Nursery's bus and a hired bus. We played hide and seek and then we had a great game on the big slide, where we took turns in teams of three to see who could go down the quickest- in the end after all the heats, it was Finley- well done Finley for your fabulous technique of using your hands to speed yourself up down the slide- this really worked as you were the overall winner!! We then enjoyed a lovely picnic made by Kay followed by a fabulous birthday cake made by Doreen. Then as if the trip wasn't enough the staff had organised gifts for me at Nursery and had all clubbed together to buy me a cut and colour hairdressing voucher—so off I went on the Friday to have my hair done- what a treat!! Thank you so much for making my birthday a very special Birthday to remember xxx



Ladybirds Learning Activities in June 2024



Exploring the pasta sensory.



Music time using the Tapa Sticks.



Having fun in the outdoor kitchen.



Enjoying a story.



Stacking the sensory rings.



Creative time.



Popping bubbles.



Exploring the snap, crackle, pop sensory tray.

Showing good concentration threading the pipe cleaners.



Hedgehogs Learning Activities in June 2024



Water Tray fun.



Completing a puzzle together.



Exploring the play dough.



Creating a picture with glue and tissue paper.



Cooling down in the paddling pool.



Getting creative.



Lots of fun digging in the compost.



Showing good listening skills at circle time.



Playing a matching game with friends.



Making marks with cotton buds and shaving foam.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in June 2024



Enjoying playing with the playdough.



Water tray fun in the sun.



Practising our races for Sports Day.



Having a giggle with my friend.



Little Squirrels car wash.



Dressing up with my friends.



Watering our flowers.



Soft play fun in the garden.



Busy in the small world Quarry.



Decorating our stars.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in June 2024



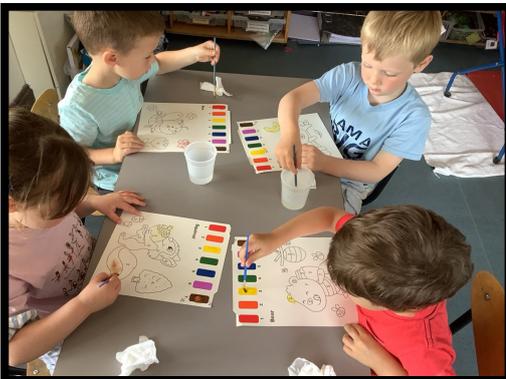
Sand tray fun.



Practising our races for Sports Day.



Caring for our plants in the garden.



Completing our water colour pictures.



Enjoying a story outside.



Yoga session.



Having a splashing time in the sun.



Exploring the spaghetti sensory tray.



Wearing our Wigs for Ww day.



Picnic tea.



Enjoying playing in the large sand pit.

Thank you to.....

Arthur

We would like to thank Arthur's family for very kindly donating a toy Henry Hoover for the children to play with at Nursery.

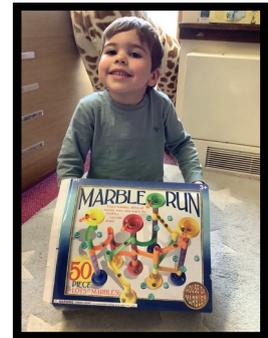
This was very kind of you to think of us and I am sure the children will have great pleasure in using this new resource.

Thank you so much.



George

Thank you to George and Maeve's family who have donated some lovely toys for us to use at Nursery. This was very thoughtful of you both, thank you so much.



September 2024 information evening

On Thursday 5th September at 7-00pm- 8-00pm Grace, Laura and Michelle (Big Squirrels) would like to invite all of the 2026 school cohort children's parents/ carers to Nursery to have an informative evening discussing what we are going to complete in Big Squirrels for the forthcoming academic year and how we are going to prepare your child for school

We will also be talking about school applications and we will have a power point offering information to parents about this process.

We will also be showing you, how we use the "ready for school learning programme" which is a great programme to support each child in Big Squirrels

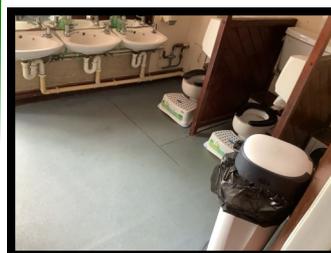
We would encourage as many parents as possible as we always say in Big Squirrels, the more you work with us during this final year, the more prepared your child will be for school. This really does make a massive difference to help consolidate your child's learning and set them up to be confident happy active life long learners- exciting times ahead!!

Therefore, if you would like to attend this evening, please email Grace at info@country-sidedaynursery.co.uk and then Grace will book you places for the evening.

Little Squirrels Bathroom

At Countryside we are always looking to improve and we realised Little Squirrels Bathroom needed a little re-vamp of their flooring. Therefore, we have had a new flooring installed and this looks much fresher and brighter! Please see the before and after photos.

Thank you to Simon in Carpet Hut in Cheltenham for completing this job for us.



Before



After

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 **Milo** for sleeping on a mat at Nursery. Well done to **Astrid** and **Isaac** for settling so well into Ladybirds. Congratulations to **Florence** for using more words to communicate and becoming more independent. Well done to **Stella** for being a caring friend and congratulations to **Astrid** for taking your first independent step.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Arlo** for wearing big boy pants.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Rose** for trying new foods at Nursery. Congratulations to **Leah** for being brave at the dentist and well done to **Henry P** for wearing big boy pants.

Big Squirrels: Well done to **Nora** for being very helpful at home, and also for sounding out words. Congratulations to **Amelia** for putting your face into the water at swimming. Well done to **Bobby K** for trotting on Poppet the pony all by yourself.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Reptile Roadshow

On Friday 7th June Big Squirrels had a visit from the Reptile Roadshow where they met some Reptiles! The children met a Blue tongued skink, Bobby the Python, Curly the Tarantula and a Bull frog- what a great time!



Big Squirrels Reports

This month its the time for Big Squirrels Transition Reports to go to school. Grace and Laura have been writing the reports and when your child leaves Big Squirrel Room then these reports will be sent home to be then taken to school in September. We have been continuously contacting the local schools and we have had an excellent response with many reception teachers meeting up with us via the telephone, zoom or actually visiting the Nursery and meeting the children in the Big Squirrels Class. I have been very pleased with these responses as the conversations which we have all help to support a smooth transition from Nursery to school in September 2024.

Please can all parents make sure that you sign these transition reports and that you then deliver them to school. Thank you.