



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter June 2024

## Kitchen re-vamp



Before



After

Over the weekend of the 18th May B&B services gave our kitchen a re-vamp.

Thank you to Doreen and Kay worked tirelessly to remove all of the kitchen equipment from the cupboards to put them in storage over the weekend whilst the work was completed. Thank you also to Kay who came in early on Monday morning to put all of the equipment back into the kitchen following the work being completed over the weekend.

We are always striving to improve our setting and when resources start to look a little worn/ tired I feel it is important to address these issues to make sure we continuously improve our practice as well as ensuring a clean and fresh environment for staff and children

Thank you to B and B services, Kay and Doreen for "making this revamp happen!!"

## Training from Local Authority Head

On Thursday 16th May after Nursery Justine who is our Local Authority Head came to Nursery to deliver a Safeguarding training refresher session for all our staff.

This was a very informative and essential session where we are all reminded to continue to read and refresh our safeguarding knowledge. Thank you so much to Justine for giving up her valuable time and also to our fabulous staff for staying on after work to listen to some quite horrific scenarios.

However, safeguarding is a highly important area of our work and one which we cannot afford to be complacent with. I also had the privilege of visiting MASH (the Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub) in Gloucester on Thursday 18th April. I found this visit rather fascinating as it is beneficial to see the procedures which MASH follow when we need to call for referrals or advice. It was amazing to see how all agencies health/ police/ education/ social care are working together in one very large room. There were so many professionals busy working on their computers, it was quite a sight to see., but reassuring that all these professionals are working together to keep our children safe.



# Ladybirds Learning Activities in May 2024



Enjoying one of the song sacks.



Exploring the farm sensory tray.



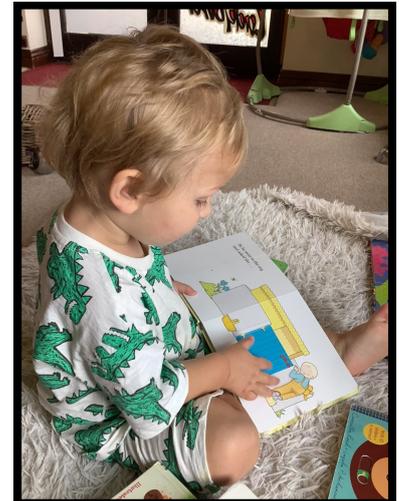
Showing good concentration whilst exploring the busy board.



Helping to feed the lambs.



Jelly sensory tray fun.



Enjoying a book



Lots of sticky glue to get creative with.



Splish splash.



Having fun in the garden.

# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in May 2024



Enjoying a Yoga session



Checking on the Nursery chickens.



Water tray fun.



Rolling and cutting the play dough



The Toot Toot set is amazing!



Exploring with marks and colour.



Watching the Nursery lambs.



Looking for bugs.



Enjoying a story outside together.



Using brushes to explore the foam sensory tray.

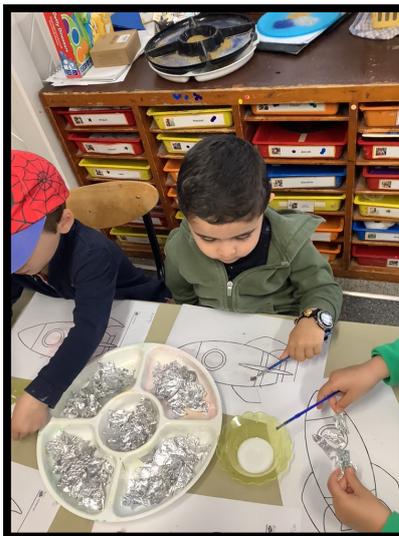


Practising our balancing.

# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in May 2024



Creating colourful puddles.



Decorating Space Rockets.



Water tray fun.



Enjoying a Picnic tea outside.



Playing games together



Diggers and soil sensory tray.



Exploring the glittery Slime.



Having fun in the Dinosaur small world area.



Mark making together.

# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in May 2024



Creating our Octonaut pictures.



Enjoying playing the fishing game.



Guinea pigs, Peppa and Caramel came to visit us.



Completing a counting game in the sunshine.



Practising our balancing.



Giving the vehicles a wash.



A trip to Costa.



Having so much fun riding our bikes



Completing the Funky Fingers activity.



Creating our Frozen pictures.



A trip to McDonald's

## Visit to the Library

On the 14th May Big Squirrels went on a trip to Newent Library. We love visiting the library and strangely enough when we got there, there was also two of our other Big Squirrel friends, which was very funny!!

Literacy is so important within the early years. Early reading ignites creativity, sparks curiosity, and stimulates the imagination in young children. Often, this leads to role-play as children grow which helps to develop other skills such as empathy, problem-solving, and social skills. Please do encourage your children to look at books, listen to Tonies, sing songs and rhymes- as much as you possibly can do to promote these very important literacy skills. Thank you.



## Dates for your Diary

Just a quick summary of some important dates for your diaries with more details to follow:-

**Friday 7th June-** 8-30am-10-00am Open Morning for Dad's whose child attends on this day (in conjunction with NBPCC- The Childhood Daily Mile)

**Tuesday 9th July-** Sports Days 9-30-11-30 Hedgehogs

**Tuesday 9th July-** Sports days 1-30-3-30pm Little Squirrels

**Wednesday 10th July—**Sports Day starts at 1-00pm with leavers ceremony at 4-00pm

## Christmas Closing Dates

### Dates for Christmas Break 2024

**Friday 20th December 2024—**Nursery closes @ 5-45pm

**Thursday 2nd January 2025—**Nursery re-opens @ 8am

---

## 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:** Well done to **Ronan, Maeve** and **Sienna** for walking independently. Congratulations to **Wilf** and **Hanna** for sleeping on a mat at Nursery and well done to **Maeve** for coming into Nursery so well.

**Hedgehogs:** A huge well done to **Aura** and **Zeta** for sleeping in a big girls bed. Congratulations to **Luther, Evelyn** and **Angus** for all settling so well into Hedgehogs.

**Little Squirrels:** Well done to **Harry** and **Jacob** for being brave at the dentist. Congratulations to **Dylan** for being an excellent big brother and well done to **Wyatt** for doing so well with potty training.

**Big Squirrels:** Well done to **Erin** for trying new foods such as:- Thai yellow curry, Spaghetti bolognaise and Chilli curry. A very big well done to Freddie for riding his bike without stabilisers and also to **Ottillie T** for giving Big Squirrels a book about friendship, so thank you **Ottillie** for being so thoughtful and kind

---

## Little Squirrels Parent Days

---

This month will be Little Squirrels Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with your key person to see how they are getting along, please email me at [info@country-sidedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@country-sidedaynursery.co.uk) and I will ask your child's key worker to arrange a telephone consultation with you.

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

### Thank you Harper

We would like to thank Harper's family for very kindly bringing in some Plum Tomato plants that Harper had grown from seed to share with her Little Squirrel friends. What a clever girl you are!

Thank you so much and I am sure all your friends will enjoy looking after their plants and eating the delicious tomatoes.



### Thank you to Matt

On Friday 24th May Matt Hale and his team came to trim all of our hedges and bushes. I would like to thank Matt for completing this job so efficiently and quickly, in between parents dropping off and collecting. I am very grateful- thank you.

