



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter September 2024

Smooth Transitions- w/c 2nd September

It has been very reassuring to see that all the children are now beginning to settle in their new rooms. The children always amaze us at how well prepared they are for any changes which we make here at Countryside, they really are very resilient. Therefore we congratulate the children all as they settle into their new classes at Countryside.

I have also heard from many of the children who left for school this September and again this year, we are so pleased that for everyone we have spoken to, their children have settled in well and are very happy to be attending school. This is testimony that whilst here at Countryside we nurture children's curiosity and challenge their minds we also know that by attending the Nursery this prepares the children so well for the very important transition to school.

The government are investing heavily into Early Years, with the increase of funding for our young children and it is therefore no surprise that they have completed huge amounts of research to evidence how beneficial the Early Years is for young children. However, after working in Early Years for over 30 years, I completely agree, you cannot give your child a better start in life that to offer them some type of Early Years experiences. I am so thrilled that the children here have the opportunity to have the "Countryside experience."

Big Squirrels Visit the Bakery

On Monday 12th August Big Squirrels went on a trip to St Georges Bakery to buy some bread for snack time and to see how bread is made. We were talking about traditional tales and our story for the day was "The Little Red Hen" so we went to find wheat/ flour and we finally found bread! Thank you to Alan and his team for inviting us to the bakery once again- we are so grateful that we can offer the children these fantastic experiences.



Ladybirds Learning Activities in August 2024



Having fun on the large slide.



Keeping cool with water play in the garden.



Mark making fun.



Completing some peg board puzzles.



Watering the herbs.



Ball pool fun in the garden.



Practising cleaning teeth activity.



Exploring the sand tray together.



Enjoying a story together.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in August 2024



Soft play fun in the garden.



Exploring the play dough together.



Practising our cutting skills.



Football fun.



Cooling down with water play in the garden.



Enjoying a walk in the meadow.



Enjoying the sensory area.



Playing the shopping game.



Mark Making With flour.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in August 2024



Enjoying our snack outside.



Having a splashing time on the Slip and slide.



Creating a volcano!



Creating Tiger faces.



Jumping in the puddles is so much fun.



Exploring the potion station.



Painting our Rainbow Fish.



Sea life water tray fun.



Filling and empty in the sensory tray.



Checking the Nursery chickens.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in August 2024



Creating our sea side pictures.



Making some ice creams in the sensory tray.



Keeping cool with the water play.



Having so much fun on the slip and slide.



Playing balloon volleyball .



Giving my friends a ride.



We created some Olympic torches.



Completing a size sorting picture for Goldilocks.



Having fun in Hedgehogs garden.



Making Gingerbread people.



Creating our whizzy Rockets!

Other pieces of Information

Christmas Closing Dates

Dates for Christmas Break 2024

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

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

Thank you to Matt

On Tuesday 27th August 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.



Big Squirrels went pond dipping

On Thursday 8th August Big Squirrels got kitted up in our waterproofs and headed over to Newent lake for pond dipping.

We began by listening to Jane about what we may find and then carefully lifting stones and scooping with our nets. We worked in small groups managing to find fresh water shrimp, caddis fly, bullhead fish. We had an amazing time before returning to nursery for lunch.



Big Squirrels visit to Debbie's Farm

On Thursday 15th August Big Squirrels went to visit Debbie's pigs where we learnt all about Penny and Sally, we know Sally's having babies and we watched Debbie and her two boys feed the pigs and tickle their tummies. We were also lucky enough as Debbie had arranged for us to see and sit in a John Deere tractor and we saw a baler.



Big Squirrels Produce shop



On Thursday 15th August the Big Squirrels were very excited to open their shop to sell produce from their garden, homemade gingerbread men and freshly laid eggs from the Nursery Hens.

This was a wonderful experience for the children who all had a turn using the till and serving their customers.

There was much excitement when they saw they had a queue!

Thank you for coming along and supporting this lovely activity.



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 **Wilf** for becoming more independent at Nursery.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Wilbur** and **Mabel BM** for doing so well wearing pants. Congratulations to **Milo** and **Arlo** for sleeping in a big boys bed. Well done to **Wilf** and **Bianca** for settling so well in Hedgehogs.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Levi** for being a good big brother.

Big Squirrels:- Well done to **Eleanor** for riding our bike without stabilisers.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Grandparents afternoon- Friday 4th October 4-00pm-5-30pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

On Friday 4th October, we would like to invite the grandparents/ relatives to see their children here at Nursery for some fun activities from 4-00-5-30pm and to enjoy some refreshments in the kitchen.. We are opening the Nursery up for the grandparents of the children who attend on that Friday afternoon and it would be lovely for you to see your children here at the setting. We will also be raising funds for the Macmillan Cancer support, so if you would like to donate on the day, please feel free. However, above all, we would like to share with you the activities which your children enjoy here at the setting.

Please email me at info@country-sidedaynursery.co.uk if you would like to book places for your child's grandparents/ relatives to attend and I will make sure the place is booked for them. Please do advise if any of your relatives have mobility aids and then we will make sure that we have the rooms set up to facilitate these. Many thanks as always- Grace



Hedgehog Parent days

This month will be Hedgehog 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 and I will ask your child's key worker to arrange a telephone consultation with you.

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