



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter January 2022

## Wow, what a lovely last few weeks in December!

We had a fun packed month preparing for Christmas and on Wednesday 23rd December we thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas lunch cooked by Kay.

We pulled our Christmas Crackers, wore our crowns and listened to some of our favourite Christmas songs.. Christmas was a very special time for us all here at Countryside.



## Big Squirrels went to collect the Christmas trees



On Thursday 2nd December we visited Shaun Pitt, an ex parent who sells Christmas trees at Hasfield. We visit Shaun every year and it is one of our highlights as Big Squirrels choose the Christmas trees for the rest of the Nursery.

We had fun walking around the different trees and after much discussion decided on our three Christmas trees to take back. Shaun then showed us how he cuts them down with his sharp saw as we all counted to 10. We then saw how the trees were bagged and packaged before he loaded them into the back of the Nursery mini-bus. It was a lovely morning.



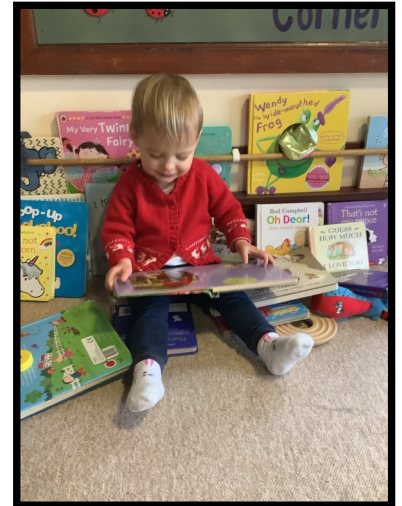
# Ladybirds Learning Activities in December



Exploring the abacas frame.



Playing alongside each other.



Enjoying looking at a book.



The texture ball is great fun!



Christmas craft time!



Mark making together.



Showing good concentration whilst putting the hoops onto the pillars.



Working out how to make the cogs move.



# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in December



Having fun sorting the pom-poms.



Decorating the tree together.



Would you like to build a snow man?



Christmas jumper day.



Lots of paint and glitter.



Would you like to join our tea party?



Snow sensory tray fun!



Parachute fun!



Making Gingerbread.





# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in December



Exploring the sensory tray.



Christmas Craft time!



Decorating the tree together.



Writing letters to Father Christmas.



Climbing trees is great fun!



Making the Dinosaurs a cosy house.



Puddle splashing fun!



Look at what I'm painting!



Practising our scissor control.

Making stain glass windows for Christmas.





# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in December



Making Christmas Puddings!- sticky ones and edible ones!



Good finger painting control when decorating our trees.



Posting our letters to Santa at Ashleworth Shop.



Having fun dressing up in festive costumes.



Playing Santa Bingo.



Look at our super stars!!!



Painting Santas.



Shape and number Christmas Trees.



Having fun in the Winter Wonderland sensory tray.

# Thank you to our parents

## Thank you George

Thank you to George's parents for very kindly donating some books which George no longer wanted. This was very kind of you to think of us and the children are thoroughly enjoying reading them. Thank you so much.



## Thank you Finlay

Thank you to Finlay's parents for very kindly donating some nappies and cotton wool which Finlay no longer wanted. Thank you very much for thinking of us- they always come in handy. .



## Thank you Sam

Thank you to Sam for kindly donating some spare clothes and a ride on truck which we know the little children will really enjoy. It was very kind of you to think of us- thank you Sam



## Thank you Georgina



Thank you to Georgina for having a sort out of your clothes which you have grown out of and bringing spares for us at Nursery- these are always very useful. | Thank you.

# Hedgehog Parent Days

This month will be Hedgehog Parent Days. (January)

If you would like to discuss with your child's key worker how they are getting along, please email me at [info@countysidedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@countysidedaynursery.co.uk) and I will ask Tom or Aleksandra 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.



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## Magic Moments

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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.

**Little Squirrels:** Well done to **Orla** for getting dressed all by herself. Congratulations to **Finn** and **Evelynn** for sorting the toys into the correct boxers and well done to **Matthew** for achieving Ducklings level one and two in swimming.

**Big Squirrels:** Well done to **Rupert** for coming 4th in his first pony competition and well done to **Emlyn** for being brave at the dentist. Well done to **Robin, Jack** and **Lara** for both dressing themselves independently, what grown up Big Squirrels you have become. Well done to **Georgina** for getting her swimming certificate and floating on her back. Well done to **Bella** for completing a dance show in front of a large audience and well done to **Matilda** for writing her name independently. We are seeing such big progress in Big Squirrels- a huge well done to you all.

We are so proud of you all

A very big congratulations to all you superstars!

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## Funding

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Just a reminder that at Countryside children are currently able to access the 15 hours of Nursery Education Funding at the ages of 2, 3 or 4 years. Any unfunded hours at Countryside will be charged at £8-50p per hour from March 2022. 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 30 hours of Nursery Education Funding.

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/>

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## And Finally...

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On behalf of all the staff at Nursery I would like to thank you very much for all your kind thoughts, gifts and best wishes we received at Christmas. It was very generous of you and we are very grateful for your generosity. Thank you!

Also as the weather may be wet, frosty and icy in the New Year can we just remind parents to take care when driving into the Nursery car park - although we try and take precautions with water and ice, driving slowly in and out of Nursery is essential.

And very finally, on behalf of all the staff at Nursery and myself, I would just like to thank you for all of your support during a very difficult and challenging year and we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

**Happy New Year!**