



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter May 2023

Easter Celebrations at Countryside



We had a fun packed week at Country-side with a variety of Easter themed activities, we even had a visit from the Easter Bunny too!



Celebrating St Georges Day



We had lots of fun celebrating St Georges day at Countryside. We made flags, shields, swords and used them on the Dragon piñata, created some colourful dragon pictures and made dragons too! Big Squirrels even finished off with a visit to St George's Bakery to choose a cake for tea.

Thank you so much to Alan at St George's for allowing the children "behind the scenes" to see the big oven and to choose some delicious cakes to take home



Fire Engine Visit



On Tuesday 18th April we were very lucky as we had a surprise visit from a Fire Engine. This was kindly arranged by Mabel's Mummy in Ladybird Room.

We were so lucky as the children were encouraged to meet with the firefighters, look at the fire engine and were even allowed to squirt the water hose.

Thank you so much to the firefighters for arranging this wonderful visit—it was a very special treat



Reminder for Parent First Aid refresher evening— Thursday 18th May here at Countryside

Can I just remind parents that On Thursday 18th May I have organised a free first aid refresher evening for parents. The session will begin at 6-00pm and we will aim to finish at around 7-00pm (depending on questions). The evening is an information evening where the trainer will be demonstrating the basics of first aid and how to save a child's life. This is not a certificated course, but if after the evening you would like to attend further training, I am sure that the company can signpost you to their training courses.

For me, I have organised this evening to raise awareness for anybody looking after young children. The first aid will be based on procedures for young babies and young children (not adults). We are also opening this session up to grandparents or any other relatives who look after your children. This would be an ideal session for people who would just not know what to do in case of an emergency but would feel more confident if they had the basics of first aid. Therefore, if you would like to attend, please could you complete the attached form with this newsletter and I will make sure I book the places for you.



Ladybirds Learning Activities in April



Enjoying the Dear Zoo flip flap book.



Creating structures.



Sandpit fun.



Exploring the soft play.



I wonder what this button does?



Exploring balls in the water.



Bubble, Bubble, Pop!



Exploring with marks.



Sensory tray fun.



Ready, steady, go!



Exploring the Jelly sensory tray.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in April



Exploring the rice sensory tray together.



Soft Play fun in the sun.



What's inside Tom's Sound Box!



Water tray fun



Tea party time!



Splashing in the Puddles together.



Creating structures.



Music and Movement .



Sowing some Sunflower seeds.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in April



Printing using Duplo blocks.



Making some yummy Easter nest cakes.



Having fun in the sun.



Creating Lolly pictures.



Dressing up as Superheroes!



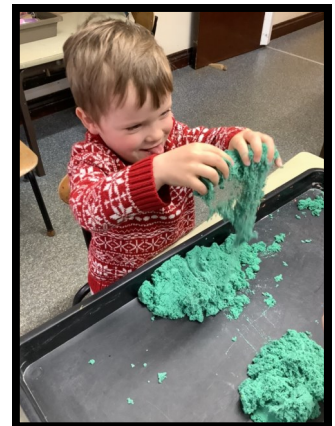
Enjoying a glass of our homemade smoothies!



Enjoying our new Marble Run!

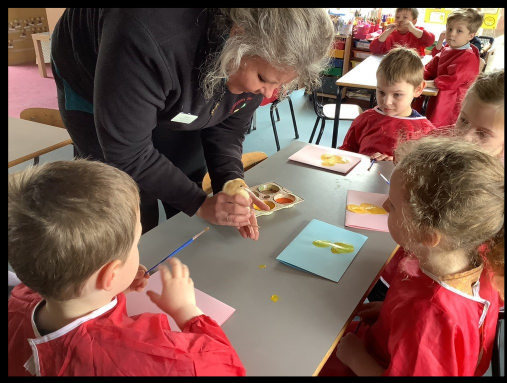


Getting creative!



Exploring the Kinetic sand we made.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in April



Real life art class!



Creating the Life Cycle of a Frog.



Playing a game together.



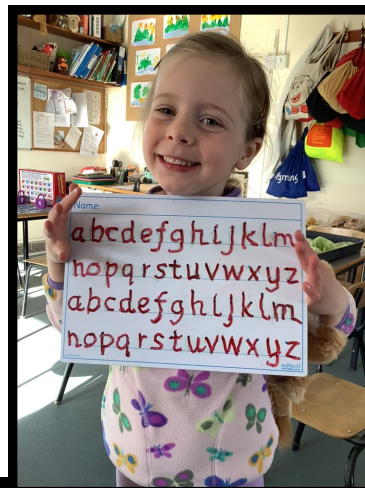
Frozen Day!



Digging for Dinosaurs



Planting up our raised beds.



Amazing writing in Big Squirrels

We had another fabulous bike week

Completing a hulo hoop challenge



Big Squirrels Trip to Staverton Airport



On Thursday 27th April we had a lovely trip as we travelled to Staverton Airport to watch the helicopters, planes and finished off with a yummy hot chocolate- what a wonderful trip this was.

A wonderful visit from a very gentle dog "Tewie"



On Thursday 20th April, we had a real treat as Thea's Mummy brought their family foster dog "Tewie" into Nursery to see us. Tewie was very large, but very gentle and we had a wonderful time learning all about what Tewie likes to eat and we even had a chance to feed Tewie. Thank you so much to Thea's Mummy for arranging this wonderful visit- we were so grateful.

Thank you to Iris



Thank you so much to Iris for donating a wonderful electronic barbecue and also for gifting your lovely farm animals and farm set. These were perfect for the Ladybirds and they have loved playing with them- thank you so much

Thank you to Hugo



Thank you so much to Hugo for kindly donating some spare clothes for us. We are so grateful as we are very often looking for boy trousers/ bottoms and therefore, your bag of boy clothes are invaluable.

We are very grateful and thank you for thinking of us- thank you so much.

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 **Zeta** for crawling independently, well done that is amazing. Also, Congratulations to **Aura** for learning how to say purple with the help of her Grandma when looking at coloured crayons together- well done Aura- this is fabulous news.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Ezmae, Henry P, Jokubas, Wilbur, Leah, Molly** and **Levi** for all settling so well into Hedgehogs, well done!

Little Squirrels: Well done to **Max** for being a kind big brother. Congratulations to **Rosie** for getting dressed all by yourself. Well done to **George** for doing so well on the toilet and congratulations to **Bobby B** for being so kind to your friends. Well done to **Ottilie T** and **Seb** for being so brave having their injections.

Big Squirrels: Well done to **Bertie** for pedaling your bike at home without any stabilizers- that is super news. Congratulations to **Henry, Evelyn C, Thea, Evelyn S** and **Rufus** for amazing writing at Nursery. Well done Big Squirrels, we are very proud of you all.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Hedgehogs Parent Days

This month will be Hedgehogs Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with your key person to see how they are getting along, please email me at info@countrysidedaynursery.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.

Celebrating King Charles III Coronation

On Friday 5th May we are looking forward to introducing the children to King Charles (aka Jack and Harry's Granddad). He will be arriving in a chauffeur driven car and will be here at Countryside to meet and greet all of the children.

We are so grateful to Richard for taking on this role, it will mean such a great deal to the children who are with us on Friday and we look forward to this very special day.

Thank you so much from us all here at Countryside xxx