

Monkey Puzzle Sidcup



Message from the Owners:

Firstly we would like to say a BIG thank you to all our parents and families for their continued support during this challenging times. The children's health and well being is important to us and staff are working extremely hard to keep children safe and well every day.

In January we were joined by 2 new members of staff. Aleyna joined Big Einstein and Feride joined Faraday. We welcome them both to the nursery.

Children have been learning about people who help us and transport through a range of activities. It has been lovely to see the new learning taking place and building on children's current knowledge.

Please do note that we are closed on Tuesday 6th April 2021 for Inset Day and we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March 2021 by dressing up in our favorite book characters.

Sharon & Davinder



Absence:

To report your child's absence please use the Eylog app.

Finances:

Can we please ask that if you are emailing us about any payments, invoices, extra sessions and holidays please message

admin@monkeypuzzlesidcup.co.uk

Late Fees:

Please note we will now be adding a late payment fee of £5 for any overdue invoices

Funding:

For childcare choices you can visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out if you're eligible for 15 or 30 hour funding. Information about the new tax free childcare scheme is also available here.

Inset day:

**Tuesday 6th April 2021
(nursery will be closed)**

Little Einstein -

The theme for Jan and Feb has been people who help us and the babies have enjoyed exploring the various activities within the theme. We have been on walks to look at different modes of transport and then made marks using different vehicles in paint. We have looked at the Vets and the different sounds the animals make. We have explored with different malleable materials and also used toothbrushes to create amazing artwork.



Big Einstein;

For this theme children have investigated the job of a post office worker. We have been making marks on envelopes and posting these. In the tuff tray we have helped get the farmers and trucks out of the gloop! We have looked at pictures of our keyperson and saying their names. For make a dream day we made dream catchers using different materials and have also practiced our fine motor skills by using chopsticks during the Chinese New Year in our noodle tuff tray.

Darwin -

This month we have been decorating biscuits for valentines day and made some cards. For our theme children have made constructions pictures and collages of police officers and firefighters.

In our transport circle time we asked the children how they get to nursery and children talked about the different modes of transport. The children had lots of fun in the snow making snowmen and had a few snowball fights too!

Toddlers have also enjoyed a lovely Chinese themed meal cooked by our chef Alex.



Faraday -

Preschool have had a great time learning about species of birds and have enjoyed the activities around birdwatching and the RSPB survey.

For people who help us we have been on an environment walk to look at the different shops and workers we can see. In our role play we have used the doctors kits and our knowledge to pretend play as a doctor or patient. We have practiced the recovery position and drew x-ray pictures of our hands. For Valentines day we made necklaces using beads and straw.



Sidcup Our Local Hero Award

We are pleased to announce that we are runners up in the Sidcup Local Hero Awards.

Our work that we do for local charities—collecting pyjamas for the local hospital and the support we have given to our families during lockdown has been recognised and appreciated by parents

Thank you to children, families and staff

Staff Training

Davinder has delivered some 1st Aid Training for staff

Checklist for nursery:

- All clothes should be labelled - This includes any spare clothes and clothes that the children are wearing
- Weather appropriate shoes and/or welly boots
- A proper winter coat as it is very cold
- Hats, scarfs and gloves
- A bag that can stay at nursery with enough clothes to last the week.

Due to Covid-19 drop off and pickup of children are split between the back and front gate

We would like to thank all parents for their patience during this time as we need to ensure that children are settled and safe in rooms before returning for other children

Upcoming awareness/celebration/curriculum days

March 2021

4th– World Book Day-Dress Up Day
5th-14th– British Science Week
14th– Mother's Day
19th– Red Nose Day
22nd World Water Day
26th– World Hat Day
29th– Holi

April 2021

2nd– Good Friday
4th Easter Sunday
7th World Health Day
12th-Ramadan begins
13th Vaisakhi
22nd Earth Day
23rd St. George's Day

Employee of the month - January

Employee of the month is

Selina

Selina ensures that the children's individual needs are met and creates a warm caring environment for the children everyday.

**Our topic for March and April is
Animals and Life Cycles**



Coming Soon!
A truly unforgettable
10 day experience...



We are going to hatch some ducklings!

Our eggs arrive on: Monday 8th March 2021

They will be hatching around: Wednesday 10th March 2021

The ducklings will be leaving us on: Thursday 18th March 2021