

Monkey Puzzle Sidcup



Message from the Owners:

What a fantastic few months it has been. It has been great to see the amazing learning taking place throughout the nursery. Children are engaging in more STEAM activities, sensory play and building on our schema play pedagogy.

We would like to welcome Halima, our new deputy manager. Halima has 7 years experience of working in nurseries and has also worked as a deputy manager in her previous nurseries.

Our regular parents group meetings are going very well with a representative from each room, who are able to ask questions and feedback to parents any news and key information.

We are currently working with a local builder who is designing a library for our teaching room for children to benefit from all the new books purchased with the money raised during book week. We hope that this will be completed in the next few weeks.

Thank you to all our families for their continued support and we welcome new children and their families who are beginning their journey with us.

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.

The nursery will be closed for the following bank holidays

- Monday 3rd May
- Monday 31st May

Little Einstein -

This month the children have explored the animals theme. We have had lots of different activities going on. They loved seeing the various animals we had in the nursery such as the guinea pigs, ducklings and budgies. Babies created artwork using different types of media and enjoyed painting their hands to create animal pictures. Celebrations such as world book day and Holi have been great fun too and a chance to explore colours and look at our favourite books. For Easter our babies made carrot footprints, bunny hands and made some delicious cakes.

Big Einstein;

For March and April we have been learning about animals. Some of the types of animals that we have focused on include farm, arctic and safari animals. Children have made binoculars and we role played that we were on safari. Some of the extra curricular topics that we have also enjoyed are St Patrick's day, British Science week and mothers day. The children are enjoying playing with our sensory toys and books that we have enjoyed are Dear Zoo and Down in the Jungle.



Darwin -

We have been looking at animals and patterns. We listened to the 'Monkey Puzzle' story where the children joined in and named the animals.

The children have enjoyed looking at the ducklings and the budgies too. Children explored activities around The Very Hungry Caterpillar and released the butterflies we had observed growing over the last few weeks. We celebrated the Holi festival where the children explored throwing the powder paint with their friends. The children enjoyed making Easter cards and Easter cakes too. We learned how to follow a recipe and name some of the ingredients.

During world water day children explored with water in different forms and we talked about switching the tap off, so we save water! Children are continuing to explore with sand and water in the room, using tools to help measure and create models.



Faraday -

Children in Faraday have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the science week activities. One of our favourite activities was the 'Raining Clouds'

For red nose days the children dressed up and made cupcakes.

As we were able to see some of the life cycle of the ducklings we were able to learn more about the whole life cycle as we had some 1st hand experience of what it looks like.

Some of the skills that we have learned about in forest school include potato peeling, sawing, using a hammer and making our own nature jewellery.

During circle time we talked about the animals we find in the sea and discussed their similarities and differences.



Staff Training

12 members of staff have completed their fire marshal training. Staff have a clear understanding of what to do in the event of a fire.

Teigan has recently completed a course in British Sign Language. Well done Teigan! We will be posting some short videos onto google classrooms soon for children to watch and learn at home.

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

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.

Upcoming awareness/celebration/curriculum days

May 2021

2-9th Deaf Awareness Week
10-16th Mental Health Week
11th Eid al-Fitr
16-19th Shavout
26th Vesak

June 2021

5th world environment day
8th Ocean day
20th Fathers day
21st World music day

Employee of the month - April

Employee of the month is

Rachel

Rachel is a fantastic member of staff who will always give her 110% everyday. Children are engaged in the activities that she plans and are always learning something new.

Thank you Rachel!

Our topic for May and June are

Little and Big Einstein and Darwin: Stories and Rhyme

Faraday: Dinosaurs

Staffing structure at Monkey Puzzle Sidcup

Sharon and Davinder- (Owners/Named Manager)

Halima- Deputy Manager

Teigan– 3rd in Charge

Katie– Unit Leader Under 2s

Georgie– Unit Leader Over 2s

Little Einstein

Sadie– Room Leader

Phoebe

Big Einstein

Katie– Room leader

Teigan

Nafiya

Aleyna

Amanda

Leigha

Darwin

Halima– Overseeing room

Selina– Deputy room leader

Lillie-mai

Maddy

Emma

Shannon

Simran

Faraday

Chanda– Room Leader

Feride

Georgie

Emily

Kitty

Rachel

Chef

Alex

Lunch cover

Jolita

Student

Keeley

Jenny