

# Solihull Newsletter



January 2024

## Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Solihull news!

### Happy New Year!

It's fantastic to be able to share activities and achievements of our Monkey Puzzle Children and Staff. We believe it is important to keep our nursery community up to date with nursery news. Happy reading!

## So, what have the rooms been up to this month?

### Curious Cubs

Our curious cubs have settled in well and are experiencing an active learning environment filled with curiosity and fun. We would like to welcome our newest nursery practitioner Priya, she has been a lovely new addition to our room providing our babies with lots of energy and excitement.

We would like to welcome some lovely little babies over the coming weeks and look forward to growing our curious cubs. They will be attending settling in sessions and meeting your little ones, who we know will welcome them into our room joining them in with our activities and play

Some of our cubs are starting to transition into wild bears, we would like to say a farewell to our friends who have transitioned already and we wish them all the best in their new room. It is such a pleasure for us to see their transition as they will be amongst old friends and new.



## Our Topics of the Month

### Health and hygiene

Our curious cubs are delighted with their activities based around the care of our teeth. We encourage fine motor skills when using tools like a teeth brush during play i.e. cleaning germs from our mouth mats, making marks with toothpaste, brushing our mucky farm animals and so much more.

Encouraging self-care is important from an early age. We believe giving our cubs an opportunity to explore this is paramount for their next steps. We enjoy joining in whilst encouraging them to try something new giving them the confidence to want to build on their new skills.

The home corner is a big hit in our room. Offering a unique experience for our cubs to act out what their learnt and to build on what they know. They care for their baby dolls by brushing their hair or sometimes each other's hair, taking turns wearing their hats whilst checking themselves out in the mirror building on their relationships with one another.

### Senses

Our cubs are enjoying discovering their senses. Sight, sound, smell, touch and taste are explored through our planned activities giving our babies the opportunity to tap into their senses. We are experimenting with different ways to explore our senses i.e. scented socks great for smells and textures, citrus water great with taste and touch, blended fruit great for taste and sight, textured tuff trays and so much more.

## Resources

We love to use as much natural resources as possible, it is a great way to learn all about the world and what we see all around us. An idea of this are materials such as flowers, herbs and spices, sticks, leaves, conkers, sea shells, hay and cardboard boxes. Anything of this nature will help enhance their learning experience. We would like to ask for your help with this and when on your outings with you little ones to keep an eye out for resources we can use for future activities.

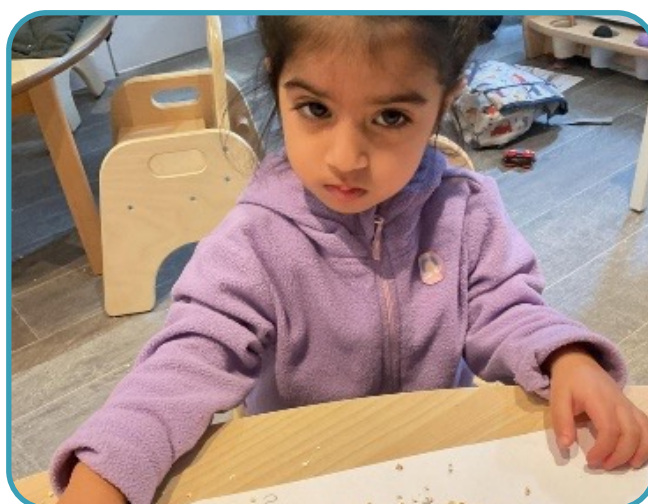


## Wild Bears

Leanne and Namal would like to wish you all a happy new year!. In wild bears we have welcomed some lovely new children into our room, we are excited for them to experience this next chapter and grow confident in our playroom.

## Goldilocks and the 3 Bears

We decided to kick off our year with a story around bears, as we have transitioned into Wild Bears. We have been focusing on the story “Goldilocks and the 3 Bears”, this is to introduce our children to different sized objects. We have had so much fun making the bears porridge, building the house, making bear biscuits and understanding the story.



## Elmer

We are focusing on children’s awareness of the different colours, we plan to do a variety of activities around the book “Elmer”, this will also link to talking about emotions.

## Exploring Bears

Happy new year to all of our pre-schoolers, we are looking forward to the new adventures we will be having this year! Brittany and Sophie will be starting Phonics with the children.

Phonics will be a different letter each week, our focus this month will be on the letters “A” and “B”. You can find the song we are using by searching “Jolly Phonics” on YouTube.

We will also be encouraging children to toilet train, if you have any questions please speak to Brittany or Sophie we are more than happy to help.

## Space

We have been looking at the story “Whatever, Next”. We have really enjoyed recalling parts of the story and then role playing in our boxes. Thank you so much to all the children who have bought in boxes for us!



We also had fun learning about the different planets, we know the different sizes and temperatures. During our “Space” topic, we learnt about star constellations, rockets, astronauts and even aliens.

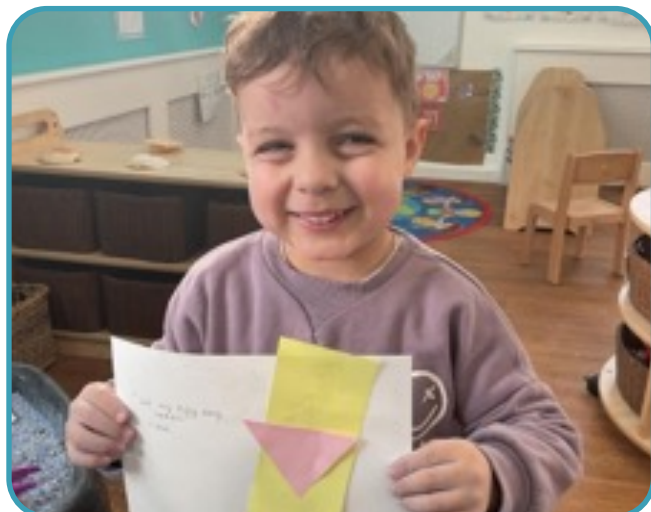
Our song was “8 Planets”, we could sing the chorus very loud to anyone who would like to listen! Well done Exploring Bears!!



## Emotions

We have introduced a new topic to the pre-school children, we will be learning about our “emotions”. We will be focusing on the book “Be Happy” and encourage children to understand it is ok to feel these emotions.

We have lots of fun activities planned and look forward to this topic. We would like to ask for any recycled bottles you may have please, we would like to do a science experiment around emotions.



## Employee of the Month!

The Management team are always thankful to all the staff that work so hard to care for our Monkey Puzzle children and develop their learning. This month's Employee of the month is Tere!

**Well done Tere for meeting key targets related to your role.  
We hope you enjoy your gift!**



## Dates for your diary!

A reminder of upcoming events in February and March!

4th February – Rosa Parks Day

5th February – Children's Mental Health Week

10th February – Chinese New Year

10th February – Lunar New Year

13th February – Pancake Day

14th February – Valentine's Day

14th February – Lent

1st March – Women's History Month

1st March – St David's Day

7th March – World Book Day

10th March – Mother's Day

11th March – British Science Week

15th March – Red Nose Day

17th March – St Patricks Day

24th March – Holi Festival

29th March – Good Friday (Nursery will be closed)

31st March – Eater Sunday

Nursery will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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## Important notes for parents:

Please ensure that you keep an eye on our Family software App for announcements and messages! If there are any changes to your child's contact details or emergency contact details then please can you advise management of this.



Our up-to-date policies are available online on our website under Parents Page. The policies are password protected but will be shared with parents via Family! These policies are updated annually.



We are proud to be rated 9.2/10 on [daynurseries.co.uk](https://www.daynurseries.co.uk)

Thank you to all our parents/carers who have reviewed our nursery!



Why not leave a comment about us on Google Review!

Don't forget to add your pictures onto our Family app, so that practitioners can share your child's experiences and achievements with their friends and on their journal.



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If you have any questions then please message us on Family or call us during opening times on 0121 238 8023.

We are always here to help.

## Your management team:



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