

WELCOME TO

July 2022

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY EDITION OF MONKEY NEWS

Nursery Manager

Monkey Puzzle Colchester staff and children have been very busy throughout June with lots of celebrations and activities happening.

Our theme for June was 'People who help us' which allowed all age groups the opportunity to explore and talk about the different people who could help us. This led discussions around the types of people, especially those working in the emergency services and also the range of front-line individuals who helped us throughout the pandemic.

June brought us two occasions to celebrate the main being of course the Queen's jubilee, where the children across the nursery celebrated this by creating a wide range of crafts based on the Queen and the celebration. The children, and staff enjoyed celebrating this special event by holding an afternoon tea picnic, with lots of music and laughter.

We at Monkey Puzzle celebrated Fathers Day by holding a BBQ in the garden for all Dads, Grandads, Uncles and keep inspirations male figures in the children's lives. Thankfully it turned out to be a lovely sunny day, and to whoever came we hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Moving onto July means the nursery will be getting very loud by exploring our theme 'Music and Movement'. We look forward to seeing all the exciting activities and events that will be happening throughout July.

Directors



Welcome to all new children and parents who join our existing Monkey Puzzle community.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Mollie and Oriana who have joined our Monkey Puzzle family this month.



We have had lots of birthdays to celebrate this month across the nursery and we would like to wish a happy birthday to Sophia, Scarlett, Serafina, Harry, Ella-Rose, Ellie, Henry, Noah, Siobhan, George, Teddy, Sophie, Isaiah and Mollie.



WE WOULD KINDLY ASK ALL PARENTS TO READ AND FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH OUR SICKNESS EXCLUSION AND COVID GUIDANCE INFORMATION ON PAGES 7 AND 8



Graduation 2022



The time of year is nearly upon us when we say goodbye to our oldest children here at Monkey Puzzle as they go off to school to start a new adventure.

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved here and it has been wonderful to watch them grow and develop into the wonderful little people that they have become.

The date for this years graduation ceremony and leavers disco are as follows:

Graduation Ceremony: Thursday, 25 August - Afternoon, exact timings to be confirmed

Leavers Disco: Thursday 25th August - Stanway Village Hall 6pm - 8pm

More information will be sent out to parents in the next few weeks by email.

Staff Birthdays

We would like to say a big Happy Birthday to two of our staff members who have recently celebrated their birthdays, Elsie and Georgina.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Theme of the Month for July - Music and Movement

Book of the Month for July - Giraffes Can't Dance

1st - 14th July - Wimbledon

4th July - American Independence Day

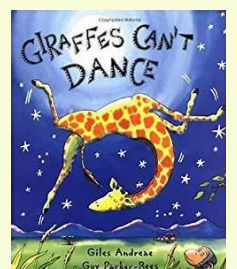
9th - 10th July - Eid ul-Adha

28th July - 8th August - Commonwealth Games

30th July - National Friendship Day

July - National Plastic Free Month

25th August - Graduation Ceremony & Leavers Disco





STARFISH ROOM

JUNE RECAP

This month in Starfish we have been looking at the topic People Who Help Us.

The children enjoyed a wide range of activities focusing on the Armed Forces, the wonderful people of the NHS and the emergency services and the everyday people in the community.

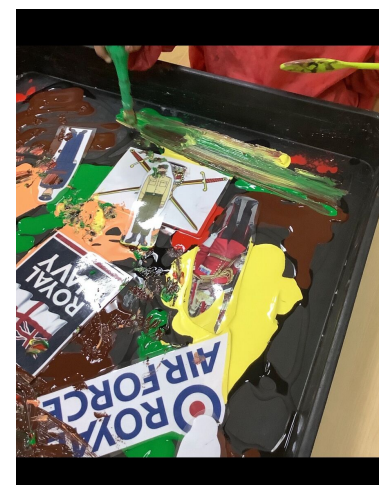
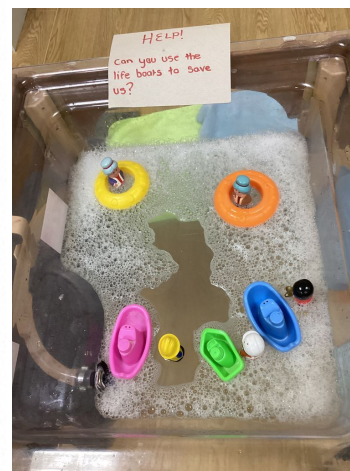
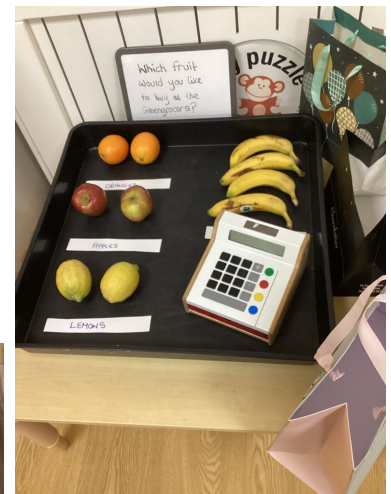
Through these activities the children developed their creative skills, fine and gross motor skills, hand to eye coordination and the communication and language skills.

Some of the wonderful activities the children participated in was creating their own armed forces poppies sponging the red paint onto paper plates, creating their own NHS rainbows using different coloured paints and felt tips pens.

Using playdough the children worked their fine and gross motor skills by marking their own emergency vehicles using the tools provided and built their own emergency vehicles using the many different coloured duplo blocks.

The children saved people in the sea in their lifeboats pushing the boats through the bubbly water before placing the people on the boats.

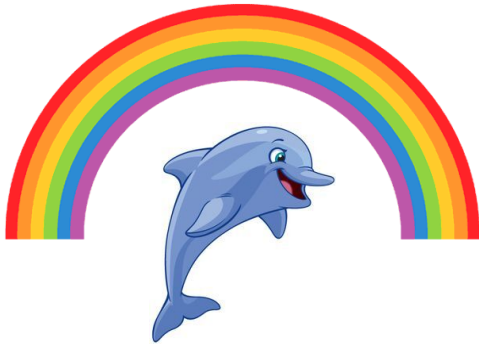
The children also enjoyed being greengrocers buying the fruit, beeping it through the till and packing the fruit in bags afterwards and they enjoyed using their imagination for the hairdressers activity washing and brushing their own hair as well as their friends.





JUNE RECAP

RAINBOW DOLPHIN ROOM



This month in Rainbow Dolphins we have had a very busy month.

We started the month celebrating the Queens Jubilee.

The children had lots of fun learning all about the Queen and the Royal Family.

We made some lovely crowns to wear for our afternoon tea party and the children danced to some music.

Our topic of the month has been learning about People Who Help Us.

We have covered a wide range of occupations for the children to explore.

One of the children's favourite activities to learn about was the doctors and nurses activity. The children enjoyed making sure each other were ok using the stethoscope and practiced bandaging the dolls arms and legs up.

We also practiced lots of tooth brushing and spoke about the importance of cleaning our teeth, we read our special book about going to the dentist.

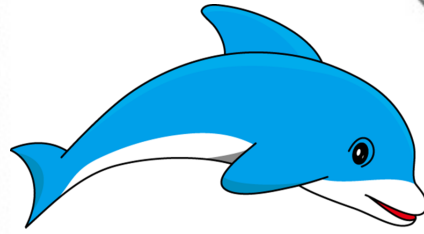
To finish off our month we celebrated our lovely Daddy's. For Father's Day the children made them a special card and we got to enjoy a yummy BBQ with our daddy's at nursery. The children loved having them here to celebrate together.





DOLPHIN ROOM

JUNE RECAP



This month in Dolphins the children have been focusing on People Who Help Us.

The children have taken part in a range of engaging activities around this topic.

They have enjoyed learning about Doctors, Paramedics, Firemen, Shop Assistants and Construction Workers. Engaging in imaginative play and taking on those different roles during role-play has expanded the children's knowledge and understanding of the people in our community who help us.

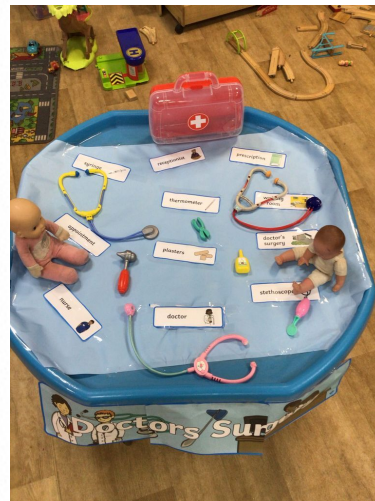
A particular favourite activity for the children was the Fireman Sam fire engine truck. The children loved using the fire hose to put out the big fire made out of tissue paper and got to dress up in fireman outfits too.

Part of the role-play corner was designed into a supermarket and the children had paper money to buy all of their favourite foods with and took turns in being the shop assistant operating the till.

During construction play everyone built houses and shops with bricks and tools and engaged in messy play with small world construction workers and rice to represent each season.

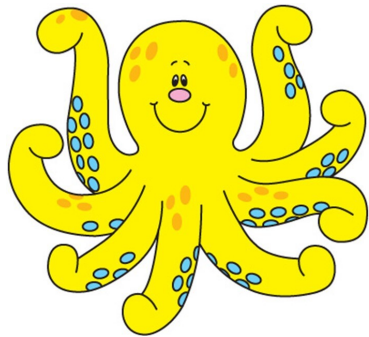
During doctor role-play activities the children spent time diagnosing babies using the first aid kit and learning about all the good work that the NHS does.

During the month of June we celebrated Father's Day here in the nursery. The children designed cards for their Daddy's and handprint poems. We also had a barbecue to celebrate and the children loved getting to spend some special father child time at the nursery with some delicious food.





OCTOPUS ROOM



This month in Octopus the children have been looking at the topic “People Who Help Us”.

The children have been taking part in a range of different activities that relate to the topic including lots of imaginative play.

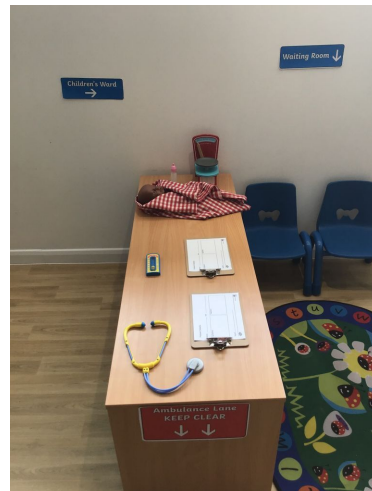
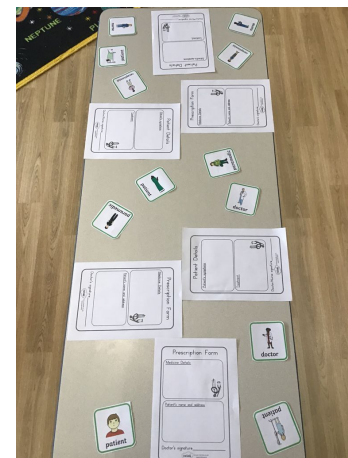
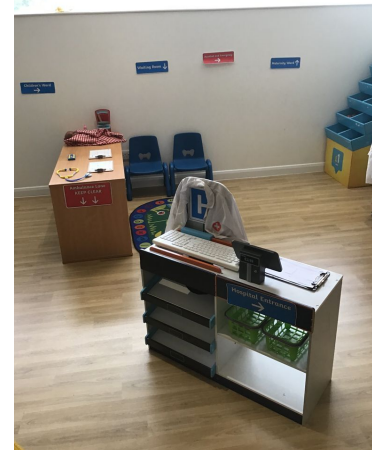
The children have all enjoyed becoming hairdressers, paramedics, shop keepers and police officers.

This has allowed the children to learn about all of the different occupations and develop their imaginations.

Throughout the month the children have also created their own stick puppets relating to those who help us, this has allowed the children to develop their fine motor skills and scissor skills. With the help of their puppets the children have also been able to create their own narrative and stories with their friends.

As well as this, the children have also enjoyed playing with a variety of different tuff trays relating to the different people who help us, this has allowed the children to learn and gain a better understanding of those who help us and what they do.

JUNE RECAP





REFER A FRIEND

Refer a friend to the nursery and if they register you receive **£100 off of your next month's fees**

(T&C's apply)

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PARENTS

FACEBOOK PRIZE DRAW

Like us on Facebook for regular updates on the nursery and a chance to win in our quarterly prize draw!

www.facebook.com/monkeypuzzlecolchester



- Please check your ParentZone updates and emails from the nursery regularly.
- Please ensure that all of your contact details and your child's emergency contact details are up to date.
- Please check the parent/carer area on the website regularly for updates.
- Please remember to provide your child with a named hat and sun cream now the weather is turning warmer as we will be spending lots of time in our outdoor learning areas.
- Please ensure Starfish, Rainbow Dolphin and Octopus children have slippers at nursery.

DAY NURSERIES

We are proud to be rated 10/10 on daynurseries.co.uk and voted as a Top 20 Day Nursery in the East of England.

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





COVID GUIDANCE

WHAT TO DO IF ...	ACTIONS REQUIRED ...	YOUR CHILD MAY RETURN WHEN ...
... your child has symptoms of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery Inform the nursery Book a PCR test immediately Self-isolate at home 	... there is a negative test result, or they have been advised that they do not need to isolate
... your child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery Inform the nursery self-isolate for 10 days 	... your child feels better, and they have completed 10 days of self-isolation. Some symptoms such as cough and loss of taste/smell can remain even when the infection has gone
... somebody in your child's household has symptoms of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household member to book a PCR test immediately Inform the nursery Self-isolate at home Inform nursery of test result 	... your child may attend nursery as they are under the age of 18 years old as long as they are well with no symptoms of COVID-19
... somebody in your child's household has tested positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform the nursery Self-isolate at home for 10 days Book a PCR test for your child 	... your child may attend nursery as they are under the age of 18 years old as long as they are well with no symptoms of COVID-19
... NHS Test & Trace have identified your child as a close contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery if you have been advised by NHS Test & Trace to self-isolate for 10 days (e.g., if they have come into contact with someone with the Omnicrom variant) Inform the nursery Self-isolate at home for 10 days 	... your child may attend nursery as they are under the age of 18 years old, provided they have not come into contact with someone who has the Omnicrom variant.
... you have received medical advice that your child should shield or should resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery Follow medical advice Inform the nursery 	... you are advised that your child no longer needs to shield
... you have received medical advice that someone in your household should shield or should resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery Contact the nursery manager to discuss any concerns 	... you are advised that the individual no longer needs to shield
... your child has just returned from abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery until they have taken a PCR test on day 2 after they have returned to the UK Inform the nursery Self-isolate at home for the defined period, this includes whilst you are waiting for their PCR test results. 	... you have completed the defined period of self-isolation; this includes whilst you are waiting for the PCR test results.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home 	... your child has completed 10 days of self-isolation



ILLNESS / INFECTION	EXCLUSION PERIOD
Chicken Pox	Minimum of 5 days from the onset of the rash and all spots must be fully scabbed over before returning to nursery.
Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting	Whilst symptomatic and for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
Hand, Foot and Mouth	All blisters must have dried out before returning to nursery, usually this is after approximately 4-6 days.
Headlice	There is no recommended exclusion period, however, parents are requested to regularly check their children's hair for head lice and we would be grateful if nursery are informed so that other parents can be alerted to check their child's hair.
Impetigo	Until the lesions have crusted or healed.
Measles	Excluded for 4 days from the onset of the rash.
Scarlet Fever	Excluded from nursery for the first 24 hours after starting treatment.
Whooping Cough	Excluded for 2 days after starting treatment, or 21 days from the onset of symptoms if no antibiotics.
Prescribed Medication	Children must be taking any medication for a minimum of 24 hours before coming in to nursery. Medication can only be administered after the 24 hour exclusion even if your child has previously taken the same medication. All medication must be in its original packaging with the prescription label attached and clearly showing child's name.
Immunisations including Flu nasal spray	If your child has had any form of immunisations, including the Flu nasal spray, they are not permitted to attend nursery for the following 24 hours due to possible allergic reactions.
Infant Suspension - Calpol	If a child develops a fever whilst at nursery the staff will use natural methods first, such as removing clothing, to try and reduce the temperature while closely monitoring the child and contacting the parents. If a child does require emergency Calpol due to a high temperature of 38 degrees or above the parents will be contacted prior to ensure all details are correct and that they agree with the dosage being given. Parents will then be required to collect their child.