



Monkey Puzzle

January 2017

Dear parents and carers!!

Welcome back! And a Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Years and are excited to be starting back at Monkey Puzzle in 2017!

To start 2017 off with a bang we would like to introduce a few new members of staff who you will see around:

Ficillia – Deputy Manager

Alice – Customer Service Administrator

Shaunna – our new Apprentice

Don't be shy and say hello! They are all really looking forward to meeting you all.



Dates for your diaries!!

25th January: Burns night

28th January: Chinese New Year

Dates to keep in mind!

14th February: Valentine's Day

28th February: Shrove Tuesday

January Birthdays!

This January we have lots of exciting birthdays to celebrate!

1st January: Felix turned 2 years old!

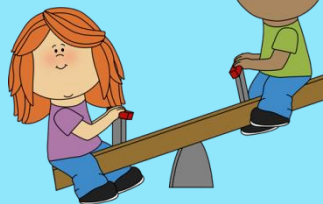
10th January: Lavra turned 3 years old!

25th January: Fadil will be turning 3 years old!

31st January: Mark will be turning 4 years old!

The Christmas show!

Thank you to everyone for coming to our amazing Christmas show. All of the children did amazingly! A big thank you to Emmanuelle's dad for playing Father Christmas!



What we've been doing!

THEMES: ALL ABOUT ME & CHINESE NEW YEARS!!

Baby Room

In the baby room we have been creating our 'all about me' books looking at photos and learning about members of our family. We've also been singing lots of songs all about our different body parts! For Chinese New Year's we will be doing sensory activities looking at all the colours involved in Chinese New Year's.



Toddler Room

In the toddler room we've been learning about Chinese New Year and Burns night! We've been singing lots of Scottish songs and will be making fireworks. We've also made and decorated our own paper self portraits! Come in and see them soon!



Nursery Room

In the nursery room we've been making self-portraits using natural objects! We've also been learning what happens when we mix colours! **Next week we will need to bring in family pictures as we've going to be making stick houses and putting photos of our families on them!!** For Chinese New Year's we're going to be learning some Chinese writing and also learning Chinese songs!

Pre-School Room

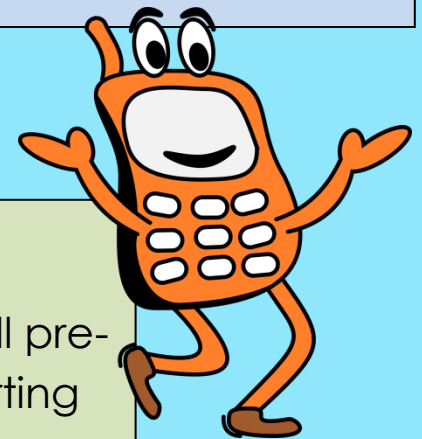
In pre-school we've been looking at how it's ok to be different! We've understood how everyone has differences. We've all been doing self-portraits when looking in the mirror. For Chinese New Year's we're going to make dragons and Chinese lanterns!

What's coming up!



Our new app!

We will soon be launching our brand new Monkey Puzzle messaging app available on android and smart phones! Lots of details being released soon!



Pre-school's new curriculum

We are starting a new structured curriculum for all pre-school children in order to prepare them for starting school. Our new curriculum will include:

- Homework once a week
- New packs containing books on phonics, sounds and reading!
- We will be focusing on differentiated phonics linking these to sentences as well as simple letter sound associated in order to begin writing simple sentences
 - More focus on our numbers
 - More structured timetable!

All to start getting us ready for school!!