

# NURSERY NEWS

AUGUST 2018



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We have had a very busy month taking part in lots of exciting trips, pre-school visited treasure island in Liverpool One, they also visited the reader story barn to listen to great stories. Some of the children visited Flower Pot Sue's allotment and collected some lovely fruit and vegetables and then helped Mike to make a delicious berry cake. Busy bees had an exciting trip to Crosby beach where they were learning all about the different sea creatures and sounds you hear at the beach. The children have also been celebrating friendship day, Mandela day, and independence day.



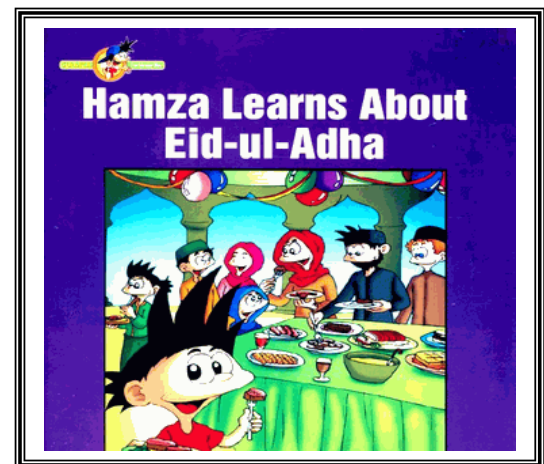
## COMING UP THIS MONTH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Alexander Fleming - 6<sup>th</sup> Aug - the children will be carrying out science-based activities

Hajj - 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Aug - Children will talk about Muslims visiting Mecca

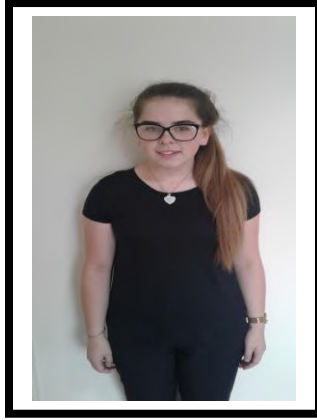
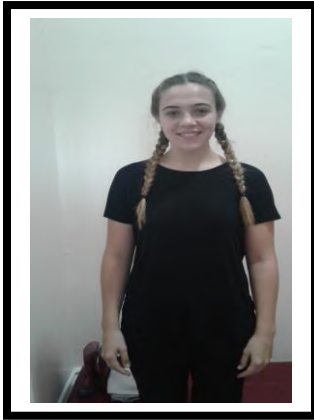
Eid-ul-Adha - 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Aug - The children will be read the story of Ibrahim's sacrifice.



Check out our blog for photos of events!

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## STAFF INFORMATION



## WELCOME

We would like to welcome Katie and Jemma to Honey Pot Wavertree. Katie will be based in our bumble bees room and Jemma will be based in our Busy Bees room. We are sure you will make them feel very welcome.

## STAFF TRAINING

This month the training attended by staff is: -  
All staff attended Safeguarding training  
Effective storytelling was attended by Kirsty and Laura - this is going to be delivered to all staff at in house training over the next few weeks

## FEE INCREASE

You should have all received a letter by now informing you of the fee increase from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. We will be asking you all to sign your new fee contracts over the next few weeks, these must be signed before 31<sup>st</sup> August before childcare can be accessed. Please ensure all direct debts and voucher payments have been amended before this date. Thanks in advance for your co-operation

## REMINDERS

### HONEY POT APP

Just a reminder that you will have been logged out of the nursery app. You will need to log back in using the sites name as the username and the password as the managers name. Please feel free to speak to a member of staff if you need further support. Don't forget to log back in otherwise you will be missing out on useful information and events.



### HONEY POT EY LOG

Please remember that you can send home observation through your child's EY Log. This is a great way to share your child development with the nursery staff and also to ensure that no learning developments are being missed. Please feel free to speak to me or a member of staff should you require support with this.

### ADDITIONAL SESSION

If anyone would like to take up any additional sessions please come and speak to myself or Suzie, we are filling up fast and wouldn't want anyone to be disappointed!

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**LAYLA** - Layla has worked hard to support the staff in Busy bees. She always stays after her shift to ensure her role is complete and also achieved a great score of 9 in her joint observations. This activity was also awarded activity of the week.

## ROOM OF THE MONTH

### HONEY BEES

Honey Bees have worked hard with their Area Manager Jenna to ensure their room runs smoothly. They have taken on board all the advice Jenna has given them and their room is now looking lovely and inviting. Well done girls.

## 2 YEAR FUNDING

Two-Year-Old Funding. Do you know that your child could be eligible for 2 year old funding? If your child has turned 2 you may be able to claim funding for them depending on your eligibility. Please see the information to check your eligibility. If you require more information speak a member of staff.

## 30 FREE CHILDCARE HOURS

If your child/ren will become eligible for free 30 hours child care from September and you wish to increase your days please come and speak to me as soon as possible. You will need to apply for your codes over the next few weeks to ensure that you don't miss the deadline date. Anyone that does miss it will have to wait for the next term to start in January

## PARKING

Can we please ask that all parents are considerate when parking their cars when dropping off and collecting their children? We have had a number of complaints from residents about parents parking on the double yellow lines outside the nursery gates. Thanks for your co-operation

## ANY OTHER NEWS

### NURSERY OPEN/CLOSING TIMES

A polite reminder that the nursery opens at 8am closes at 6pm. Please do not enter the building until 8am as we are not insured before 8am. Please collect by 5.50pm to give enough time to enter the building and receive a handover of your child/ren's key person. Late fees will be issued to parents arriving after 6pm

## STORIES FOR YOU & YOURS

Stories for You and Yours is a relaxed and enjoyable workshop for parents and carers who want to build their confidence to share great stories with their little ones and make reading with your children something special.

This free, three-week course, starting on 1<sup>st</sup> August, running until 15<sup>th</sup> August, will provide tips and ideas to develop a life-long love of reading, and will help you think about ways you can engage your children with stories.

**Check out the leaflets for further information and the dates available.**



## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

We have recently tracked all our children's assessment levels and completed a full analysis of this. The main outcome was as follows:

### Strengths: -

87% of children are in line or above in understanding

87% are in line or above in making relationships

91% of children are in line or above in knowledge and understanding of the world

### Area's for improvement: -

Reading - We have teamed up with the story barn for our big reading project which will have an impact on our assessment level in reading.

**School Leavers:** We have been tracking our school leavers since the start of the academic year. At the start 55% of our children were on track for a good level of development. Our final summer 2018 data shows now 80% of our children are leaving Honey Pot with a good level of development!

## MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

July will see the launch of our Reading Project. We have teamed up with our friends at the story barn and will be working together to raise outcomes in reading for our children. All nurseries will have a site visit from 'Story Barn on the Road' and we will be taking groups of children to an Incy Wincy Rhymers session at the Story Barn. Our story leads will receive bespoke training delivered at the Story Barn. Look out for posters around the nursery advertising a parent workshop for promoting reading at home coming up in August.



*Lisa, Suzie & team*

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