

BABY BEES

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018



FOCUS OF THE MONTH

This month we have had lots of fun taking part in different activities and events.

We celebrated Fire of London by taking part in some painting activities with paint and sticks making our own fires and singing London bridge is falling down during song time. We also celebrated Read a Book Day and World Literacy Day; the children brought their favourite book to nursery to share with their friends and we also read our favourite book in the Baby Room 'The Five Little Ducks' and based it around a water play activity- We had a lot of fun splashing in the water and exploring the ducks and duck masks.

We enjoyed exploring different lights and materials in a sensory tray to celebrate Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur.

We have also been exploring different lights and taking part in painting activities using our fingerprints to create a full moon to celebrate the Autumn Moon.

In preparation for Harvest, the children have been taking part in different activities such a painting with fruit and vegetables and an apple farm sensory tray using our senses to explore.

The children have also been learning some sign language and listening to music from different countries to celebrate European Day of Languages and International week of the Deaf.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Month of October- Walk to nursery challenge, The Big Draw Challenge & Down syndrome awareness

1st Oct - Grandparents Day

2nd Oct - World Space Week and National Poetry Week starts. We are also holding a pyjama day in aid of the children's trust

4th Oct- Animal day

5th Oct- World Teacher Day

10th Oct- National Day of China and World Homeless Day

15th Oct- Global Handwashing Day

16th Oct- World Food Day

31st Oct - Halloween themed activities and Halloween themed messy play with parents from 2.30pm. Children may come to nursery in a costume if you wish.

Check out our blog for photos of events!

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BIRTHDAYS

This month we will be celebrating Jack's Birthday on 23rd October and Ella's Birthday on the 28th October. We would like to wish them both a big Happy Birthday from all their friends, we hope you have lots of fun!!

NEW STARTERS

This month we welcome Louis and his family to Baby bee's room. We hope you settle in quickly and enjoy your time with us!

STAFF INFORMATION



STAFF TRAINING

All staff in the nursery will be attending FSP Training on 16th October.

MONTHLY FOCUS

This month Becky's key group will be focusing on sensory play and will be exploring different activities using their senses.

Leanne's key group will be focusing on fish, we will be taking part in activities learning about fish, painting activities, messy play activities, exploring the fish in the sensory room and we also plan to take a trip to the museum to see the fish.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

LAST DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2018

At our most recent analysis Baby Bees strengths were writing, being imaginative and exploring and understanding the use of media and materials.

Our identified areas for improvement are speaking and number. Although number is not a prime area we will link it in with the prime areas of development so we can continue to focus on them.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE OCTOBER 2018

REMINDERS

* Remember to update your Eylog app so you are able to view your child's observations and share your pictures with us.

* Please could parents bring in some family photographs or email them for our all about me board and our family tree display thank you. We would also like some pictures of child/children celebrating their first or second birthday so we can make a birthday book.

PARENT CHALLENGE

As it is 'walk to nursery month' we encourage all parents to walk to nursery with their children a few days, we would love to see some pictures on EY Log! We are also taking part in the Big Draw event throughout October so we would encourage parents to take part in some mark making activities with the children at home and share with us on EY Log please.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

CATERPILLAR MUSIC

Emma attends nursery on a Thursday afternoon, she continues to provide the children with lots fun during caterpillar music, we learn about animals, numbers and have lots of fun with the musical instruments making different sounds.

Leanne & Becky
Baby Bees Team xx

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FOCUS OF THE MONTH



September was a very busy month; the children took part in a number of activities.

On the 7th we celebrated International Literacy day. Some of the children brought in their favourite stories to share with their friends. We also explored a 'Three Billy Goat's Gruff sensory tray'.

We loved celebrating 'Talk Like A Pirate' day. We enjoyed making our own telescopes to look through.

The children also celebrated Roald Dahl day. We celebrated by creating some of George's Marvellous Medicine and making Golden Eggs from Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.

The children also celebrated Chinese Autumn Moon Festival, where they created their own lanterns and moons.

On the 28th, some of our parents came to have cake and cup of tea or coffee to raise money for MacMillian.

Ethan's Mummy and Daddy also got married in Greece Congratulations!

We also welcomed some new starters to Honey Bees over the last month including Yousuf, Holly, Charlotte & Emily.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Throughout October, we will be taking part in the Big Draw. The children will be taking part in a number of mark making activities.

We will also celebrate down syndrome awareness throughout this month.

2nd Oct: We will be having a PJ day to raise money for the charity Children's Trust.

3rd Oct: National Walk To School day. Please upload a picture of your child walking to nursery if possible.

4th Oct: We will be celebrating Animal day. Children will be getting involved in many activities involving animals. They are welcome to bring in their favourite animal in from home.

4th to 10th Oct: We will be celebrating space week. The children will be taking part in different activities based on space.

5th Oct: World Teacher's Day: the children will be making gift for their teachers in nursery. We will also be celebrating World Smile day on Children are welcome to bring in something from home that makes them smile.

10th Oct: Wear it Pink, children are invited to wear an item of Pink clothing to nursery. Please bring in a donation to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness.

15th-21st Oct: National Baking Week. The children will be taking part in a number of baking activities throughout the week.

16th Oct: World Food Day: We will be tasting food from different countries.

31st Oct: Halloween messy play: parents of children who attend a Wednesday afternoon will be invited to take part in messy play activities with their children from 2.30 – 3.30pm.

Check out our blog for pictures of events

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KEY INFORMATION

STAFF TRAINING

On the 16th October all staff will be attending Focused Support Plan training.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Belle will be celebrating her 1st birthday on the 21st
Emily will be celebrating her 1st birthday on the 26th
Aoife will be celebrating her 1st birthday on 29th



CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

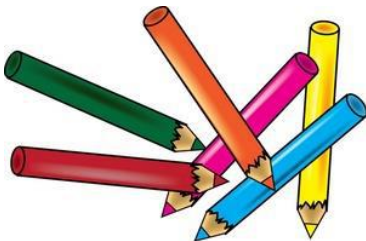
LAST DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2018

At our most recent analysis, our strengths were Being Imaginative, The World, Reading and Self-confidence and Self Awareness. Our areas of focus are Speaking and Numbers.

NEXT DATA ANALYSIS DUE OCTOBER 2018

PARENT CHALLENGE

As this month we are celebrating 'The Big Draw' we would love to see pictures of your child mark making at home. Please post any pictures to EY Log.



MONTHLY FOCUS

FASCINATIONS

Rachel's key group will be looking at blocks. We will be printing with different shaped blocks looking at shapes and colour. We will also be looking at different buildings around the world and learning about concepts such as big and small. Last month we enjoyed climbing on different size blocks, painting and creating different structures.

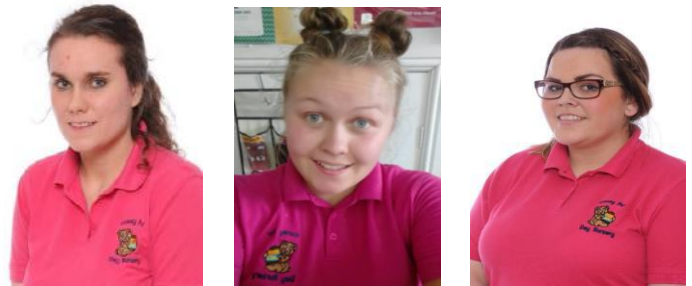
Lorna's key group will focus on 'Ourselves'. This will help Lorna's new key group get to know her and to form bonds. They will be looking at family photos together during story time and identifying their facial features.

Sarah Louise's key group will look at The Five Little Ducks. They will enjoy exploring ducks in the water and mark making with ducks.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

CATERPILLAR MUSIC

Last month the children enjoyed listening to songs about numbers. They enjoyed playing different instruments as they listened to some of their favourite songs.



Rachel, Sarah-Louise & Lorna

Honey Bees Team x



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BUSY BEES

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FOCUS OF MONTH

This month there have been lots of exciting festivals and celebrations being explored in busy bees!

At the beginning of the month we had, 'Krishna Janmashtami', where the children explored dancing in celebration of this Hindu event.

We then explored International literacy day where the children brought in their favourite books to share with their friends - some children dressed as their favorite character too!

Roald Dahl day was lots of fun, the children created their own dream bottles and trumpets from the story the BFG. We created lots of 'George's marvellous medicine' in the mud kitchen and made our very own peach from 'James and the giant peach'

The children celebrated the festival of 'Sukkot' and created lots of dens with the building blocks and Lego.

Busy Bees explored the theme of 'Harvest' for harvest week, creating conker images, exploring the corn growing in the planting area and tasting autumn veg.

To celebrate 'European day of languages' the children have been exploring different music and dances from around Europe and learning new words from different languages!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Throughout this month: Down syndrome awareness
Monday 1st October- 'Grandparents day' 2:30pm-3:30pm. We will have craft activities and have tea together.

Starting Monday 1st October- 'Big draw challenge'
Tuesday 2nd October- 'World space week' and
 'National poetry week' begins.

Tuesday 2nd October- 'Pj Day' In aid of the 'Children's trust' charity working together with 'Humphrey's corner', please bring a donation for the cause.

Wednesday 3rd October- 'Walk to school day'

Thursday 4th October- 'Animal day'

Friday 5th October- 'National Smile day' and 'World teacher day'

Monday 8th October- 'Photo day (am)' If your child doesn't attend nursery on this day then please contact the office to make a five minute appointment for your child to come in and get their photo taken.

Wednesday 10th October- 'National day of china'

Wednesday 10th October- 'Wear it pink day' in aid of breast cancer awareness. Please bring a donation for this cause.

Friday 12th October- 'World egg day'

Monday 15th October- 'National baking week'

Tuesday 16th October- 'World food day'- Any items for our donation to the food bank will be greatly appreciated.

Wednesday 24th October- 'Zoolab' are coming in for a 'Meg and Mog' Halloween themed story!

Wednesday 31st October- 'Parents Halloween messy stay and play' 2:30pm-3:30pm. Children can also come to nursery dressed in a Halloween themed costume on this day.

Check out our blog for photos of events!

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STAFF INFORMATION



We sadly say goodbye to Caitlin on the Tuesday 2nd October and wish her the best of luck for the future.

We welcome Amy to our busy bees staff team and look forward to you all meeting her.

STAFF HOLIDAYS AND TRAINING:

All staff have FSP training on Monday 16th October 2018.
Zahra will be attending 2 year check training on 1st October.

FASCINATIONS:

Sarah's group: this month we have been exploring 'The very hungry caterpillar', we have created our own play dough hungry caterpillars, went hunting in the garden using our magnifying glasses, followed the caterpillar's diet and taste tested different foods, made caterpillar prints using the corks!

Caitlin's group are going to start investigating 'Fairytales', they will be creating character masks, acting out stories, making a giant bean stalk and exploring a three little pigs themed tuff tray!

Zahra's group have been exploring 'Colour', they have explored water beads, freezing them and putting them in balloons. They have created their own sensory bottles and have been exploring colour in the environment.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

LAST DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2018

The results have stated that the strengths of Busy bees are 'Technology', 'Making relationships' and 'Self-confidence and Self-awareness'

The areas for improvement are 'Speaking', 'Shape space and measure' and 'Reading'. Look out for parent challenges and activities planned to help us develop in these areas.

We are due our new data analysis at the **end of October 2018.**

REMINDERS

SEASONAL CLOTHING

As the weather is changing now we would like you to ensure that your child has a warm coat for outdoor play and wellies if you wish, as well as gloves and hats as the cold weather is approaching. If you could also ensure that your child has a set of spare clothing to change into throughout the day if needed.

INDEPENDENCE & SELF HELP

We are focusing a lot on developing independence and self-help skills with the children in busy bees and the children love when they have roles of responsibility. If you could explore this at home with your child such as helping set the table, putting the food in the trolley at the shops etc. We would be very thankful if you would send in pictures to eylog of your little helpers!

PARENT CHALLENGE

The parent challenge this month is to explore 'Animal stories' together to help develop 'Reading' as one of our areas of improvement as well as linking in with 'World animal day'. We would love you to share pictures of this on eylog!

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

JUMPING JACKS

Our Jumping Jacks sessions are fortnightly on a Thursday morning and this day will change termly to ensure that all children get a chance to explore the sessions. Jumping jacks are focusing on developing the confidence of the children joining in with the sessions. Busy bees love using the rainbow parachute and the bean bags during the sessions.

*Sarah, Caitlin, Zahra
& Amy (Busy Bees Team) x*

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WORKER BEES

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We celebrated a lot of events over the last month!

The children loved taking part in national read a book day & international literacy day; many of the children brought in their favourite book & were excited to share it with everyone. The children also enjoyed experimenting with different ways of writing!

We celebrated Roald Dahl day, where a number of children dressed up as characters from the books! The children also enjoyed a themed menu on the day including Georges marvellous medicine soup & mud pies!

We were all excited to celebrate International talk like a pirate day. We learnt to talk like a pirate & participated in pirate themed activities including treasure hunts & walking the plank! We also enjoyed a pirate themed menu including 'pirate's gold macaroni' & melon cannonballs from a pirate ship!!!

We also celebrated international week of the deaf & European day of languages; the children did very well at learning words in different languages as well as using sign to communicate with each other.

We also celebrated the Chinese autumn moon festival; the children displayed excellent scissor skills as they made their own lanterns and we used our interactive board to research about this festival.

We also enjoyed helping to create some lovely cakes for our Macmillan coffee morning.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

* During the month of October, we will be encouraging children and parents to get involved in the 'walk to nursery challenge', the 'big draw challenge' and joining in raising awareness of down syndrome.

1st – Grandparents Day – Grandparents are invited to nursery to join the children for an arts & craft session and tea from 2.30 – 3.30pm

* **w/c 1st October** – World Space Week & national poetry week

* **2nd** – Pyjama day in aid of children's trust, please bring a donation for this cause.

* **4th** – Animal Day

* **5th** – World teacher day & National smile day

* **8th** – Photo day

* **10th** – Wear it Pink Day in aid of breast cancer awareness, please bring a donation for this cause.

* **10th** – National Day of China & World homeless day

* **12th** – World Egg Day

* **w/c 15th** – National baking week

* **16th** – World Food Day

* **24th** – Zoolab are coming to visit and will be doing a special Halloween themed session!

* **31st** – Halloween!! Children are welcome to come to nursery dressed in a Halloween costume. Also on this day, parents/grandparents/carers are invited to nursery from 2.30 – 3.30pm for a Halloween themed messy play session with the children and a ghoulish tea!

Check out our blog for photos of events!

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BIRTHDAYS

Rowan will be 3 on the 3rd

Jude will be 3 on the 4th

Jack T will be 4 on the 12th

Arthur will be 4 on the 14th

Lily will be 4 on the 21st

Grace will be 3 on the 22nd

Noah R will be 3 on the 24th

Eleanor will be 3 on the 26th

Poppy will be 4 on the 27th



Happy birthday to you all! x

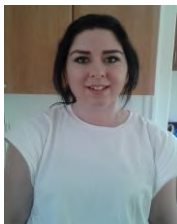
STAFF INFORMATION



Nicole



Kelly



Leah

STAFF HOLIDAYS AND TRAINING

- * Leah will be attending phonics on the 4th
- * All staff are attending focus support plan training on the 16th.
- * Leah will be on annual leave the week commencing the 22nd.

FASCINATION

*Nicole's group will be focusing on 'Our city of Liverpool'; the children have been comparing different buildings in our city and making their own interpretation of them through building with blocks and painting. They have also learnt about famous people from Liverpool and shared pictures from home of them at various places in the city.

*Kelly's group will be focusing on 'Dinosaurs'; the children show a keen interest in dinosaurs and will be taking part in some themed activities such as painting with dinosaurs to create their foot prints and other messy play activities.

*Leah's group will continue to focus on 'Our bodies'; they have been learning about all of their different body parts. They will be soon learning about exercising and how it helps to keep our body healthy.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

LAST DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2018

At our most recent analysis Worker Bees strengths were; listening and attention, making relationships and shape, space and measure.

Our identified areas of improvement are speaking, people and communities and number. We will be focusing on these areas through a variety of activities, look out for parent challenges to get involved at home!

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REMINDERS

- * Please can we ask parents to encourage their children not to bring toys/favourite items to nursery unless it is for an event or show and tell. We cannot be held responsible if any items get lost or broken.
- * Please take a look through our lost property box located outside the room, we have many items yet to be claimed.

PARENT CHALLENGE

As Speaking has been identified as one of our areas for improvement we would like to challenge parents to provide children with opportunities to use their imagination by taking part in role play and communicating with them throughout. Please share your experiences of this with us on eyLog.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

FUN FRENCH

During recent French Pete sessions, the children joined in with a little red riding hood story and a trip under the sea!

GYMNASTICS

We recently experienced our first gymnastics session! The children had lots of fun doing various moves and stretches, jumping across stepping stones and doing beautiful movements with ribbons!! The sessions take place each fortnight on a Friday morning and will be reviewed termly so all children are able to participate.

DIDDIKICKS

We are very excited to be starting sessions with Diddikicks soon! They will take place fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon from the 10th October. These sessions will also be reviewed termly.

STORY AREA

We are also going to be planning regular trips to our Wavertree site to make use of our fabulous new story area which has been created in collaboration with our training with story barn.

*Nicole, Kelly & Leah
(Worker Bees Team) x*

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