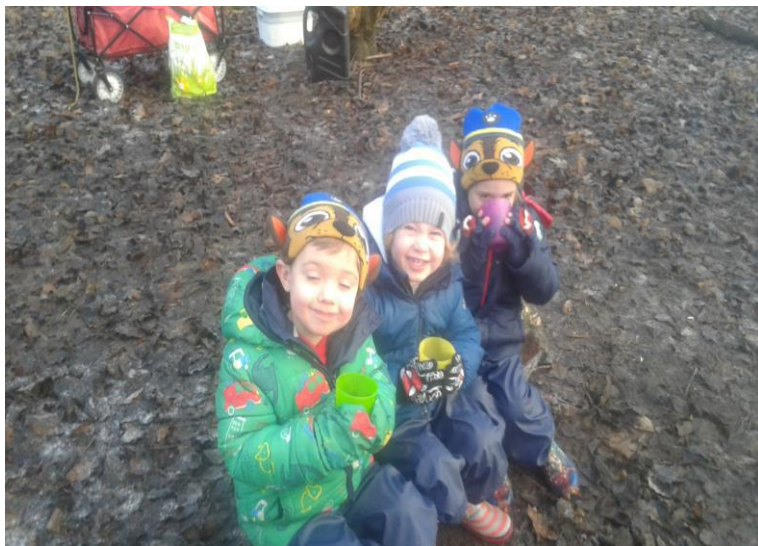


NURSERY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We had a very busy start to the new year! The children enjoyed exploring a variety of events including Australia day & Burns night! For Australia day the children enjoyed an Australian themed meal of 'Barbie style chicken with roast vegetables, followed by Lemington sponge cake for pudding. The children explored Australian culture including making their own didgeridoos & boomerangs & even pretending to walk over crocodile infested waters!! We held our very first eco-committee meeting for our eco schools award. The children were very excited to learn more about looking after our environment. We also achieved the bronze eco-schools award & are keen to progress further! If any parents would like to be involved, please contact Sarah-Louise our eco- schools coordinator. Some of our pre-school children also enjoyed their first experience of forest school & were very excited to learn the safety rules of the fire circle, cook on the camp fire & explore their natural surroundings. We have also been very busy enhancing areas around the nursery, you may have noticed some of the lovely changes! We have enhanced the Busy Bees room with more defined areas & new resources, especially our maths area! The children are enjoying exploring their improved room. We also enhanced Honey Bees room, defining the areas & making it much more cozy & inviting for the children.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

- 1st – Wear red day - in aid of children's heart surgery
- 4th – Sing to sign week starts – To raise awareness of this we will be teaching the children sign in the nursery
- 5th – Chinese New Year
- 12th – Pyjama day in aid of the children's charity Sunny days, please bring a donation.
- 14th – Valentine's Day – On this day we are inviting parents to the setting to join in with valentine's themed crafts with their children from 2.30 – 3.30pm
- 17th – Random acts of kindness day
- 19th – Princess & superhero dress up day in aid of crackerjacks, please bring a donation.
- 26th – Tell a fairytale day – We will be exploring fairytale stories in nursery, children are welcome to bring in their favourite fairy tale to share with everyone.
- 26th – PPA meeting – From 6.15pm. All parents are welcome to come along, please could you confirm your attendance & if you require child care.

[Check out our blog for photos of events!](#)

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BIRTHDAYS

This month we are celebrating lots of birthdays!! Happy birthday everyone!!!

Baby Bees:

We are celebrating Leanne's birthday on the 25th

Honey Bees:

Noah R is 1 on the 26th

Busy Bees:

Billy is 3 on the 7th

Louis is 3 on the 16th

Worker Bees:

Ralph is 4 on the 7th

Georgia is 4 on the 17th

Cecilia is 4 on the 24th

Spencer is 4 on the 26th

We are also celebrating Declan's birthday on the 6th.



ROOM NEWS

BABY BEES



Leanne's group have been focusing on heuristic play for their fascination; they have explored treasure baskets, stacking of loose parts & posting sensory materials.

Becky's group have been focusing on music & sounds; they have had music time exploring musical instruments, exploring the music wall & making lots of noise with pots & pans.

As part of National storytelling week, Baby Bees have been exploring their favourite stories with a themed tuff tray to investigate, including fun with Sophie & where's the fish.

This month we welcome Samuel, Freya & Julia to Baby Bees. We are sure that they will settle in well & enjoy being with us at Honey Pot!!

HONEY BEES



Honey Bees have been getting to know their new staff member Liv.

They have engaged in lots of lovely activities including messy play, themed water play & exploring our new sensory room resources.

Rachel's key group have been focusing on role play & have enjoyed spending time in the home corner pretending to feed the dolls. Sarah-Louise's group have been focusing on speaking. They have engaged in painting & exploring different environments whilst learning new words. They have also been participating in turn taking activities.

ROOM NEWS

BUSY BEES



Busy Bees have had lots of exciting changes to their room with lots of fun new areas to explore. They have especially loved their new maths area where they have been developing their counting skills and number recognition. Sarah's group have been exploring light & shadows for their fascination, engaging in activities including a shadow hunt & constructing with glow in the dark sticks! Zahra's group have been learning about oral hygiene & loved exploring a tooth cleaning activity. Amy's group have been exploring the Gruffalo & We're going on a bear hunt story & had lots of fun participating in a themed tuff tray acting out the story.

This month we say a sad Goodbye to Harley who will be leaving us to go to school nursery. We hope she has just as lovely a time there as she did with us at Honey Pot!!

WORKER BEES



Pre-school have been very busy engaging in different themed activities. Nicole's group have been focusing on 'bones'. They pretended to be paleontologists & used their special fossil brushes to search the sand for dinosaur bones. They also learnt where the bones belong in their bodies & created their own hand skeletons. Kelly's group have been focusing on Chinese New Year & culture. They explored Chinese symbols that represented numbers & letters & also had a go at writing them. They also made origami pigs as it is the year of the pig.

Lorna & Declan's group have been focusing on solids & liquids. They have participated in lots of different experiments & guessing if something is a solid or a liquid & how it can change.

STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF NEWS

This month we welcome Adele to our staff team. Adele will be studying for her Level 2 qualification with us. We hope you will join us in making her feel very welcome at Aigburth.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

AMY

Amy has really developed in her role & confidence since starting at Honey Pot. She is very enthusiastic about researching new ideas to implement into Busy Bees & to provide the children with new & exciting opportunities. She is also very dedicated to her key children, learning additional skills in her own time to support them such as sign language.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

BABY BEES

Leanne & Becky have worked very hard to enhance their room & provide their children with lovely stimulating activities, researching ideas in their own time & sharing them to our staff Facebook page. They are both very supportive to their children & parents & have done an excellent job of settling in children new to the setting.



STAFF TRAINING

Our staff will be attending a variety of training this month which is beneficial for their role including our ongoing maths champions project, room leader training, EYFS 3, joint observations, preparing for ofsted, working with toddlers, working with babies & the prevent duty.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2018

At our most recent analysis, significant progress was made in all areas of development across the whole nursery, including a 13% increase in progress in speaking, an 18% increase in progress in number in girls & a 15% increase in progress in moving & handling in boys. We have recently updated an action plan of what we intend to implement in order to support the children in progressing further. You will also see parent challenges set by your child/ren's room & management in support of this.

NEXT DATA ANALYSIS DUE END OF FEBRUARY 2019

REMINDERS

- * Can we remind parents that our opening hours are 8am until 6pm. Please ensure you arrive no later than 5.50pm to receive a full handover on your child's day. This also applies to half day sessions.
- * Can we reiterate to parents the importance of not letting other people into the setting. Please ensure that you close the door behind you when entering & exiting the setting.
- * Remember to update your eyLog app regularly so you can fully access all of the features.
- * Just a reminder that we have a parents group on Facebook, please search **Honey Pot Aigburth Parents** to request to join.
- * Parents are always welcome to come to nursery to do a session with the children whether it is song time, story time or even sharing a particular skill. If you may be interested, please contact Fatima or Sarah.
- * We have been enhancing our home corner areas & would be very grateful if parents could donate items such as old remote controls, cameras, mobile phones or keys.



MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We are continuing to work towards gaining our Eco School Green Flag. We have Eco named leads in each nursery who are driving this programme. As a core team we are working towards further reducing our plastic usage. If anyone has any suggestions please talk to your nursery manager - we will keep you updated on our progress!



*Fatima & Sarah
Management Team x*

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