

NURSERY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We have had a very busy January and we have had a lovely start to 2019.

The children have enjoyed playing in the snow, they were overjoyed by our recent flurry of snow. The children had lots of digging in the snow, making a snowman and building snowball towers in the garden.



We also held our Eco-Schools meeting with Sophie and our Worker Bees and have now our Eco-Committee in place. Sophie and the Eco-Committee have started to impliment targets from our action plan to raise awareness of environmental issues and reduce the impact that we are making to the environment. We are focussing on a number of areas including recycling, water and waste. We hope you will support us in these areas too. Check out our Eco-Board for updates on our progress.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Feb- Sing and Sign week-During this week we will take part in sing and sign during group and song time to learn and use some basic signs

5th Feb- Chinese New Year- We will be taking part in arts and craft activities such and making dragons, our children will also enjoy a Chinese themed menu for dinner.

7th Feb- Time to talk day- we will be holding a pyjama day at nursery - all staff and children can wear pyjamas and make any kind donations to enable the charity to raise awareness of mental health

14th Feb- Valentine's day- We are holding a Valentines themed stay and play session at 2.30pm to 3.30pm - all parents of children who attend nursery on this day are invited to join in with arts and crafts with their little ones

19th Feb- PPA meeting- This meeting will be held between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, all parent welcome

26th Feb- Tell a fairytale day-At nursery we will be reading classic fairy tales with our children, children may bring in their favourite fairytale to read if they wish

Check out our blog for photographs of these events

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Room News:

Bumble Bees

In the Bumble Bee's room, we have been working on developing physical skills. The babies have had so much fun tackling the new climbing frame in the garden. They have been using their strength and ability to pull themselves up and walk, balance and crawl along the apparatus. They have been challenged further through garden play with slides and crates to climb on.



Honey Bees

Our Honey Bees have started to do some basic counting through posting games, and song time with songs and rhymes which incorporate number. I'm sure you have been hearing lots of number songs at home which we would love to continue!



Room News:

Busy Bees

In the Busy Bees room, the children have been learning about different occupations. They have been playing imaginatively in a village where staff set up a doctors, dentist, emergency service station and a local shop. We extended the children's learning further by reading books about different occupations.



Worker Bees

In the Worker Bees room, the children have been focusing on developing their creative skills and pencil control. The pre school children have enjoyed working as a group as well as individually to express their creativity.



New Starters

We would like to welcome all our new children and their families as they start their journey with Honey Pot.

Bumbles

Penelope
Arella
Zoe

Honeys

Nina
Bessie

Busys

Hallie
Ava



Staff Changes

As many of you will be aware Rachael and Rocio will be leaving Honey Pot on Friday 8th Feb. They are both going home to spend time with their families. Rachael is moving back to Ireland and Rocio is moving back to Spain. We wish them a safe journey home and lots of luck for their future. Natalie will be returning to Honey Pot Garston, she has been working at our Wavertree site for a while. Leah and Nicola have been promoted to room leaders of the Worker bees. Congratulations to you both!

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EY LOG

Can we please remind you that our newsletters can be accessed on our nursery blog on the honeypot website where you can download electronically and see photographs of our children taking part in different events at nursery.

<http://blog.honeypotnursery.co.uk/>



CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

We have recently tracked children's current levels of development and have completed a full analysis of this. The main outcomes were:

Strengths

- 93% of children are meeting age related expectations in moving and handling
- 92% of children are meeting age related expectations in listening and attention
- 91.5% of children are meeting age related expectations in Managing Feelings and Behavior
- 91.5% of children are meeting age related expectations in Making Relationships

We are very proud of our achievements.

Areas for improvement

Our main area for improvement is Writing. Although we are exceeding the local average for Liverpool we are not quite reaching the national average. This will be our main focus for the upcoming term.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Rachael

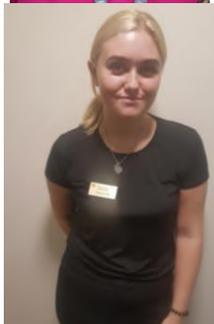
Rachael continues to work extremely hard to support her team and has done excellent work with them to ensure the Worker Bees room continues to be a success. Rachael has led her team to develop a beautiful learning environment for the children. Well done Rachael and thank you!



ROOM OF THE MONTH

WORKER BEES

The staff in Worker Bees have worked so hard to develop their room and offer even more learning opportunities for the children. The staff are consistent and work well as a team. There is always a lovely positive atmosphere! Well done!



STAFF TRAINING

Training accessed by staff this month has included EYFS, Eco Schools, Safeguarding, Enco, Maths champion, Time to Talk, British Values



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!



*Many Thanks Alison,
Suzie & team*