

# NURSERY NEWS

MARCH 2019



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We started the month off by turning the nursery into a sea of red! We all wore red to nursery to raise awareness of children's heart surgery & the children enjoyed 'red' themed activities. We also participated in learning sign language in aid of sing to sign week. The children were very clever, learning this very quickly! Some of our pre-school children enjoyed their last forest school session where their parents came to join us. The children were very excited to show off what they had learnt. We also celebrated Chinese New Year; we had a Chinese themed menu & the children explored Chinese music, pictures related to China & even had a go at using chopsticks in noodle messy play! We all enjoyed coming to nursery all cozy in our night wear in aid of the children's charity Sunny Days. We raised £55 from this event, thank you to everyone who donated. We explored many Valentines themed activities including Valentine's slime and a love potion. Our parents & grandparents came to nursery to join in with the fun. We also had a lot of Princesses & super heroes comes to nursery in aid of the children's charity Crackerjacks, including Mo Salah! We raised £54.85 from this event, thank you again to all those who donated. We finished the month off with 'tell a fairytale day'. Many of the children brought in their favourite fairy tales including the elves & the shoemaker & the three little pigs! We have also been busy enhancing areas around the nursery including our writing area in Busy Bees, our Sensory room & our creative area in pre-school!

## COMING UP THIS MONTH

- 1<sup>st</sup> – St. David's Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – We will be celebrating World maths day on this day as it falls on the same day as World Book Day
- 7<sup>th</sup>– World book day – Children are welcome to come to nursery dressed as a character from their favourite story!
- 8<sup>th</sup> – International Womens day
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – British Science Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Commonwealth Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Red nose day – Please wear red on this day in support of comic relief.
- 18<sup>th</sup> – We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day in nursery, please come to nursery dressed in Green or themed clothing for this day. We are also 'eggcited' to be welcoming some special visitors to the setting.
- 20<sup>th</sup> – World Oral Health Day & First Day of Spring
- 21<sup>st</sup> – World down syndrome day – We will be wearing odd socks and brightly coloured socks on this day in aid of this cause.
- 21<sup>st</sup> – We will also be celebrating the festival Holi on this day.
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Purple day – We will all be wearing purple items of clothing on this day to raise awareness for the epilepsy society.
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Wear a hat day – raising awareness of brain tumor research
- 29<sup>th</sup> – On this day we will also be making some special crafts and inviting our Mums for tea to celebrate how special they are, from 2.30 – 4pm.
- Don't forget, on mothering Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> your clocks go forward one hour!!**

Check out our blog for photos of events!

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## BIRTHDAYS

We have a few special birthdays to celebrate this month. Happy birthday everyone!!!

### Busy Bees:

Madison's birthday is the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Jasmine's birthday is on the 7<sup>th</sup>

### Worker Bees:

Amy O & Bobby's birthday is on the 17<sup>th</sup>



## ROOM NEWS

### BABY BEES



Baby Bees have been very busy helping their new friends Samuel, Freya & Julia to settle in with us & exploring some lovely activities. For Leanne's fascination they have been focusing on 'Heuristic Play'; they have explored lots of natural resources, discovering new textures & finding out how things work! Becky's group have been focusing on 'sounds' & have explored a variety of activities to make lots of noise including our music wall in the garden, making sounds with pots & pans & also exploring different textures to create sounds such as crunchy leaves and squelchy slime! The children also welcomed our parents to the setting on Valentine's day where they explored some lovely themed activities.

### HONEY BEES



Honey Bees have welcomed new staff member Adele to the room. Adele has been focusing on developing relationships with children & parents. We had a Valentine's stay & play session where parents were invited to come along & get involved with some messy play activities including edible pink slime! Adele's group have been focusing on water for their fascination & participated in a lovely 5 little ducks themed activity. Sarah-Louise's group have been exploring the book Dear Zoo & enjoyed an edible animal themed messy play activity. Rachel's key group have continued to focus on bears & enjoyed going on a bear hunt! We also explored Chinese New Year & the children enjoyed exploring noodles and chopsticks.

## ROOM NEWS

### BUSY BEES



Busy Bees have started to introduce "Lottie" their new persona doll to the children. Lottie has trouble with her eyes and use an eye patch & glasses to help her see! Busy Bees have also been focusing on their writing area and developing their mark making skills. We have revamped this area slightly to make it more inviting for the children. We have been exploring writing all over the nursery, doing chalk mark making on the pavement, water writing and exploring crayons and pencils. Busy Bees also enjoyed many valentine's themed activities, including a special love potion where they did lots of filling & emptying!

### WORKER BEES



Pre-school have been focusing on their areas for further improvement including speaking, the world & number. Nicole's group have been focusing on 'loose parts & transient art'. They have been using natural objects to create different patterns on mirrors and slate tiles and they also created patterns outdoors in the garden on a large scale. Pre-school also welcomed their rhino mascot Lankeu that we have adopted as part of our eco-schools scheme. The children learnt about Lankeu's species and where they live. The children are very excited to be able to take turns to take Lankeu home to go on an adventure!! Pre-school have also been developing their creative area and the children have been spending lots of time in the area making marks, creating patterns and painting.

## STAFF INFORMATION

### STAFF NEWS

Recently we said goodbye to Lorna, who has left Honey Pot to stay at home to care for her young son. We wish her lots of luck for the future. We will also be welcoming some new staff to the setting Kaitlin & Abbie. We hope you will join us in making them feel very welcome as part of the Honey Pot Aigburth family!

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

#### SARAH-LOUISE

Sarah-Louise has really thrived in her new role as coordinator for the eco-schools' award. She has been very passionate about implementing this into the setting, including setting up an eco-committee, recycling, energy saving & adopting an endangered species. Sarah-Louise has just led the setting to achieve the silver award of this scheme. Well done!

### ROOM OF THE MONTH

#### BUSY BEES

The staff in this room work hard on a consistent daily basis and have excellent team work!

The room is always set up to look inviting for the children & the children are always provided with lovely exciting activities. As well as this the staff in this room are always supportive of other staff & children throughout the nursery. Well done Sarah, Amy & Zahra.



### 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, eco-schools award, behavior management, persona dolls, heuristic play, child development & enhancing areas of provision.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

#### MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS FEBRUARY 2019

At our most recent analysis, noticeable progress was made in all areas of development across the whole nursery, including an 8% increase in girls developing above age related expectations in moving & handling and a 2% increase in progress in listening & attention & shape, space & measure in boys.

We have recently updated an action of 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 JUNE 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.
- \* 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.
- \* Just a reminder to parents of all children in receipt of 30 hours funding to ensure they are renewing their eligibility code as required to prevent loss of funding.



### MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We are currently undertaking training to enable us to have PANCo's in each of our nurseries. These are Physical Activity and Nutrition coordinators. The introduction of these coordinators will enable us to further improve the provision for physical activity, support parents to understand the importance of physical activity and further build on our already outstanding nutritional meals. We look forward to working with you on these new projects and would like to thank you in advance for your support.



*Fatima & Sarah*  
*Management Team x*

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