

# NURSERY NEWS

MARCH 2019



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We had a lovely month during February. The children loved wearing their pyjamas in nursery. Thank you for all of your kind donations, we raised £121.62. All donations will be paid to Cracker Jacks children's charity.

The children also enjoyed making Valentine's day cards and crafts this month and spoke about the people in their lives who they love and who are special to them

Pre-school have been learning about 'People who help us!' One of the pre-school parents who works as a doctor came to visit the setting. She came with lots of different equipment for them to test out and explained what it was used for. We talked about how doctors help us when we are poorly and our experiences of visiting the doctor. Worker Bees also visited the central library. The children loved looking at the different stories. They also spoke to the librarian and the children asked her about her job roles. The children were very interested listening to how she helps people find books they wish to read. If you have a job role and would like to come in and share with the children please speak to Carla or Lauren.

## COMING UP THIS MONTH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a busy month ahead:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Ready Steady Listen week: Please see your child's key person for a sponsor form. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World book day: We would love your child to come into nursery dressed as a character from their favourite book.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Shrove Tuesday, the children will be making delicious pancakes for their tea.
  - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Beginning of Lent.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Math's Day: Children will be taking part in different Math's activities.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: International Women's Day: We are inviting Mums/Nans to come for Afternoon tea at 3pm.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Commonwealth day: Children will be learning about different countries in the Commonwealth.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day: We can't wait to see your red noses, we are also asking children to dress in red, any donations will be much appreciated and will be donated to Comic relief.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Celebrating St Patrick's day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We are asking children to come dressed in the Irish colours. We will be eating traditional Irish foods and taking part in different activities.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Our chick eggs are arriving, we will be looking forward to watching them hatch and grow into chicks!
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Holi: The colourful Hindu festival: Children will be making lots of colourful crafts and talking about colours.
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Mother's Day: Children will be making special crafts for their mothers.

## STAFF INFORMATION

Bumble Bees: Lauren F- deputy manager, Lauren W, Emily Mc, and Caitlin

Busy Bees: Beth, Erin, Amy and Kallie.

Worker Bees: Jane, Jenna and Sarah.

Bank staff: Hannah Mc.

Emily Jones will be transferring to our Wavertree site as she has received a promotion and will be taking on the role of deputy manager over there. Emily will be truly missed here but we wish her the best of luck in her exciting new role.

## STAFF TRAINING

Lauren W will be attending working with babies training.

Amy, Kallie, Hannah, Emily and Lauren will be attending Prevent Duty training.

Erin will be attending Behaviour management training.

Jenna will be attending Persona Dolls training.

Beth, Jane and Lauren will be attending management training.

Amy will be attending Heuristic play training.

Beth will be attending Enhancing areas of provision training.

## Staff Holidays:

Erin: 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March.

Jane: 11-15<sup>th</sup> March.

Hannah: 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Amy: 25-29<sup>th</sup> March.

## REMINDERS

### HONEY POT EY LOG

- Remember we now have an Instagram page: [honeypotdaynursery](https://www.instagram.com/honeypotdaynursery).
- Just a reminder to parents of children who claim 30 free hours, please make sure you are renewing your eligibility code as required to prevent loss of funding.
- Remember to update your Eylog parent app regularly so you can fully access all of the features. This month the staff have completed children's assessment, please log onto Eylog and click on summative reports to view your child's latest assessment and remember to submit it.



### Trips:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: A group of Bumble Bees will be visiting a sensory room.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: A group of Worker Bees will be taking a picnic to Walton Hall Park.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: A group of Busy Bees will be visiting a soft play centre.

### 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 off your child/ren's key person. Late fees will be issued to parents arriving after 6pm.

## 2 Year 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 on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) . If you require more information speak a member of staff.

## 30 FREE CHILDCARE HOURS

If your child/ren will become eligible for funded 30 hours child care from April, you will need to apply for your eligibility code 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 September. Please come and speak with me if you require any more information on this. You can go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to apply for your code.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### Lauren W

Lauren has worked extremally hard this month and has completed all of her level 2 work. Well done Lauren. Lauren is a great member of Bumble Bees and works very hard on a daily basics. Lauren has great bonds with her key children and families and use key group time effectively. Well done Lauren keep up the good work.

## ROOM OF THE MONTH

### Busy Bees

Busy Bees staff work exceptionally hard on a daily basis. They have excellent relationships with children and their families. Busy Bees have been providing stimulating and challenging activities for their key children and always coming up with new ideas to enhance the areas within the room. Well done Busy Bees

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

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

100% of girls are achieving age related expectations and above in speaking, moving and handling, self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feeling and behaviors, making relationships, reading, writing, people and communities, the world, technology, exploring media and materials and being imaginative. 100% of boys are achieving age related expectations and above in moving and handling, self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feeling and behaviours, making relationships, reading, writing, people and communities, the world, technology, exploring media and materials and being imaginative

We are very proud of our achievements in the prime areas of learning as we are exceeding local and national averages

Areas for improvement:

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

## 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.

**THANK YOU!**

## FOCUSES:

### BUMBLE BEES:

Throughout the month of March:

Lauren F's key group will be focusing on their moving and handling skills, encouraging children to start feeding themselves at meal times.

Emily Mc and Lauren W's key groups will be focusing on speech, using sounds and single words during play.

Emily J's key group will be focusing on their physical development encouraging her key group to become more confident when walking. She will also be encouraging her key group to recognise body parts e.g. finding their eyes, nose and mouth.



### BUSY BEES:

Throughout the month of March:

Erin's key group will be focusing on their speech. Erin will be encouraging the children to use single words during play.

Beth's key group will be focusing on their listening and attention skills. We have recently purchased sound lotto games, Beth will be playing these games with her key group encouraging them to listen to sounds and match sounds to pictures.

Amy's key group will be focusing on developing their maths skills. We have recently purchased new shape sorters and jigsaws, Amy will be using these and encouraging her group to recognise and learn simple shapes.



## WORKER BEES

Throughout the month of March:

Jane's key group will be focusing on pencil control and how to hold a pencil correctly to form letters. They will also be focusing on letter recognition.

Jenna's key group will be focusing on school readiness. Jenna will also be helping her group with pencil control and writing their names.

Sarah's key group will be focusing on developing their maths skills. They will be learning to correctly recite numbers in order and matching numerals to quantities.



*Carla, Lauren &  
team*

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