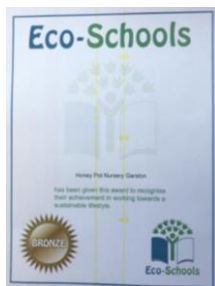


NURSERY NEWS

MARCH 2019

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

During the month of February Sophie and our eco committee have been working hard on their action plan. They have completed all targets set by eco-schools and we have received our Bronze award. #goecocommittee We are now working towards our silver award in our quest to become and eco-school.



We also held a parents stay and play session on Valentines day. We would like to thank all parents who came along and enjoyed our Valentines day themed session.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5th March-** Shrove Tuesday- Children will be making pancakes with the staff, they will enjoy these after tea with cream and fresh fruit
 - 6th March-** Beginning of lent- Children can take part in creating paper chain consisting of 40 chains, each child can make a wish on the chain, each day a chain will be taken off and we will share the wish together
 - 7th March-** World Math's day- Children will be encouraged to take part in math's activities, if they would like to create a dressing up costume including numbers/math's please feel free to do so.
 - 8th March-** International women's day- We will be watching women's sport on the interactive board such as women's football, if children would like to dress up in sportswear, we will be holding physical activities in the garden
 - 11th March-** Commonwealth Day- Children will be taking part in making flags to promote understanding of the British empire
 - 17th March-** St Patrick's Day, children can come to nursery in a green, orange or white item of clothing and we will be taking part in some themed activities
 - 20th March-** Holi- Children can wear brightly coloured clothes for nursery and they will be taking part in painting using bright colours (festival of colour)
 - 31st March-** Mother's Day- Children can make Mother's Day cards/gifts for a special female in their life
- Check out our blog for photographs of these events**

Room News:

Bumble Bees

In our Bumble Bees room, the children have been exploring movement and sound. They enjoyed moving to music and exploring musical instruments to make their own sounds. Caterpillar music also helped support the development of movement and sound this month using bubbles and nursery rhymes to dance to.



Honey Bees

Our Honey Bee's have been developing their self help skills, the children enjoyed washing the toys and role play clothes. The staff in Honey Bees created a washing line for the children to hang the clothes on after they had washed them.



Room News:

Busy Bees

In our Busy Bees room, the children have enjoyed learning about healthy foods and the importance of healthy eating and developing their cooking skills with the staff. Busy Bees enjoyed making their own pitta pizzas using healthy ingredients.



Worker Bees

In our Worker Bees room, the children have been exploring small world figures and developing their senses through messy play. Our Worker bees had so much fun playing with the dinosaurs in the sand and water.



Staff Changes

Elena from our preschool room will unfortunately be leaving us soon, she will be travelling back home to Spain at the beginning of this month. We would like to wish her a safe journey home and the best of luck for the future. We would like to welcome our newest member of the team, Isabel. Isabel has settled well in to the Worker Bees room. Isabel has had time to work alongside Elena to allow a smooth transition to take place. Isabel is excited to start planning and working on her key children's development.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Katie



Katie has worked hard this month in supporting her room leader, Katie has taken on additional job roles this month to allow her team to take on other tasks. Katie has grown as a practitioner so much this month and management have seen a big improvement in her confidence. Well done Katie.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

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

Strengths

- 100% of all children are emerging above or above the national average for writing and making relationships
- 21% of funded children are above in self-confidence and self-awareness
- 25% of children with SEN are emerging above in shapes spaces and measurement

We are very proud of our achievements.

Areas for improvement

Our main area for improvements are understanding the world, writing and numbers. We are looking forward to Leah taking on our math's champion role- she will audit our setting and support math's in all rooms. We are adding writing equipment to areas both indoor and outdoors to support children's writing skills and we will be introducing life cycles at nursery to develop children's understanding of the world.

Assessments and 2-year checks

As you may have seen already on your child's EYLOG all staff have completed an assesment on your child's development either a baseline assessment (new children), a summative assessment or a 2 year check. Can we please ask that you spare a few minutes to read over these reports and comment and sign the report? Thank You.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

HONEY BEES

The staff in Honey Bees have worked so hard on their assessments for their key children, they spent lots of time and effort creating these wonderful reports for you to read. Well done Honey Bees



Raising awareness of mental health and well being

We have signed a pledge to change the way we think and act about mental health at work. We held an event at our Wavertree site where staff from all Honey Pot's attended and they took part in activities such as policy writing, twister and lots more, staff also shared some stories close to their heart about their own life experiences. This was a great success, since the event we have implemented a mental health and well being policy to support and raise awareness of mental health within our company. We would like to thank you for your kind donations at our pyjama day as we raised £95.00 at Garston to support this lovely cause.



STAFF TRAINING

Training accessed by staff this month has included Prevent duty, Ofsted training, Mental Health Awareness, Working with toddlers, Room leader training, Working with babies, SENCo, CBT meeting,



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 Co-ordinators. The introduction of these co-ordinators 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.

*Many Thanks Alison,
Suzie & team*