

NURSERY NEWS

APRIL 2019

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

During the month of March, we have had a lot of special visitors at Honey Pot Garston. Our first visit was from Jack Bear, Jack is the mascot for Jumping Jacks who hold our movement and dance sessions with Busy Bee's. The children were so excited to meet Jack Bear.



Our next visit at Honey Pot Garston was the eggs and chicks. The children patiently waited for the eggs to hatch. We were so lucky to have all of our chicks hatch, they have promoted so much conversation with both children and parents.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 14th April- Palm Sunday-** Children will be able to gain knowledge about Palm Sunday using the interactive boards within the rooms and decorate palm leaf templates
- 19th April- Passover-** Children will take part in creating Seder plates- this is the food dish that is prepared for the service of Haggadah
- 21st April- Queen's birthday-** We will be holding a party to celebrate the Queen's birthday all children can dress up in a royal fancy dress costume or wear red, white and blue items of clothing, we will hold a tea party for children to take part. Children will be baking scones to have during our tea party.
- 21st April- Easter Sunday-** Children will be able to take part in Easter crafts, making cards and Easter baskets and will be taking part in an interactive Easter story on the interactive board
- 23rd April- St George's day-** Children can wear red and white items of clothing and will take part in arts and crafts to celebrate St George's day
- Check out our blog for photographs of these events**

Room News:

Bumble Bees

In our Bumble Bees room, the children have developed their senses through messy play, our babies have taken part in activities such as paint, water and sand, gloop and play dough. Bumble bees had so much fun making marks in the messy play activities.



Honey Bees

Our Honey Bees have been exploring animal sounds in the month of March. The children have taken part in messy play activities with animals, reading stories with animals and puppets and going on local walks in the community to see what animals they can see and what animal sounds they can hear in the local environment.



Room News:

Busy Bees

Our Busy Bees have enjoyed dressing up this month and celebrating word book day. The children had so much fun dressing up as their favorite character and bringing in their favorite book from home.



Worker Bees

In our Worker Bees room the children have been really excited to welcome Sunset in to nursery. Honey Pot Garston have adopted a Leopard as part of our eco schools. Sunset has started to visit our children's family homes and enjoying some amazing experiences with their friends and families.



School Transition

We are coming ever closer to our school leavers leaving Honey Pot to attend their new school. We are discussing at group time about transition and support for children's next educational journey. We have created a transition board outside Worker Bees room, there are parents leaflets to offer support for transition. There is also a clipboard with a leavers chart, can we ask that you complete this when you receive your child's acceptance to school?

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Isabel



Isabel is a new member of our team, she has settled really well in to our Worker Bees room. Isabel has quickly learnt the Worker Bees routine and has adapted well to Honey Pot practices. Isabel has built up lovely bonds with children and staff in the room and the children really enjoy her Spanish classes each week. Well done Isabel!

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

We have recently tracked all our children's current levels of development and have completed a full analysis of this. Our next analysis is due in June 2019

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 areas 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 maths 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.



ROOM OF THE MONTH

BUMBLE BEES

The staff in Bumble Bees have worked hard settling new children in to their room this month, they have been well prepared for their new children starting and management have received lovely feed back from new parents on how welcomed the staff have made them feel. Well done Michaela, Sophie, Nicola and Georgia.



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 sites 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.



STAFF TRAINING

During the month of march staff have accessed, Behaviour management, child development, CBT, First Aid, Persona Dolls, Room Leader, Heuristic play, Maths champion, PLODS, Eco Schools, Planning and Observation.



Message from central support

We are delighted that we are now part of an employee assistance programme which is delivered by Bupa. Our staff get help, support and advice from qualified professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year should they need it. We are excited to have been invited again to deliver a cooking demonstration at Nursery World North event in May. We will post photographs from the event on our social media platforms closer to the time.

Follow us on Twitter @hpnurseries

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We have some exciting "cookbook videos" being posted on our social media over the next few weeks and Mike is always available via Instagram to answer any of your food related queries.

*Many Thanks Alison,
Suzie & team*