

# NURSERY NEWS



**APRIL 2019**



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We started off the month with St. David's Day! The children explored facts and objects that derive from Wales and even learnt some Welsh phrases & at lunchtime they got to experience some delicious Cawl. Da lawn! We all got to taste some delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday & the children even pretended to make their own using play dough and showed off some serious flipping skills! World book day saw a large variety of characters visit the setting with children dressed up as the very hungry caterpillar, the Gruffalo, Willy Wonka & many more! The children all shared their favourite stories and we explored some themed tuff trays. Some of our children were very excited to carry out experiments for Science week. We saw lots of exploding volcanoes and used different ingredients to melt and crack ice. The nursery was a sea of red for red nose day & all the children enjoyed a variety of 'red' themed activities. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day. The children enjoyed Irish stew for lunch and explored some green and Irish themed tuff trays including making our own shamrocks. We were also very 'eggcited' to welcome the eggsporing experience to the nursery once again. The children were amazed at the chicks hatching and all did a fantastic job helping to care for them. Spring made an appearance in the setting with some lovely activities including daffodils in ice and a themed tuff tray of Spring flowers and scents. We had an odd socks day in nursery to raise awareness on World Down Syndrome Day. There was a very big variety of wacky & mismatched socks. We also celebrated Holi and the children engaged in a variety of colourful activities including getting very messy with rainbow powder paint! We finished the month off by inviting our Mums in for arts & crafts and a special afternoon tea.

## COMING UP THIS MONTH

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Autism awareness week starts
- 1<sup>st</sup>- Family safety week starts
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- International children's book day
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Honeypot goes to the races! We invite children to dress in their best races outfit or as a horse or jockey! We will be having race themed activities throughout the day.
- 10<sup>th</sup>- National siblings day
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Easter bonnet parade 2:30pm to 3:30pm, all welcome!
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Good Friday(Nursery closed)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- Easter Monday (Nursery closed)
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- St George's Day & as it was the Queen's birthday on the 21st; we will have a tea party in the garden and the children are welcome to dress for the occasion!
- 27<sup>th</sup>- National Gardening week starts
- 29<sup>th</sup>- International dance day

**Reminder to all funded term time only children that the term ends on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and the children will return back to nursery Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

[Check out our blog for photos of events!](#)

[www.honeypotnursery.co.uk](http://www.honeypotnursery.co.uk)

## BIRTHDAYS

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

### Baby Bees:

Polly's birthday is on the 8th

Orla's birthday is on the 17<sup>th</sup>

### Honey Bees:

Noah F's birthday is on the 3rd

### Busy Bees:

Archie's birthday is on the 13th

George's birthday is the 15<sup>th</sup>

### Worker Bees:

Myles' birthday is on the 14<sup>th</sup>

Ciaran's birthday is on the 18th



## ROOM NEWS

### BABY BEES



Baby bees have been exploring some wonderful tuff tray activities, they had a red themed activity in celebration of red nose day, a Peppa pig themed tray focusing on the story 'Peppa's vegetable garden' and for Mother's Day they explored the story 'Guess how much I love you' in a tuff tray. As the start of spring is upon us the children explored an amazing activity with frozen daffodils and green and yellow water beads, investigating all the different textures.

### HONEY BEES



Honey Bees had a wonderful time celebrating world book day! We had some amazing costumes such as the little girl from Paper dolls, Little red riding hood, Peppa pig and the very hungry caterpillar! We also explored a tuff tray activity based around the 'Very hungry caterpillar' and then created our very own paper dolls.

Honey Bees have also been exploring lots of number activities as this is an area of focus, we have been counting our steps when going up and down the stairs, exploring number songs with puppets to help develop knowledge on quantity!

## ROOM NEWS

### BUSY BEES



Busy Bees had a very exciting month, full of interesting activities. They have been exploring lots of science experiments, such as creating our own volcanoes with baking powder and food coloring. Busy bees explored story themed activities such as the three little pigs and goldilocks and the three bears in celebration of world book day; we had some fantastic characters in our room that day such as Willy Wonka and Tinkerbell!

In celebration of World oral health day, we had lots of themed activities including cleaning our set of giant teeth! Busy bees have also been sharing stories of how they brush their own teeth at home.

### WORKER BEES



Worker Bees have introduced a persona doll to their room. Her name is Akua and the children are very excited to have her around. Akua will help in teaching the children empathy. Nicole's group have been focusing on transient art; they have been using natural objects to draw shapes outside as well as using loose parts to create pictures.

Kelly's group have been focusing on superheroes. They made fruit kebabs, discussing that superheroes eat healthy food to keep them strong and talked about kindness and helping others. Abbie's group have been focusing on animals. They went on a bear hunt in the garden and also experienced a bear hunt themed sensory tray.

## STAFF INFORMATION

### STAFF NEWS

We have welcomed some new staff to the setting, Lauren & Alex. We hope you will join us in making them feel very welcome as part of the Honey Pot Aigburth family!

Unfortunately we said goodbye to Rachel and Declan this month, we wish them all the best in the future!

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

#### NICOLE

Nicole has really strengthened in her role as room leader this month. She has implemented the use of persona dolls in her room, helping to teach the children all about empathy!

Nicole has been really proactive in her role as maths champion also, ensuring there are lots of fun and exciting maths themed activities going on throughout the nursery and focusing on developing the children's number skills and their skills in shape, space and measure.

### ROOM OF THE MONTH

#### WORKER BEES

Nicole and Kelly have been working very hard to keep the consistency in the room going and in welcoming Abbie into their staff team!

The girls always ensure the room is well organised and they are always providing fun and stimulating activities for the children to explore and giving opportunities for play. The room always has a lovely and welcoming atmosphere. Well done girls! x



## STAFF TRAINING

Our staff will be attending a variety of training this month which is beneficial for their role including equality and diversity training, EYFS 2 & 3, School readiness, EYT training day, EAL training. The management team will be attending de-fib training and Fatima will be continuing her CBT training.

## 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 delighted that we are now part of an employee assistance programme, which is delivered by Bupa. Our staff will get help, support and advice from qualified professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year should they need it.

**Citation** 

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

Follow us on Instagram @honeypotdaynursery

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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.



*Fatima & Sarah  
Management Team x*

