

NURSERY NEWS

APRIL 2019



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We had a lovely month during March. The children enjoyed wearing red in nursery for 'Red Nose Day'. Thank you for all of your kind donations, we raised £45. All donations will be paid to Comic Relief. The children also enjoyed wearing the Irish colours to celebrate 'St Patrick's Day'.

The children enjoyed making Mother's Day cards and taking part in crafts this month. We hope all mums had a lovely day!

We loved having our mums and nans come into nursery for afternoon tea to celebrate 'International Women's Day', we hope you had as much fun as us. We look forward to hosting more stay and play events in the upcoming months. If you have any suggestions for stay and play sessions please let me know.

We were very excited to discover that chick eggs had arrived in an incubator. We watched as the eggs moved, started to crack and eventually cute little fluffy chicks made their way out of the shell. The children are loving caring for the chicks and playing with them. It is going to be difficult saying goodbye to them for sure!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a busy month ahead:

- ✚ Monday 1st April: April fools Day.
- ✚ Tuesday 2nd April: Autism Awareness day: The children are invited to wear something blue to nursery.
- ✚ Sunday 14th April: Palm Sunday
- ✚ Thursday 18th April: We will be holding an Easter bonnet parade, we are looking forward to seeing your creations. We will also be having an Easter egg hunt.
- ✚ Friday 19th April: Good Friday and Passover
- ✚ Sunday 21st Easter Sunday
- ✚ Sunday 21st: Queens birthday: We will be learning all about the queen and making and writing cards to send to her.
- ✚ Monday 22nd April: Easter Monday
- ✚ Tuesday 23rd April: St George's Day: We will be learning all about St George and celebrating all things 'English'.
- ✚ Wednesday 24th April: The ECO leaders will be visiting the recycling center.

Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at <http://blog.honeypotnursery.co.uk/>

STAFF INFORMATION

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

Busy Bees: Beth, Erin, Amy and Kallie.

Worker Bees: Jane, Jenna and Sarah.

Bank staff: Hannah Mc.

We would like to welcome Melissa to Honey Pot Childwall. Melissa has moved over from our Wavertree site and will be joining the Bumble Bees team.

STAFF TRAINING

Beth will be attending Equality and Diversity training and EAL training.

Jenna will be attending school readiness training.

Kallie and Hannah will be attending first aid training.

Kallie will be attending EYFS 2 & 3 training.

Staff Holidays:

Emily Mc: 01/04/2019-05/04/2019

Sarah: 09/04/2019-12/04/2019

Lauren F: 15/04/2019-19/04/2019

Kallie: 15/04/2019-19/04/2019

Beth: 23/04/2019-26/04/2019

Lauren W: 29/04/2019-03/05/2019

NURSERY CLOSURES

The nursery will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 19th April.

Monday 21st April.

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EY LOG

- ✚ 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.
- ✚ If you haven't already done so, could you please respond to the EyLog message regarding updating your child's permissions.
- ✚ 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:

- ✚ Monday 8th April: A group of Busy Bees will be visiting Calderstones park.
- ✚ Wednesday 24th April: The ECO leaders will be visiting the recycling center.

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

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 . If you require more information speak a member of staff.

AWARDS

We have now been awarded our Silver ECO schools award.

We have achieved Millie's Mark: A Quality Mark for nurseries where ALL employees working directly with children are trained in paediatric first aid. This has been awarded by National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) in association with Department for Education and Millie's Trust.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Amy

Amy only started with us at the end of December and has so far really impressed the management in her role. She works really hard in her room and works well with the other staff members. She sends high quality observations through EY Log and these are always in depth and of a great quality. She goes above and beyond in her room and is an asset to the Busy Bees team. Well done Amy!

ROOM OF THE MONTH

Busy Bees

Busy Bees have been awarded room of the month this month. They have worked hard in making sure their learning environment is stimulating for the children. The team in Busy Bees work very hard to support their children in their key groups, supporting and furthering their development.

Thank you, Busy Bees.

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.

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

Follow us on Instagram @honeypotdaynursery

Follow us on Facebook @Honeypotnurseries

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.

THANK YOU!

FOCUSES:

BUMBLE BEES:

Throughout the month of April:

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

Emily Mc will be focusing on improving children's speech, Emily will be using the babbling babies cards from the ICAN Toolkit. If you are ever struggling for ideas please see Emily and she can photocopy you some babbling babies card/activities.

Caitlin's key group will also be focusing on their speech, using single words during play.

Lauren W's key group will be focusing on their physical development encouraging her key group to stand unaided, she will also be encouraging her children to start taking steps using the walking aids.



BUSY BEES:

Throughout the month of April:

Erin's key group will be focusing on children's speech. Erin will be encouraging the children to use single words during play. They will be also focusing on counting in a sequence.

Beth's key group will be focusing on their counting skills, they will be learning to count in a sequence.

Amy's key group will be focusing on managing feelings and behaviours. Amy will be completing small group games encouraging her key group to turn take. They will also be talking about what makes them happy and what makes them sad.



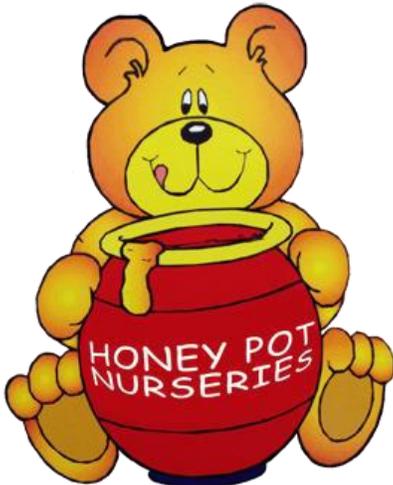
WORKER BEES

Throughout the month of April:

Jane's key group will be focusing on letter recognition, recognising the first letter of their name. Jane will also be focusing on phonics.

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

Sarah's key group will be focusing on developing their independence skills, encouraging children to put on their own coats and shoes, and encouraging children to be more independent when using the bathroom facilities.



*Carla, Lauren &
team*

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