

NURSERY NEWS

MAY 2019



What's been happening?

We had lots of fun celebrating Easter with our families this month. There was a variety of activities at our stay and play where the children were able to share experiences. We have also enjoyed celebrating autism awareness day where we all wore blue and took part in a variety of blue messy play activities. This month our pre-school children started carrying out yoga sessions where they have been learning how to stretch their bodies and meditate. We also carried out a litter picking session to help us achieve our ECO-Schools award.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3rd May - World Space Day
- 4th May - Women's FA cup final - Pre-school football match - Wavertree V Childwall
- 5th May - Ramadan starts -
- 6th May - Bank holiday - Nursery closed
- 8th May - VE Day
- 9th May - Europe Day
- 16th May - Muddy puddle walk 3.00pm
- 19th May - Wesak
- 21st May - Walk to school week
- 27th May - Bank holiday - Nursery closed



Check out our blog for photos of events!

www.honeypotnursery.co.uk

STAFF INFORMATION

This month we welcome Caitlin and Nicole to Honey Pot Wavertree. Caitlin has been working at our Childwall site for quite a while and is excited to join our team. Nicole will be joining the Bumble Bees team to work alongside Michelle, Hannah and team. We are sure you will make them feel very welcome.

STAFF TRAINING

Ellie attended equality & diversity training
Heather attended school readiness training
Kim attended EAL training
Carlos & Heather attended pediatric 1st Aid
Lisa, Sami & Layla attended defib training by Oliver King Foundation.

CBT Training

All of our managers and area managers have recently completed an online 10-week diploma in cognitive behaviour therapy. We are very proud to have been awarded this diploma.

EXCLUSION PERIODS

It is very important that all parents stick to our exclusion periods if their children are unwell. This helps us to prevent the spread of infection around the setting. Please also remember that this applies if your child has been given antibiotics, they must be absent from nursery for the first 24hr. Thanks for your co-operation

FEES

Just another reminder that fees must be paid in advance of childcare accessed. Your fees must be paid by the agreed date on your contract to avoid any late charges.

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EY LOG

Over the past few weeks we have been experiencing some problems with the children's photographs being cropped on the ey log app. We have notified the company and they are working hard to resolve this. In the meantime, please feel free to log onto your account using a desk top computer where you will be able to see the pictures in full. Please remember that you can send home observations through your child's eyLog. This is a great way to share your child's development with the nursery staff and also to ensure that learning developments are not being missed. Please feel free to speak to me or a member of staff should you require support with this.

Also please remember to update your app regularly to avoid missing any important notices.

NURSERY OPEN/CLOSING TIMES

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing a high number of parents arriving late to collect their child/ren, can we please remind you that the nursery opens at 8am closes at 6pm. Please do not enter the building until 8am as we are not insured before. Please collect by 5.50pm to give enough time to enter the building and receive a handover from your child/ren's key person. Late fees are now being issued to parents arriving after 6pm. If your child only attends a morning session then the collection time is 1pm. Any parent collecting after this time will also be charged. The afternoon session starts at 1.30pm, any parent dropping off before this time will be charged for the early drop off. Thanks for your co-operation on this matter.

BIG THANKS

Big thanks to all our parents and children that attended the Easter stay and play. We all had a wonderful time taking part in lots of messy play activities.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

Room of the month goes Busy bees. Busy Bees have worked hard as a team to ensure the children had a wonderful Easter experience. They researched exciting activities that were enjoyed by all children. They also ensure that all paperwork is completed on time and to the highest quality.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Employee of the month goes to Layla. Layla has worked extremely hard to ensure that her room always looks exciting and stimulating for the children. She often stays behind to help her room or other rooms across the setting when needed. Layla is always very supportive to the nursery and will often plan activities and purchase resources in her own time.

PARENTS VOTE FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Don't forget that you can send in parent votes for employee of the month. Please feel free to drop us an email on wavertree@honeypotnursery.co.uk or send us a message on ey log or to the nursery mobile phone. The staff love to hear the lovely feedback from parents.

EASY-PEASY PROGRAM

We have been looking over the data from the easy peasy program over the past month and we are very grateful to the parents that have been taking part. If you have not already accessed some of the activities please check out the app as there is some lovely ideas on how you can help your child develop. Please feel free to share your activities with the staff by sending them through your child's EY Log.

30 FREE CHILDCARE HOURS

If you would like to access the 30hr in September please ensure that you apply online before the deadline date in August and give your activation code to myself or Emily with your national insurance number. If you would like to increase your days in September please ensure you let us know as soon as possible, as we have limited spaces left. 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.

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.

FINGER PRINT ENTRY SYSTEM

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. Please just politely ask the person behind you to use their own finger print to gain access. Nobody should be offended as this is for the safety of all your children and the staff.

HALF TERM

Half term for all funded only children is week commencing 27th May. Nursery will resume on Monday 3rd June.

WALK TO NURSERY WEEK PARENT CHALLENGE

Walk to school week is 21st May, we would love it if parents could try and walk to nursery with their child during this week! You could use a step counter to calculate your daily steps and we could see who walked the most steps to nursery!



MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

"We are thrilled to announce that we have been shortlisted for not one but two NDNA awards! We are finalists for Innovative Practice and Team Development. The awards will be announced in June.

You may have seen that we have now had our defibrillators installed in each of the nursery and management have received training from The Oliver King Foundation in how to use these. We thank you for your support and patience whilst we worked hard to get these installed."

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:

Strengths

- 93% of children are inline or above in understanding.
- 99% of children are inline or above in self-confidence & self-awareness
- 89% of children with SEN are inline or above in using media and materials
- 100% of children with SEN are inline with people and their communities
- We are above national and local average in all areas of learning

Areas for improvement

- 27% of boys are at risk or below in numbers

Number across the nursery needs improving as 21% of all children are below or at-risk

ROOM NEWS

BUMBLE BEES

Bumble bees have been settling in our new friends, helping them feel safe and secure. They have also been working on developing the children's physical skills, helping them learn to pull themselves up, and strengthening their legs to take their first steps. They have also been developing the older children's communication skills in teaching them single words through song and story time.

HONEY BEES

This month we have been settling the new children from bumbles bees into the room. We have also had lots of fun celebrating Easter, where we were making some lovely cards, decorating cakes and parading round the garden for the Easter bonnet parade. This month we have also taken part in lots of messy play activities trying to promote our speech and language. We were learning new words such as sticky, cold, sprinkle and pour.

BUSY BEES

This month Busy bees have been taking part in lots of maths activities with all the new resources that have just been purchased. We have been using blocks to stack on top of each other and then count the towers before we knock them down. We have also been practicing recognising some numbers using the number jigsaws. We also enjoyed celebrating world autism day where we made some blue play dough and read a story about "being ourselves" and being kind to others.

WORKER BEES

We have started to prepare our older children for school. We are focusing on numbers, letters and writing our own names. Our school leavers have begun practicing for their graduation ceremony in a few weeks' time. We have also welcomed some new children into the preschool room over the last few weeks. They have settled brilliantly and have enjoyed learning the new routine. The children have enjoyed exploring the room particular the home corner and small world area.



Honey Pot team