

# NURSERY NEWS



## AUGUST 2019



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

At the beginning of the month some of our children had a chance to express themselves creatively by taking part in the 'Kiddi Canvas' session. The children created some wonderful canvas' for their parents, exploring a variety of colours and textures to add to their art.

We had a very exciting visit from Zoo lab this month; we started off by going on a bug hunt in the garden and investigating all the insects that we found. Once we had collected our creatures, we used a magnifying glass to explore them, then moved on to explore some bigger creatures; we got to hold a snake, a millipede, a cockroach an African snail and a tarantula!

This month we said goodbye to some of our pre-school children who are making the transition to primary school in September. We had a wonderful graduation ceremony & party to celebrate their time spent in Honey Pot! We will miss you all very much!

There have been some big improvements around the setting this month, we have finished developing the maths area in the garden and have a new walk in sand pit for all the children to explore.

At the front of the setting you will see the start of a 'Spoon and rock garden' where all the children will be/have been given the chance to contribute by creating a spoon/stone that represents themselves to be displayed.

Busy bees have created new story sacks and activity packs, which are located on the hooks outside their room. Parents are welcome to take them home to explore with their child and help to continue their learning at home.

We are also very pleased to announce that we have passed our green flag assessment for our Eco-Schools award. Well done to Sarah-Louise & the Eco committee as well as the other staff & children for showing their dedication to this award & looking after our environment. Keep your eyes peeled for our green flag!

## COMING UP THIS MONTH

THIS MONTH IS NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

- 7<sup>th</sup> August- National Play Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> August - International Cat Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> August – Hajj
- 13<sup>th</sup> August- International 'Left Handers' day
- 19<sup>th</sup> August- World photo day
- 21<sup>st</sup> August – Eid ul Adha
- 26<sup>th</sup> August- 'Women's Equality' day
- 26<sup>th</sup> August- National Dog day



Check out our blog for photos of events!

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

## NEW STARTERS

We are welcoming lots of new children and their families to our setting this month!

**Baby Bees** - Holly, Georgia, Henry

**Honey Bees**- Sophia, Dorothy

**Busy Bees** - Ruby, Joel

**Worker Bees** -Lily

We hope all our new children have a wonderful time settling in to our nursery, we are so happy to have you all join our Honey Pot Family!

## BIRTHDAYS

We have a few special birthdays to celebrate this month.

**Baby Bees:**

Henry's birthday is on the 15<sup>th</sup>

**Busy Bees:**

Estefano's birthday is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Alana's birthday is on the 24<sup>th</sup>

**Worker Bees:**

Ava's birthday is on the 19<sup>th</sup>

Erin's birthday is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Staff:**

Kelly's birthday is on the 2<sup>nd</sup>



## ROOM NEWS

### BABY BEES



Baby Bees have been engaging in lots of water play over the last month, especially with the warmer weather visiting us. They have been working at their fine motor skills trying to pick flowers out of the water & also had themed water play involving ducks.

Baby Bees staff have also been preparing some of the children for their transition to Honey Bees & Busy Bees, making frequent visits to their new rooms and supporting the children in developing relationships with the staff & their new key person. Baby Bees also welcomed some new friends to the room, Henry & Holly. We hope they enjoy their time here with us.

### HONEY BEES



Honey bees have been focusing on supporting their children ready for their transition to busy bees. The children have been going to explore busy bees room often and getting to know the staff. Honey bees have been exploring lots of tuff tray activities this month, such as a miss polly had a dolly tuff tray, where all the children dressed as nurses and doctors, an edible dinosaur 'Tyrannosaurus drip' tuff tray and 'Millie makes a mess' tray. Honey Bees also welcomed some new friends, Dorothy & Sophia, we hope they enjoy their time here with us!

## ROOM NEWS

### BUSY BEES



Busy Bees have been working hard at creating our new story sacks (which are located outside the room on the hooks). The children have been really engaged whilst using the story spoons to explore the different books. As we have been very lucky this month with the hot weather, Busy bees have been taking part in lots of activities to keep us nice and cool; we have been investigating frozen numbers and using our physical skills running and jumping over the sprinklers.

We have also welcomed some new friends to the room Ruby & Joel, as well as our children who have moved from Honey Bees & Baby Bees. We hope everyone enjoys their time with us in Busy Bees.

### WORKER BEES



Worker Bees have been working very hard this month preparing for the preschool graduation. We had a wonderful time and the children did very well singing all their fantastic songs and we had a few teary eyes at our slideshow!

Worker bees have been preparing for their school transitions, we turned our home corner into a school, had pictures of the local schools to develop familiarity and had school uniform fancy dress costumes.

## STAFF INFORMATION

This month we say goodbye to Mariam, who will be leaving us to attend college to study art & design, we wish her lots of luck in her future. We are currently recruiting a new apprentice to be our setting's bank staff.

Donna is on annual leave until 8<sup>th</sup> August

Amy is on annual leave the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Becky will be on annual leave 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August

Zahra will be on annual leave 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August

Nicole will be on annual leave 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August

Fatima will be on annual leave 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Sarah-Louise will be on annual leave 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### NICOLE

Nicole works hard consistently & always ensures that the children have the opportunity to engage in fantastic activities. She performed brilliantly in our recent in-house audit as did her staff team. She also recently developed a fantastic outdoor maths area in our garden for all of the children to explore. Well done!

## ROOM OF THE MONTH

### WORKER BEES

Nicole, Kelly & Abbie have continued to work very hard over the past month. They have been doing lots of work in preparation for the children's graduation ceremony & gave up their free time to come and support the children on the day & put on a lovely ceremony & party for the parents & children. Their room also received amazing feedback at a recent room viewing as well as at our recent in-house audit. Well done!

## STAFF TRAINING

Our staff will be attending a variety of training this month which is beneficial for their role. Adele continues to study for her level 2 qualification, whilst Nicole, Sarah-Lou & Zahra will continue to study for their level 3 qualification. Fatima will also be continuing training with the foundation for infant loss to enable us to become an accredited rainbow nursery.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

### MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2019

At our most recent analysis, noticeable progress was made in all areas of development across the whole nursery, including a 3% increase in progress in number and speaking. There was a 2% increase in progress in self-confidence & self-awareness in girls, a 2% increase in progress in understanding in boys. There was also a 50% increase in progress in speaking in EAL children and a 14% increase in progress in speaking in children with SEN. 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.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE OCTOBER 2019

## REMINDERS

- \* Please ensure that your fee/funding contract is signed as soon as possible. Signed fee contracts must be in place in order for us to provide childcare.
- \* 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.
- \* We are continuing to develop our entrance area as discussed in a recent message to include a spoon & rock garden & would love for all of the children to provide a decorated spoon or rock to display.
- \* Follow us on Twitter @hpnurseries
- \* Follow us on Instagram @honeypotdaynursery
- \* Follow us on Facebook @Honeypotnurseries



## MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We are delighted that our Childwall, Garston & Aigburth nursery have successfully passed their eco-schools gold award assessment. Wavertree have their assessment in the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for the large green eco schools flag outside the nurseries which we are expecting to be delivered soon!

In other news, we were selected by Ofsted to pilot their new Education Inspection Framework (EIF). The EIF will be coming into force from September and sets out how settings will be inspected. We had an Ofsted inspector come and do a mock inspection using the guidelines of the EIF. It was a really great day with knowledge gained from both sides before the framework is applied in September. We had fantastic feedback from the inspector and overall it was beneficial for us to take part.



*Fatima, Sarah  
& the Aigburth team x*

