

NURSERY NEWS

AUGUST 2019

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

During the month of July we have experienced lots of sunshine, our children have enjoyed playing in the paddling pools in the garden and staying cool during the day.



We have been teaching our children how to stay safe in the sun, we have discussed applying sun cream and how this protects our skin, drinking lots of water to keep up refreshed and hydrated.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/8/2019- National watermelon Day-** Children will be able to take part in a cookery session making watermelon smoothies
 - 6/8/2019- National Fresh Breath Day-** Children can bring their tooth brushes in to nursery and discuss oral health in their key groups
 - 6/8/2019- Alexander Fleming's Birthday-** Children will have the opportunity to take part in a science session making potions
 - 7/8/2019-National play day-** Children can enjoy a play session bringing their favorite toy into nursery to play with during free play
 - 9/8/2019- National Love of Books day-** Children can bring their favorite book in to nursery to read in their key groups if they wish (please write their name inside)
 - 10/8/2019- National picnic day-** Our children will have the opportunity to take part in a picnic in the garden for tea time
 - 13/8/2019- National left handers day-** Children will be able to take part in a writing session discovering their dominant hand
 - 16/8/2019- National tell a joke day-** Staff will be telling jokes with the children during group time, children will be encouraged to tell any jokes they know
 - 31/8/2019-National eat outside day-** Children will have to opportunity to eat their meals in the garden encouraging conversation about the outdoor environment
- Check out our blog for photographs of these events**

Room News:

Bumble Bees

In our Bumble Bees room, the children have been exploring animal sounds and staff encouraged this in messy play. The children have focused on what noises animals make, and what better way to encourage conversation than using messy play? Bumble Bees used animal figures in paint, pasta, water and gloop whilst staff sung Old McDonald and read animal books with the children.



Honey Bees

Our Honey Bees have enjoyed exploring the local environment. They had lots of fun learning about people who help us. On their walk Honey Bees met local street wardens, librarians, builders, crossing guards and police officers. These individuals spoke to our Honey Bees about their job roles and how they help us.



Room News:

Busy Bees

Our Busy Bees have enjoyed creating story sacks and story spoons to enhance story time. Worker bees have enjoyed recreating scenes from the 3 little pigs' story. Busy Bees enjoy taking turns in holding the story spoons whilst reading the story book.



Worker Bees

In our Worker Bees room, the children enjoyed celebrating their Graduation ceremony. The children made both parents and staff so proud. Our Worker Bees enjoyed singing songs, receiving their awards and taking a trip down memory lane watching a slide show of photographs of their time at Honey Pot Nursery. We would like to wish all our graduates' good luck on their next journey in "big school".



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Michaela



Michaela has been awarded employee of the month. She is always positive and supports her team well. Michaela is always first to complete her online training courses and is always willing to help out. Michaela is organised and is always planning ahead. Well done and thank you Michaela.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

BUMBLE BEES

The staff in Bumble Bees have been awarded room of the month. The staff implement great routine for the babies in their care, they work well as a team and provide fun and educational activities for their children. Parents have recently passed on amazing comments both verbally and via eyLog in regards to the staff and the work that Bumble Bees carry out. Well done Bumbles room.



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 October 2019

The main outcomes were:

Strengths

- 99% of our children are inline or above for **Technology**
- 98.5% of our children are inline or above for **Listening and Attention**
- 98.5% of our children are inline or above for **Moving and Handling**

We are very proud of our achievements.

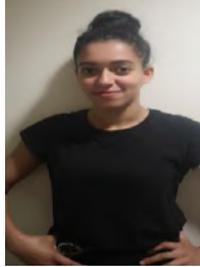
Areas for improvement

- 9.5% of our children are below in **Numbers** - We will continue to support the children with the Maths Champion programme.
- 9.5% of our children are at risk or below for **Speaking** - we will use repetitive stories, and playing games which involve repetition of words or phrases.
 - 8% at risk or below in **People and Communities** - we will help children to learn positive attitudes and challenge negative attitudes and stereotypes, e.g. using puppets, Persona Dolls, stories and books

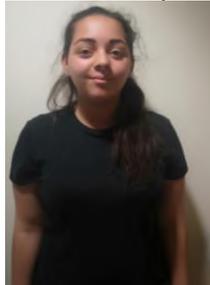
Staff Changes:

We would like to welcome 3 new members of staff to our team, Ayesha, Shonni and Natalie have joined Honey Pot Garston to complete an apprenticeship.

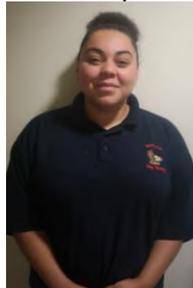
Ayesha has joined our Worker Bees team.



Natalie has joined our Honey Bees team.



Shonni has joined our Busy Bees team.



We are wishing Isabel lots of luck as she leaves England to return home to her family and continues her career with children in Spain. Isabel will be leaving on 14/8/2019. We would like to thank Isabel for all her hard work.



Welcome Back

We would like to welcome Melanie back to Honey Pot Garston, Melanie left Honey Pot Garston in 2018 to study at university. Melanie has returned to Garston working part time. Melanie will be based in our Honey Bees room job sharing with Nikita.



Niamh has completed her keeping in touch days whilst settling her Daughter Eliza in to our baby room. Niamh will be returning on 5/8/2019 from maternity leave. Niamh will be based in Worker Bees room.



Message from central support

We are delighted that our Childwall and Garston nursery have successfully passed their eco-schools gold award assessment. Wavertree and Aigburth have their assessments 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.

Many Thanks Alison, Fern & team