

NURSERY NEWS

DECEMBER 2018



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

The children had a busy month celebrating a variety of different events!!

For bonfire night the children participated in a number of activities related to this theme including making our own edible sparklers, firework painting, making chocolate apples & learning about where bonfire night came from. We also enjoyed celebrating Diwali. The children enjoyed making salt dough candle holders & exploring light. For Remembrance Day, the children engaged in poppy themed messy play & also created their own poppies to take home.

For children in need we participated in a different event each day including silly sock day, pyjama day, wear spots & wear yellow day. The children also enjoyed some pudsey bear themed activities!!

Thank you to everyone who donated during this week. For world kindness day, our pre-school children discussed during circle time about being kind to others. Our pre-school & busy bees children also got involved in road safety week, understanding what traffic lights are for & also about being careful crossing the road. For Thanksgiving Day, we enjoyed a traditional thanksgiving menu and the older children were encouraged to give thanks for something.

We also learned about Christingle & had a go at making our own versions of the symbolic object for this event.

Towards the end of the month we enjoyed celebrating Brazil as our chosen country. The children enjoyed Brazilian music & enjoyed a tasty Brazilian themed menu!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

3rd – As it is Hannukah on the 2nd, we will be celebrating this event on the 3rd in nursery. We will be learning lots about this event and participating in themed activities.

3rd & 4th – Tree dressing day – The children will be participating in a variety of Christmas tree related activities.

6th – St. Nicholas Day

10th – Worker Bees Christmas singalong from 2.30pm

11th – Baby & Honey Bees Christmas party from 2.30pm

12th – Busy Bees Christmas party from 2.30pm

13th – Worker Bees Christmas party from 2.30pm

All children are welcome to attend the Christmas parties even if they don't usually attend that day. Please let us know if your child will be attending so that we can arrange staff cover.

We would also very much appreciate it if any parents would like to volunteer to help at the parties.

10th – 14th – Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper during this week. It is in aid of save the children, so donations would be very much appreciated.

18th – Arabic language day

24th – Christmas Eve – Nursery is only open from 8am until 1pm

25th – Christmas day – Nursery closed

26th – Boxing day - Nursery open

27th & 28th – Nursery open as normal

31st – New Year's Eve – Nursery is only open from 8am until 1pm

1st January 2019 – New Year's Day – Nursery closed

Don't forget that children in receipt of funding who attend on a term time only basis finish nursery for the Christmas holidays the week ending the 14th December. They will return to nursery the week commencing the 7th January 2019! Have a lovely Christmas!!! xxx

Check out our blog for photos of events!

www.honeypotnursery.co.uk

ROOM NEWS

BABY BEES



Baby Bees have been very busy exploring a variety of different activities over the month. For Leanne's fascination they have been focusing on 'Row your boat' where they have made a boat out of crates in the garden, explored a water activity using foil boats & we also involved a crocodile from the song! We have also celebrated children in need where we made a coloured tuff tray with different light up pebbles to represent Pudsey's spots. We also made our own Christingles out of play dough. They also made some beautiful firework pictures using toilet roll holders cut into splits for a firework pattern. For Diwali they also explored glow in the dark water play & glow in the dark ice cubes & they explored bubble wrap painting to create poppies for Remembrance Day.

HONEY BEES



Honey Bees have been focusing on their physical & speaking skills. They have been strengthening their muscles through climbing over & across obstacle courses and learning new words through messy play activities such as animals in paint, exploring gloop & an Old MacDonald themed tuff tray activity. They have also been engaging in a lot of creative & imaginative activities including painting, role play in the home corner with the use of real food, making firework pictures & Christingles. We also explored coloured rice for Diwali.

We have also welcomed some new friends to Honey Bees, we hope Rosie, Noah F, Noah R, Annie & Ivy enjoy their time with us!!

ROOM NEWS

BUSY BEES



Busy Bees have been focusing on independence skills such as helping at meal times & giving out the water bottles & they have also been learning about safety, such as helping the staff to check the garden is safe to play in.

They have also engaged in a variety of activities to celebrate events including making candle holders for Christingle, poppy themed messy play for Remembrance Day & beautiful glitter pictures for bonfire night.

The children have also been focusing on developing their shape, space & measure skills, such as going on a shape hunt around the nursery & identifying what shape they find.

WORKER BEES



Pre-school have focused on their different fascinations. Lorna & Declan's groups have been learning about safety, they discussed about safety on bonfire night & road safety. Kelly's group have been learning about America. They made corn shakers for thanksgiving, made popcorn & discussed the 4th July. Nicole's group have been focusing on seasons & different habitats. They explored the shapes of different leaves & also used the leaves to paint with. They also explored where different animals come from & live. They discussed why animals live in certain places & also explored a themed tuff tray on the arctic. Pre-school have also been very busy starting to learn their songs for their Christmas singalong!

STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF NEWS

As you may be aware Leah has recently been on sick leave for a short period. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Leah has decided to leave Honey Pot. We wish her lots of luck for the future. We are currently working hard to recruit new apprentices to the setting & we will keep you updated with any new information.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

ZAHRA

Zahra continues to improve in her role. Although she has only been with us 6 months, she improves more & more each day. She is a strong team player & takes on board any advice & training she has attended in order to improve.

She has excellent relationships with her key children & is professional & friendly with parents.

Zahra is very enthusiastic about providing new ideas for her key group & across the nursery & is confident in sharing practice with others. Well done!

ROOM OF THE MONTH

HONEY BEES

We have received many lovely comments from parents in regards to this room & the excellent care they provide to the children.

They ensure that they are frequently providing the children with new opportunities & work hard to form strong attachments with all of the children.

They have lovely relationships with parents & ensure they keep them updated on their children's care, learning & development & encouraging parents to contribute to learning at home. Well done Honey Bees.

STAFF TRAINING

Our staff will be attending a variety of training this month which is beneficial for their role including our ongoing maths champions project, enabling environments, nought to twos, oral hygiene & many more!

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2018

At our most recent analysis, significant progress was made in all areas of development across the whole nursery, including a 13% increase in progress in speaking, an 18% increase in progress in number in girls & a 15% increase in progress in moving & handling 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 FEBRUARY 2019

REMINDERS

- * Remember to update your eyLog app regularly so you can fully access all of the features.
 - * 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.
 - * Just a reminder to parents of all children in receipt of 30 hours to ensure they are renewing their eligibility code as required to prevent loss of funding.
- Also if your child is due to turn 3 & you think they may be entitled to the 30 hours, please feel free to speak to Fatima for more information.



OTHER NEWS

- * Honey Pot Day Nurseries are finalists in the National nursery recognition awards in the nursery group category. We would be very grateful for your votes.



<http://nationalnurseryawards.co.uk/nominate/vote>.

MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

This month has seen the launch of our maths champion project. In each of the four nurseries, there are two staff who will be the named "maths champions" for their nursery. Their role is to inspire the staff team to embed mathematics throughout the environment and support them planning and delivering exciting activities to support mathematical development.

*Fatima & Sarah
Management Team x*

www.honeypotnursery.co.uk

