

NURSERY NEWS

JANUARY 2018



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **5th January** – The children will be celebrating the birthday of **Guru Gobindh Singh** and learning about the epiphany
- * **10th January** – **Mexico Day** – The children are invited to dress in Mexican themed dress or the colours of the mexican flag as we learn about Mexico and experience a taste of Mexican themed food!
- * **15th January** – **Superhero & Princess dress up** day in aid of the charity crackerjacks.
- * **18th January** – **Winnie the Pooh Day** - Children are invited to dress up as a character from the Winnie the Pooh books
- * **23rd January** – **National Handwriting Day** – We will also be having a stay & play workshop for parents on this day exploring writing and mark making with the children and providing some fun ideas to be used at home!
- * **25th January** – The children will be participating in various activities to learn about **Burns Night**.

We will be planning some local trips for the children, we would love to receive ideas from parents of some new and exciting places that we could visit!

If any of our parents possess a special skill or particular job, we would love for you to come in and share this with the children!

We would also like to wish two members of our team a very Happy Birthday; Tania had her birthday on the 30th December & Rachel's birthday is on the 19th January!

[Check out our blog for photos of events!](#)

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you are as excited as we are about 2018! We would also like to welcome all of our new children and their families that will be joining our Honey Pot Aigburth family!

December was certainly a very busy time for us! The month started with a visit from some cheeky elves. The children were very excited to see what they had been up to each evening when we all went home!

The children were involved in lots of exciting Christmas themed activities, not to mention our pre-school children going on a visit to our new grotto in Wavertree to see Father Christmas! He also came back to visit us at Aigburth so everyone else could see him too!

The children also learnt about Hanukkah, the Jewish festival.

There were lots of lovely bright Christmas jumpers to be seen in nursery as we raised money for Save the children, including light up snowmen, Rudolph and Christmas trees!!

Our singalongs in Busy Bees & Worker Bees were a big hit and we thank all parents for coming along. I think we can all agree that the children performed brilliantly and there'll be some appearing on the x-factor, the voice and maybe even the Westend in the future!!

STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF CHANGES

We have been looking at the best ways to use and maximise the staff's strengths in the nursery and feel that the following changes would be beneficial for everyone.

This month we are pleased to welcome a new member to the team, Emma will be joining us on the 15th & will be working in our pre-school room. She is excited to work with us at Honey Pot and I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome.

Sinead will be moving to Busy Bees room to work with Sarah & Caitlin.

Kayleigh will be working as our bank staff, supporting all staff on a daily basis.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

During the month of December, the following staff received awards for their hard work and commitment;

- * Rachel Andrews – Employee of the year
- * Rachel Andrews – 100% Attendance
- * Sarah Abbott - Employee that goes above & beyond
- * Sarah Abbott – 100% attendance
- * Nicole Wenham – Most improved practitioner of 2017
- * Honey Bees – Room of the year

Well done everyone!!!

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2017

Overall the nursery's strongest areas of development are people & communities, moving & handling & technology. Our identified areas for improvement are speaking, understanding, writing & numbers.

You will see parent challenges set by your child/ren's room & management in support of the areas for improvement

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE FEBRUARY 2018

REMINDERS

* Some of our rooms have lost property boxes located outside them, please take a look through if you have misplaced anything. Anything that is not claimed will go into our spare clothing box.

* Remember to update your eyLog app regularly so you can fully access all of the features & also don't forget about our nursery app which sends out useful reminders to parents as well as some other great features including parent questionnaires & links to the website and blog.

* Please can I remind you all about our question jars and feedback postbox in the entrance area, we appreciate all feedback we receive.

STAFF TRAINING

Our staff will be attending some exciting training this month to benefit their roles further, including safeguarding, british values & prevent duty, EYFS2 & 3, role of the SENCo & phonics training.

MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

"We would like to wish all of our children and families a happy new year. We are excited for the year ahead and all that it will bring! We are welcoming back some familiar faces including Fern who previously worked in our Childwall nursery. She will be taking on the EYT role for Aigburth and Wavertree and will also be taking over from Ashley as Forest School Leader. Mike will continue to assist our Forest School sessions. Jenna and Melissa are also returning from their maternity leave and are excited to begin some new projects in 2018!"

*Fatima & Sarah
Management Team x*

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