

NURSERY NEWS

JANUARY 2019



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

December was a very busy month for all of us!!

We began the month by learning about Hanukah. Our pre-school children listened to a story about Hanukah & we discussed how it could be celebrated.

On the 3rd & 4th, the children were very excited to join in at decorating the Christmas trees in nursery for tree dressing day. The children made their own choices of what decoration to put on the tree & where to put it. They definitely showed some good team work to make the trees look beautiful!

Our pre-school children also performed in their Christmas sing along for all their parents & families. Everyone agreed that the children sang beautifully! Thank you to everyone who came to see the children perform. As it was a bit of a tight squeeze, we plan to hold our future sing alongs at our Wavertree site, we will keep you informed of this.

Our pre-school children were very excited to visit our grotto at Wavertree. After a short trip on the minibus, they enjoyed some Christmas art & craft including making reindeer food for Christmas eve & making our own decorations. They also saw Santa & were all very excited to tell him what they would like for Christmas!

We all enjoyed our Christmas parties too, which were full of Christmas & Winter themed activities including Arctic sensory trays & exploration boxes including Christmas decorations. The children also enjoyed dancing & traditional party games as well as some yummy party food!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Throughout January we will be participating in Big schools bird watch. If you would like to take part in this at home, please send us some pictures on eyLog!!

20th - World Religion Day

21st – Martin Luther King Day

21st – Energy saving week starts

21st – National hug day – This is a day to show your kindness to everyone by sharing a hug!

25th – Burns Night

26th – Australia Day – Children are welcome to come to nursery in Australian themed clothing or the colours of the Australian flag.

30th – National story telling week starts – Join in at home! Share your child's favourite story with us on eyLog or in nursery.

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

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BIRTHDAYS

This month we are celebrating lots of birthdays!! Happy birthday everyone!!!

Honey Bees:

Elias' birthday is the 5th

Ellie's birthday is the 11th

Olive's birthday is the 26th

We are also celebrating Rachel's birthday on the 19th.

Busy Bees:

Nancy's birthday is the 13th

Isaac's birthday is the 29th

Annabelle's birthday is the 29th

Worker Bees:

Kasper's birthday is on the 7th

Ella's birthday is on the 16th

Sofia's birthday is on the 17th

Sadie's birthday is on the 19th

Daisy's birthday is on the 25th

Saffron's birthday is on the 30th



ROOM NEWS

BABY BEES



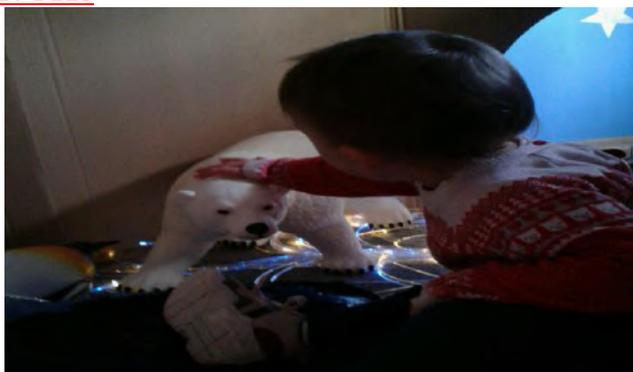
Baby Bees have been very busy exploring a variety of Christmas themed activities over the month. They especially loved exploring tinsel & different types of Christmas tree decorations. They even attempted to help Leanne & Becky decorate their Christmas tree.

We all celebrated Felix's birthday, he turned 1!

We also joined with Honey Bees for our Christmas party; we enjoyed exploring an arctic themed sensory tray & sticking the bows on the Christmas tree! We also enjoyed listening to some Christmas themed music as well as enjoying some delicious healthy party food!

This month we welcome Orla & Polly to Baby Bees. We are sure that they will settle in & enjoy being with us at Honey Pot!!

HONEY BEES



Honey Bees enjoyed a variety of Christmas themed crafts including sensory trays where they worked on their fine motor skills posting cotton wool balls into bottles. They also enjoyed exploring our winter wonderland in the sensory room, particularly hiding in the igloo!

They also received a visit from Santa, some of our Honey Bees were very brave when visiting him & sitting on his lap for a picture!

Honey Bees joined Baby Bees to have a lovely Christmas party; they explored pin the bows on the Christmas tree & a lovely arctic themed sensory tray where they explored pretend snow, lifting it & sprinkling it from a height!

This month we welcome Isabelle to Honey Bees. We are sure she will settle in well with us & enjoy being part of the Honey Bees family.

ROOM NEWS

BUSY BEES



As well as preparing for Christmas, Busy Bees have been focusing on a variety of topics including colour, the Gruffalo & differences between us. Zahra has involved parents & children in taking pictures for a 'who am eye?' display. The children have had lots of fun guessing who owns the eyes in each picture & talked about what colours our eyes are. Amy has introduced the Gruffalo to her key group & they enjoyed a Gruffalo themed tuff tray where the children acted out the story with props. Sarah's group have been focusing on colour, identifying them from a group & learning to pronounce the names of different colours.

Like the rest of the nursery, Busy Bees also enjoyed a very fun Christmas party & a visit to our very own grotto to see Santa!

WORKER BEES



Pre-school enjoyed preparing for Christmas. For Nicole's PLOD display they focused on many things relating to Christmas including making their own decorations, visiting the grotto & parents sent pictures in from home of their houses decorated for Christmas. They enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers in aid of the save the children charity & had a very cheeky visitor each day in Buddy the elf who would leave a surprise for them each day including covering our Christmas tree with toilet roll!!!

The children also performed amazingly at their Christmas sing along for their parents & families. We ended the term with a lovely Christmas party, the children enjoyed art & crafts, pass the parcel & musical statues.

STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF NEWS

We welcome Olivia to our staff team.

Olivia will be studying for her Level 3 qualification & will be based in our Honey Bees room, working along side Rachel & Sarah-Louise. We hope you will join us in making her feel very welcome her with us.



EMPLOYEE AWARDS

At the end of the year several staff were presented with awards for their hard work & dedication to Honey Pot.

The awards & staff who achieved them are as follows:

Parent vote for Practitioner of the Year – Rachel

Practitioner who goes above & beyond – Sarah

Practitioner of the year – Leanne

Most improved practitioner – Sarah-Louise

Room of the year – Busy Bees

Several staff were also presented with 100% attendance including Donna, Rebecca, Sarah & Rachel



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, room leader training, EYFS 2, joint observations, safeguarding & British values.

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.



OTHER NEWS

- * We have enrolled onto the eco – schools project. Sarah-Louise will be our eco-schools co-ordinator & will be supporting our staff & children in working towards achieving awards in this scheme. If you would like more information on this project please visit eco-schools.org.uk



MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We will be signing an Employer Pledge with Time to Change on 7th February 2019. Time to Change is the growing social movement run by charities Mind and Rethink mental illness which supports people to open up to mental health problems. By signing, Honey Pot is committing to change the way we all think and act about mental health in the workplace. The signing ceremony will take place at our head office site and the senior team will pledge their support to time to change with an action plan of activity that will help to break the silence that surrounds mental health in the workplace. Honey Pot joins the wide movement of over 450 organisations that have signed up to the time to change pledge. We are proud to be only the second Early Years setting in the North West to have signed the pledge.



Fatima & Sarah
Management Team x

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