

NURSERY NEWS



JUNE 2019



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We celebrated walk to nursery month. We saw lots of lovely pictures & videos shared on eyLog of children & their families walking to nursery.

Some of our older children discussed what they saw on their walk to nursery & how walking is good exercise for our bodies! We also celebrated share a story month; many of the children brought in their favourite stories from home to share with their friends. For space day the children engaged in a variety of space themed activities including making moon rocks and exploring a space themed tuff tray where they had to identify numbers on rockets. Donna our nursery cook devised a space themed menu for the children for lunch which included some tasty moon rocks for pudding!

Many children came to nursery dressed in football kits in celebration of the women's FA cup final & we had a little football match of our own in the garden.

For sun awareness week our pre-school children discussed about taking care of our bodies in the sun; the children suggested that we must put on sun cream & hats when we go outside in the warm weather & make sure we have plenty to drink! We also explored deaf awareness week where the children learnt some simple sign language to use to communicate with peers who may be hard of hearing.

You may have noticed a few improvements around the setting too! We have added a new story/language enrichment area out side our pre-school room. All of the children have enjoyed exploring this area, especially using the language bags to go on letter hunts around the nursery. We are also currently developing the garden area to include an outdoor maths area & a new & improved story area & some additions to the baby garden.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

This month is pride month!



- 1st – International children's day
 - 3rd – Child safety week & heart rhythm week
 - 4th – Eid ul Fitr – Marks the end of Ramadan
 - 4th – Soccer aid starts – All children are welcome to come to nursery in football kits this week.
 - 6th – D – day
 - 7th – Pyjamarama – Pyjama day in aid of Book trust
 - 8th – Children's art week begins
 - 8th – World oceans day
 - 10th – Healthy eating week begins
 - 14th – All Dads are invited for tea with the children in celebration of Father's Day from 2.30pm.
 - 16th – Father's Day
 - 17th – Refugee week
 - 24th – International wellbeing week
 - 26th – Pre-school graduation photos – If your child does not attend nursery on this day, please bring them in for 9.30am in order to have their photo taken.
 - 27th – International sunglasses day
 - 28th – Disney fancy dress day – in aid of the charity crackerjacks
 - 30th – Armed Forces Day
- Parents evenings will be held throughout June, please speak to your child/ren's key person to book an appointment.**

Check out our blog for photos of events!

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BIRTHDAYS

We have a few special birthdays to celebrate this month.

Baby Bees:

Rosie's birthday is on the 2nd

Julia's birthday is on the 15th

Busy Bees:

Esa's birthday is on the 20th

Lauren's birthday is on the 27th

Worker Bees:

Finn's birthday is on the 12th

Staff

Amy's birthday is on the 9th



ROOM NEWS

BABY BEES



Baby Bees have enjoyed exploring a variety of sensory activities. Leanne's group have been focusing on water for their fascination topic, the children enjoyed exploring water in a variety of ways including jumping in puddles and filling and emptying containers in water play filled with pretty flowers. The children showed a lot of interest in bubbles, so they will be moving onto this topic. Becky's group have been exploring different types of messy play, where they filled and emptied containers and explored different textures.

HONEY BEES



Honey Bees have been focusing on their self-confidence & self-awareness skills and also their self-care skills! They have engaged in a variety of activities including the tinker board where they explored different fastenings such as zips & buttons, pretending to feed & bathe the dolls in the home corner. They have also been identifying body parts & facial features through the use of mirror play & identifying features on the dolls and in pictures. They particularly enjoyed singing 'head, shoulders knees & toes' & pointing to each body part along with the song. They have also been exploring simple concepts such as big and small. The children were very clever at distinguishing between different sized animals & small world transport. The children have showed a lot of interest in exploring dolls and water play and will focus on this for their fascination topics.

ROOM NEWS

BUSY BEES



Busy Bees have been engaging in many fun activities over the last month! The children enjoyed being involved in our very own car wash. They all worked together to make our vehicles in the garden shiny and clean! They used the hose and plenty of soapy water and also enjoyed splashing in the puddles they created.

Busy Bees have continued to focus on number & have engaged in some lovely activities including frozen number matching & a peek a boo number board.

The children have also been focusing on their physical skills, testing their balancing on our obstacle course & trying their very best not to fall into the 'shark infested' water! They also tested their skills on our new climbing frame, climbing at different heights & hanging on the monkey bars!

WORKER BEES



Worker Bees had a very busy month!

They have adapted their room to support the children in preparing for school. Their home corner is now school themed & they have also incorporated new language bags in order to further develop the children's language & knowledge of phonics.

The children were also very excited to try out our new climbing frame. They were very confident at exploring different ways of moving and were very brave climbing up high.

Nicole's group have been focusing on healthy & unhealthy foods. They have studied a map to find out where particular foods come from & then created a plate of healthy & unhealthy foods using the interactive board & a gluing & sticking activity. They also explored a food themed tuff tray and placed the foods into groups of what was healthy & unhealthy.

Kelly's group studied the different planets for space day & made galaxy play dough. They also started discussing people who help us for their new fascination theme.

STAFF INFORMATION

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

ADELE

Adele has really developed in confidence in her role recently. She has developed lovely relationships with the children in Honey Bees, paying attention to their interests & individual care needs. She has been very organised in planning activities & completing observations on the children as well as working hard towards her level 2 qualification.

Well done Adele!

ROOM OF THE MONTH

WORKER BEES

Nicole, Kelly & Abbie have been working hard consistently to ensure they provide the children with a stimulating & friendly environment. The room always looks organised & inviting to the children. They have made a lot of changes to the room taking into account the children's interests, development & upcoming events as well as doing lots of work in preparing our children who are leaving for school. Well done!



STAFF TRAINING

Our staff will be attending a variety of training this month which is beneficial for their role including EYFS 2 & 3, paediatric first aid refresher training, behavior management, the great outdoors, prevent duty, online safety & safeguarding.



CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS FEBRUARY 2019

At our most recent analysis, noticeable progress was made in all areas of development across the whole nursery, including an 8% increase in girls developing above age related expectations in moving & handling and a 2% increase in progress in listening & attention & shape, space & measure 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.

DATA ANALYSIS DUE THIS MONTH!

SETTLING IN SESSIONS

Your child/ren have recently started having visits/settling in sessions in their next room. We feel this gradual transition works very well for the children in preparation for when they fully move to their next room.

Please speak to your child's key person if you have any queries.

REMINDERS

* Please remember that 4 monthly summative reports are completed on your children. You can access these in the reports section on your child's eyLog profile.

* 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 still hoping 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

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MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We are sure you'll be aware by now about the devastating fire which broke out at our Garston site at the beginning of May. We wanted to thank you for all of your support. We've been overwhelmed by your well wishes and generosity. Parents of children from all branches of Honey Pot Nurseries rallied around with offers of toy donations and help. It's been a very difficult few weeks for us all but we've been working hard to ensure we provide normality and consistency for the children of Honey Pot Garston. Thank you all for your ongoing support!



*Fatima, Sarah
& the Aigburth team x*

