

NURSERY NEWS

MARCH 2018



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

February was certainly a busy month!

We had a lovely time celebrating many different events and festivals!

The children got involved in making pancake mixture for pancake day, they were experts at measuring and mixing! The children helped Donna to make the pancakes and were very impressed with Donna flipping them! Our parents came in for tea and had a lovely time decorating pancakes and filling them with lots of delicious things including strawberries and cream!

The children learnt about Valentine's day and made some lovely crafts to take home to their loved ones!

We also celebrated Chinese New Year; the children got involved with many activities related to this including messy play with noodles, Chinese writing and setting the home corner up as a Chinese restaurant. We also had a visit from Zoolab who did a special Chinese New Year theme; the children were very brave touching rats, snakes, tarantulas and a dragon plated lizard to name a few! We can't wait to see what March brings!!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

From 26th February: Ready steady listen week – We would love everyone to get involved in a sponsored listen, the more money raised, the more books for the nursery! See staff for details. Children are also invited to dress up as their favorite character from a book, this will be running all week!

1st March: World Book Day & St. David's Day

2nd March: Hindu festival of Holi

5th – 9th March: Healthy body, happy me week – We will be setting challenges all week to encourage physical activity and healthy living!

7th March: World Maths Day

11th March: Mothers' Day – The children will be making some special gifts prior to this.

16th March: St. Patrick's Day – We will be celebrating this in nursery the day before, children are invited to come to nursery dressed in green clothing

17th – 23rd March: Sport relief week

19th March: Chaitra & Spring equinox – We will be learning about the start of Spring and a new year on the Hindu calendar as well as the Spring equinox.

23rd March: Rama Navami – The Hindu festival celebrating the birthday of Lord Rama is on the 25th, we will be celebrating this in nursery

25th March: Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour!!

29th March: Egg Hunt & Easter bonnet parade – All children are invited to this event from 2.30pm – 3.30pm, even if your child does not normally attend on this day, please let Fatima or Sarah know so we have an idea of numbers for the day.

30th March: Good Friday – Nursery closed

2nd April: Easter Monday – Nursery closed

* Children in receipt of funding who attend term time only will finish for the Easter holidays on Friday 23rd March & will return to nursery on Monday 9th April.

* We would also like to wish Sinead from Busy Bees a very Happy Birthday coming up on the 4th March!

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

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STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF CHANGES

You may have noticed some new faces around the nursery. We have recently welcomed Deirdre and Megan to the team at Aigburth. They are currently settling into the nursery and getting to know all the children. I'm sure you will join us all in making them feel very welcome.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

SARAH ABBOTT

Sarah consistently works hard on a daily basis and has developed amazingly in her SENCo role, offering excellent support to children and their families whilst also managing the nursery in my absence and supporting and motivating the staff team in preparation for our recent in-house audit. Sarah always maintains a professional, positive and dedicated attitude to her role and the success of the nursery. Well done!

ROOM OF THE MONTH

BABY BEES

Jenny and Leanne have worked very hard over the last month to improve the baby garden with other staff and provide lots of lovely new ideas and experiences for the children in their room whilst also ensuring they are up to date with paperwork and providing excellent care to the children. Well done!

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 DUE – RESULTS IN SOON!

* This month we will be holding development reviews on your child/rens progress, please see your child/rens key person to book an appointment.

REMINDERS

- * 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.
- * We have recently set up a parents group on Facebook, please search **Honey Pot Aigburth Parents** to request to join.

OTHER NEWS

- * We are collecting Easter eggs for the charity 'Wood street mission'. It is a women's and children's charity who look after women and their children who have suffered domestic abuse and offer them a safe place to stay with their children and support. A donation table will be located in the entrance area. Any donations will be greatly received.
- * We have recently been making some improvements to our garden to make areas more inviting for the children including our baby garden, our mud kitchen & water area.
- * We are very excited to announce that flower pot sue will be returning this month to do gardening sessions with the pre-school children!

STAFF TRAINING

Our senior staff team have been attending effective leadership training, Caitlin attended managing children's behavior, Tania & Sarah attended oral health training. We are excited to attend further training this month!

MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

"We are working hard towards gaining the Millie's Mark accreditation where 100% of our staff team will be trained in paediatric first aid. We have whole team training booked for March 2018 where 24 members of staff will be training".

Fatima & Sarah
Management Team x

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