

NURSERY NEWS



MAY 2019



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

April was a very busy month!

We started off the month doing our bit for the environment as part of our eco-schools' award. We set up litter pick events in Otterspool & Sefton park. Thank you to all the parents & children who attended. We celebrated international children's book day & were very excited to share our favourite books with each other.

Honey Pot went to the races too! Many children dressed up in their finest for nursery & we held our very own grand national in the garden. Honey Bees even had their own jockey make an appearance! The children have explored a variety of Easter themed activities including an egg hunt, an egg and spoon race & some lovely themed tuff trays.

We held an Easter Bonnet parade & it was very well attended with a variety of lovely bonnets created! Well done to all the parents who worked hard on their Easter creations with their children.

We also celebrated the Queen's birthday! The children were very excited to make birthday cards for her majesty & we held a lovely garden tea party in her honour.

We also celebrated St. George's Day. Some of the children made their very own shields and acted out the battle of St. George & the dragon! We also celebrated National Pet month; we were sent lots of lovely pictures of pets the children have at home and we discussed what we like about them and how we care for them.

We also showed off our moves when we celebrated International Dance day where we explored different types of dancing from different cultures including the flamenco, Irish dancing & different dance styles from India!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

This month is both National Walking month & share a story month.

3rd - Space Day

6th - Nursery closed for Bank Holiday

7th As the 4th was the women's FA cup final, we will be learning about this in nursery, children are welcome to come to nursery in football or sports kit.

We will also be focusing on sun awareness & deaf awareness this week. Ramadan also starts on this day.

8th - VE Day

9th - Europe Day

13th - Mental health awareness week

13th - 19th - Peppa Pig Muddy puddle walk week - Look out for dates!

19th - Wesak day (Buddah birthday)

21st - Walk to school week

25th - National Children's gardening week

27th - Nursery closed for Bank Holiday

Reminder to all funded children who attend nursery on a term time only basis that it is half term the week commencing 27th May.

[Check out our blog for photos of events!](http://www.honeypotnursery.co.uk)

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BIRTHDAYS

We have a few special birthdays to celebrate this month.

Baby Bees:

Ava's birthday is on the 30th

Honey Bees:

Ethan's birthday is on the 7th

Penny's birthday is on the 18th

Cillian's birthday is on the 28th

Busy Bees:

Ethan's is on the 12th

John-Paul's is on the 17th

Worker Bees:

Amelie's is on the 30th

Staff

Taylor's is on the 9th

Nicole's is on the 21st

Sarah & Abbie's is on the 28th

Donna's is on the 29th

Becky's is on the 31st



ROOM NEWS

BABY BEES



Baby bees have been exploring a variety of Spring themed activities including water play with flowers and tuff trays containing shredded paper, flowers & chicks. They have also explored themed tuff trays & sensory mats for the books 'that's not my chick' & 'that's not my bunny'. They enjoyed exploring a vegetable patch in the garden which contained both pretend & real vegetables; they planted them in soil and watered them.

HONEY BEES



Honey Bees have enjoyed exploring lots of lovely Easter activities including an egg & spoon race & colour matching with chicks and eggs & a lovely themed tuff tray which was an Easter nest to explore and find where the eggs & chicks were hiding! There were lots of beautiful creations for our Easter bonnet parade & the children proudly showed them off. We also celebrated Vaisakhi and made our very own turban decorations & jewellery. We also enjoyed celebrating St. George's day and worked together to make a big green dragon by painting egg boxes!

We have also been exploring several story themed tuff trays, the children especially liked 'where do diggers sleep at night'. We have also been introducing shape as we learn to categorize objects. The children did a great job of matching the shapes into their corresponding outlines!

ROOM NEWS

BUSY BEES



Busy Bees had a month full of Easter themed fun! They went on an egg hunt, counted chicks inside eggs and explored feathers! They have also continued to focus on oral hygiene, learning about healthy foods that are good for their teeth and how to brush their teeth. The children also acted out their very own race on the day of the Grand national. The children have been very interested in dinosaurs & they explored a themed tuff tray relating to the book 'the wondrous dinosaurium'. Sarah's group have showed lots of interest in role play based around ice cream & will be doing this as their next fascination group. Zahra's group are very interested in Peppa pig and have been exploring themed activities such as Peppa's play ground in multi coloured rice.

WORKER BEES



Worker Bees have been focusing on Easter & school readiness for our children preparing to go to school in September. They have engaged in lots of rhyming activities as they learn new words. The children have also been trying out lots of exciting creative activities too, including painting their interpretation of transient art on cling film. Abbie's group have been exploring Spring themed activities including a themed tuff tray and creating pictures using natural resources such as leaves & flowers. Kelly's group have continued to focus on superheroes but have also been exploring story tones that Kelly made and also learning & talking about emotions. With the children Kelly wrote about how we & made an emotion tree. The children were also very excited to engage in a new activity; Yoga bears have started to visit every Tuesday & the children did very well to learn lots of new yoga poses & relaxation. We also welcomed back flowerpot Sue; the children have been very excited to find out what we are going to be growing this term!

STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF NEWS

We have welcomed some new staff to the setting, Michael, Taylor & Mariam. We hope you will join us in making them feel very welcome as part of the Honey Pot Aigburth family!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

ZAHRA

Zahra is a very dedicated and consistent member of staff. She always uses her own initiative and is constantly coming up with new activities and experiences for her key children. She provides fantastic activities for the children every day and always ensures she pays attention to their interests when planning for them. Well done Zahra!

ROOM OF THE MONTH

BUSY BEES

Sarah, Amy & Zahra have been working hard consistently to ensure they provide the children with a stimulating & friendly environment. The room always looks inviting to the children and gained very positive feedback at our recent room viewing meeting. The children are always provided with new exciting activities and opportunities to explore and they maintain excellent bonds with their key children and their families. Well done!



STAFF TRAINING

Our staff will be attending a variety of training this month which is beneficial for their role including phonics, EYFS 2 & 3, communication with children, paediatric first aid and online safety.



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 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 JUNE 2019

REMINDERS

* 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.

* 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.

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MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

"We are thrilled to announce that we have been shortlisted for not one but two NDNA awards! We are finalists for Innovative Practice and Team Development. The awards will be announced in June.



You may have seen that we have now had our defibrillators installed in each of the nursery sites and management have received training from The Oliver King Foundation in how to use these. We thank you for your support and patience whilst we worked hard to get these installed."



*Fatima & Sarah
Management Team x*

