

# NURSERY NEWS

OCTOBER 2018



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We have celebrated a variety of events over the last month!!

We have also seen lots of new faces coming to the nursery for their settling in sessions & starting with us, we hope they enjoy their time as part of the Honey Pot Aigburth family!

The children were very excited to take part in national read a book day; many of the children brought in their favourite book & were excited to share it with everyone.

We celebrated Roald Dahl day, where a number of children dressed up as characters such as Matilda, George & fantastic Mr. fox! The children also enjoyed a themed menu on the day including Georges marvellous medicine soup!

We were all excited to celebrate International talk like a pirate day. Several children & staff dressed for the occasion! We also learnt to talk like a pirate & participated in pirate themed activities including treasure hunts & walking the plank! We also enjoyed a pirate themed menu including 'pirate's gold macaroni' & melon cannonballs from a pirate ship!!!

We also celebrated international week of the deaf & European day of languages; the children did very well at learning words in different languages as well as using sign to communicate with each other.

Our Honey Bees children also went on a lovely trip to kidz fantasy land where they got to explore the different areas & challenge their physical development!!

We finished off the month with our Macmillan coffee morning. There were a lot of lovely cakes both homemade & shop bought, thank you to everyone who donated for the occasion & thank you to the parents who joined us for coffee and cake or who purchased some.

## COMING UP THIS MONTH

\* During the month of October, we will be encouraging children and parents to get involved in the 'walk to nursery challenge', the 'big draw challenge' and joining in raising awareness of down syndrome.

**1st** – Grandparents Day – Grandparents are invited to nursery to join the children for an arts & craft session and tea from 2.30 – 3.30pm

\* **w/c 1<sup>st</sup> October** – World Space Week & national poetry week

\* **2<sup>nd</sup>** – Pyjama day in aid of children's trust, please bring a donation for this cause.

\* **4<sup>th</sup>** – Animal Day

\* **5<sup>th</sup>** – World teacher day & National smile day

\* **8<sup>th</sup>** – Photo day – The photographer will be here from 8.30am. Children who usually attend a Monday morning will have their photos taken first. If your child does not usually attend on this day and you would like their photo taken please contact Fatima or Sarah to make an appointment.

\* **10<sup>th</sup>** – Wear it Pink Day in aid of breast cancer awareness, please bring a donation for this cause.

\* **10<sup>th</sup>** – National Day of China & World homeless day

\* **12<sup>th</sup>** – World Egg Day

\* **w/c 15<sup>th</sup>** – National baking week

\* **16<sup>th</sup>** – World Food Day

\* **24<sup>th</sup>** – Zoolab are coming to visit and will be doing a special Halloween themed session!

\* **31<sup>st</sup>** – Halloween!! Children are welcome to come to nursery dressed in a Halloween costume. Also on this day, parents/grandparents/carers are invited to nursery from 2.30 – 3.30pm for a Halloween themed messy play session with the children and a ghoulish tea!

\* **It is half term the week commencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October for children who access funding but attend on a term time only basis, they will return to nursery the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

Check out our blog for photos of events!

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## STAFF INFORMATION

### STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to announce that Sinead has recently given birth to a gorgeous baby boy and has named him Louie.

Unfortunately, this month we say Goodbye to Caitlin who is moving on to pastures new in York. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new adventure.

We have welcomed Amy to the Honey Pot Aigburth team, she will be based in Busy Bees alongside Sarah & Zahra. We hope you will join us in making her feel very welcome here.

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

#### ZAHRA

Zahra has made excellent progress since she has started at Honey Pot. She has developed lovely relationships with the children and parents in her room and work hard as part of the Busy Bees team. She has offered the children lovely opportunities with various activities related to events we have been celebrating in nursery & she is always keen to improve further and is helpful to everyone around her. Well done!

### ROOM OF THE MONTH

#### HONEY BEES

The staff in this room have been working hard with new children and their families as they settle in with us at Honey Pot. They have been providing the children with some lovely activities whilst ensuring they are relating them to various events happening throughout the month. Well done!

## STAFF TRAINING

Our staff will be attending a variety of training this month which is beneficial for their role including phonics, focused support plans, 2 year checks, characteristics of effective learning, food hygiene & many more.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

### MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2018

Overall the nursery's strongest areas of development are making relationships, self-confidence and self-awareness, technology and exploring and using media and materials.

Our identified areas for improvement are understanding, speaking, shape, space and measure & numbers.

We have recently updated an action of plan of what we intend to implement to improve in these areas. You will also see parent challenges set by your child/ren's room & management in support of the areas for improvement.

NEXT DATA ANALYSIS DUE OCTOBER 2018

## REMINDERS

- \* Remember to update your eyLog app regularly so you can fully access all of the features.
- \* We are unfortunately no longer using the parentapp. You will still receive reminders about upcoming events through email, eyLog & newsletters
- \* 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

- \* Our new story area has been developed at our Wavertree site and we are hoping to make regular visits to the site for our children to experience it in collaboration with our recent training with the Storybarn.
- \* Our pre-school children will be starting new physical activity sessions including gymnastics and Diddikicks! The sessions will be reviewed on a termly basis so that all children attending will be able to participate.

## MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

"We are proud to announce that we have been awarded 'highly commended' by the Nursery World Awards for our Team Development. This is an award competed nationally so we are extremely proud to be recognised. We continue to place huge importance on training and developing our staff team and the impact of this work is evident in our fantastic team! We are soon going to be offering more training for parents. We hope that this will be well received. More information will follow soon."

*Fatima & Sarah*  
*Management Team x*

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