

# NURSERY NEWS

DECEMBER 2018



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We've had such a busy month in November. We loved coming to nurse in our pyjamas, in total we raised £127.00 for children in need. Thank you for your kind donations. It was bonfire night earlier this month. The children were very excited to tell their teachers about the firework displays they went to. In nursery, the children loved using different coloured paints and glitter to make bonfire pictures. We also celebrated remembrance day in nursery by making our own poppies and the pre-school children held a minute silence.



## COMING UP THIS MONTH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Hanukkah, The Jewish festival of lights! We will be making our own lanterns and making lots of colourful pictures.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: International Day of different disabilities: Children will be learning about different disabilities.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Zoo Lab Christmas Theme.  
Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> December: Worker Bees will be visiting the grotto and taking part in different Christmas activities while they're at the Grotto.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Worker Bees Christmas party  
2:30-3:30. All children can attend.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Bumble Bees and Busy Bees Christmas party. All children can attend.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Worker Bees Christmas Nativity play

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Worker Bees Christmas Nativity play

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Boxing day.

## STAFF INFORMATION

There have been no staff changes this month. The rooms remain staffed as follows:

Bumble Bees: Lauren F- deputy manager, Emily J, Lauren W, Emily Mc, and Caitlin  
 Busy Bees: Beth, Erin and Sophie  
 Worker Bees: Jane, Jenna, Hannah and Sarah

## STAFF TRAINING

Worker Bees staff will be attending Oral Health Training.

Caitlin will attend sustained shared thinking.  
 Carla and Jane will be taking part in our new math's Champion project, to help train our staff when teaching children mathematics

## Nursery Christmas period

Opening times during the festive period:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December (open 8am until 1pm)  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December (Open 8am until 6pm)  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December (Open 8am until 6pm)  
 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December (Open 8am until 1pm)  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 (Open 8am until 6pm)  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 (Open 8am until 6pm)  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Open 8am until 6pm)

Please could you let Carla or your child/rens key person know whether they will be attending during the festive period.

## REMINDERS

### HONEY POT EY LOG

- o Remember to update your Eylog parent app regularly so you can fully access all of the features. This month the staff have completed Children's assessment, please log onto Eylog and click on summative reports to view your child's latest assessment.



### WINTER CLOTHING

Children will access the outdoors daily in all weathers so it important that they are appropriately dressed. Please ensure your child has a suitable warm coat, hat, gloves and wellies!

Thank You

### EXCLUSION PERIODS

It is very important that all parents stick to our exclusion periods if their children are unwell. This helps us to prevent the spread of infection around the setting. Thank you.

**THANK YOU!**

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### Sarah

Sarah is a fantastic member of the Worker Bees room, she has excellent relationships with her key children and has a lot of time for them. She always makes sure she follows the routine of the room and gets on well with all of the staff, well done and thank you for all your hard work Sarah.

## ROOM OF THE MONTH

### Bumble Bees

Since Lauren has been back, Bumble bees have worked really hard together as a team to get the routine of the room embedded and have worked hard settling their new children in. Bumble Bees have recently changed the room around after noticing the children enjoy the home corner, therefore increased the size of this to accommodate the children. Bumble Bees have built great bonds with their key children and families, well done.

## NURSERY PHOTOS

We have recently had our professional pictures taken, we will be expecting the pictures back within 2 weeks. Once they are back Carla will let you know they are ready to collect in the office.

## NURSERY OPEN/CLOSING TIMES

A polite reminder that the nursery opens at 8am closes at 6pm. Please do not enter the building until 8am as we are not insured before 8am. Please collect by 5.50pm to give enough time to enter the building and receive a handover off your child/ren's key person. Late fees will be issued to parents arriving after 6pm

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

We have recently tracked all of our children's current levels of development and have completed a full analysis of this. The main outcomes were:

### Strengths:

- 95% of boys are meeting age related expectations in managing feelings and behavior.
- 11% of boys are emerging above age related expectations in making relationships.
- 94% of girls are meeting age related expectations in understanding.
- 17% of girls are emerging above age related expectations in Making Relationships.

We are very proud of our achievements in the prime areas of learning as we are exceeding local and national averages

### Areas for improvement:

Our main area for improvement is Numbers. Although we are exceeding the local average for Liverpool we are not quite reaching the national average. This will be our main focus for this term.

## 2 Year funding

Do you know that your child could be eligible for 2-year-old funding? If your child has turned 2, then you may be able to claim funding for them depending on your eligibility. Please see the information to check your eligibility on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) . If you require more information speak a member of staff.

## 30 FREE CHILDCARE HOURS

If your child/ren will become eligible for funded 30 hours child care from January and you wish to increase your days, please come and speak to me as soon as possible. You will need to apply for your eligibility code over the next few weeks to ensure that you don't miss the deadline date. Anyone that does miss it will have to wait for the next term to start their funding. Please come and speak with me if you require any more information on this. You can go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to apply for your code.

## FAMILY BOOKS:

The staff may have shown you some family photo books which some of our parents have made. If you haven't seen them please ask your child's key person when you are next in.

How to make a family book for your child:  
Search the app store for an app called 'freeprints photo'

Download the app (its free) The book is free to make but cost £5.99 for postage and packaging.

Follow the steps to create a photo book.  
Remember to add text to give the names of family members so staff can use their names when looking at the book with your child.

## MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

This month has seen the launch of our maths champion project. In each of the four nurseries, there are two staff who will be the named "maths champions" for their nursery. Their role is to inspire the staff team to embed mathematics throughout the environment and support them planning and delivering exciting activities to support mathematical development.



## ROOM FOCUSES:

### BUMBLE BEES:

This month Bumble Bees have been focusing on encouraging children to use word sounds during play.

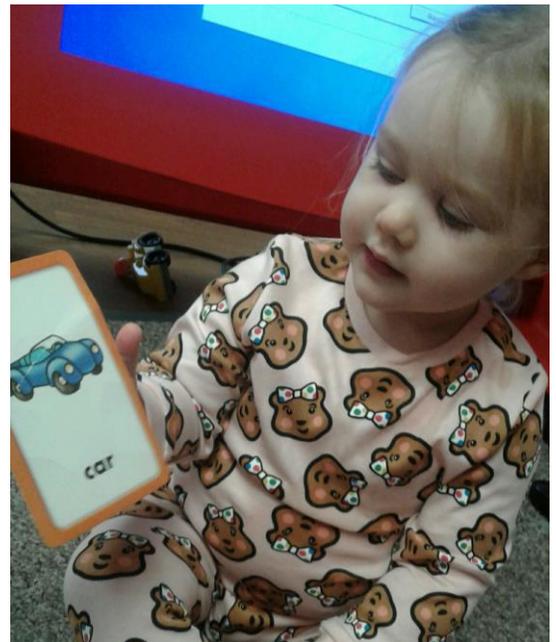
They have had a variety of exciting messy plays to explore. Bumble Bees have also focused on enhancing areas within the room to accommodate the children's needs. During the month of December, Bumble Bees will be focusing on their walking skills, encouraging children to take steps independently. They will also start to transition the older children who are moving into the Busy Bees room, to make it as smooth as possible for them.



### BUSY BEES:

This month Busy Bees have been focusing on their communication and language skills, they have recently started to use the toddler talk cards which gives them exciting new activities to do based around communication and language.

During the month of December Busy Bees will be focusing on personal, social and emotional skills. They will be encouraging children to turn take and focus on managing their feelings and behaviors.



## WORKER BEES

This month Worker Bees have been focusing on pencil control, showing good control when using writing tools. Their older children have been focusing on writing their names and giving the correct letters sounds. During the month of December, Worker Bees will be focusing on mathematics and focusing on recognising numerals and matching numerals to quantities.



*Carla, Jenna & team*

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