

NURSERY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

January has been a very busy month. We would like to welcome all of the new children who have started and their families to Honey Pot. We hope you have all settled in well.

Throughout January, the children have loved going on the minibus, visiting different places. A group of Busy Bees went to Croxteth Hall Farm, they enjoyed petting and feeding the animals. A group of Worker Bees enjoyed visiting the Museum, the children were very curious about what was in the exhibition center and enjoyed talking about what they were able to see. Worker Bees also visited the Library, they enjoyed looking and listening to different stories. If you have any ideas where we could take children on trips, please let us know!

This month, we were luckily enough to have some snow and ice. The children enjoyed exploring the garden picking up the ice and snow.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 1st February: National heart month: Throughout February the children will be learning about the importance of a healthy heart, they will be learning how to keep our hearts healthy, looking at our diet and exercise routines.
- Tuesday 5th February: Chinese New Year: Children will be learning about Chinese New Year. A group of Worker Bees will be visiting China town, they will also visit the supermarket and purchase ingredients to make Chicken and sweetcorn soup for tea!
- Wednesday 13th February: Pyjama day to raise money for Crackerjacks children Charity. We kindly ask for any money donations.
- Thursday 14th February: Valentines Day: Children will be making Valentines crafts and will be speaking about who they love and why they love them!
- Monday 18th February we will be celebrating Random acts of kindness day: We will be encouraging children to be kind to each other, encouraging them to do and say nice things to their friends.
- Monday 25th February: PPA meeting at 6pm.
- Monday 25th February: We will be holding "German Day". We ask if you could dress your children in the colours of the German flag. The children will be learning about Germany.

Check out the blog for the latest photos!

STAFF INFORMATION

We would like to welcome Hannah to Honey Pot.
Hannah started with us throughout January.
Hannah is working towards her level 2 and will be our bank staff.

We would like to congratulate Sophie on the birth of her baby girl. Leyah was born on Thursday 24th January.

Bumble Bees: Lauren F- deputy manager, Emily J, Lauren W, Emily Mc, and Caitlin

Busy Bees: Beth, Erin, Amy and Kallie.

Worker Bees: Jane, Jenna, Hannah and Sarah.

Bank staff: Hannah Mc.

STAFF TRAINING

Amy will be attending EYFS 3 training.

Amy and Kallie will be attending working with toddlers.

Room leaders will be attending sessions 2 of room leader and management training.

Caitlin will be attending working with babies.

Emily Mc, Amy, Hannah, Kallie will be attending Prevent duty.

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

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EY LOG

- Remember we now have an Instagram page: honeypotdaynursery.
- Just a reminder to parents of children who claim 30 free hours, please make sure you are renewing your eligibility code as required to prevent loss of funding.
- 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.



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 an asset to our team here at Honey Pot Childwall. She has fantastic relationships with her key children and their families.

Sarah has recently become our ECO school counsellor. Sarah is very committed to this role and is working very hard towards our bronze award.

Sarah also spends time researching ideas and activities to do with her children, Well done Sarah. Keep up the good work.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

Bumble Bees

Bumble Bees have worked very hard this month settling all new starters into the room, they have worked well with parents ensuring children settle and feel comfortable in the environment. Bumble Bees have also been looking at ideas to enhance their room and garden areas. Well done Bumble Bees. Keep up the good work.

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.

Next data due the end of February.

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

We are continuing to work towards gaining our Eco School Green Flag. We have Eco named leads in each nursery who are driving this programme. As a core team we are working towards further reducing our plastic usage. If anyone has any suggestions please talk to your nursery manager - we will keep you updated on our progress!



ROOM FOCUSES:

BUMBLE BEES:

Throughout the month of February, Bumble Bees will be focusing on getting messy. They will be taking part in many different messy play activities and staff will encourage children to get involved and feel different textures.

They will also be focusing on their speaking skills, introducing and using sounds during play, as well as learning new everyday words.

We would love to see what you are doing at home, please post home observation through EyLog.



BUSY BEES:

Throughout the month of February, Busy Bees will be focusing on shape, space and measure.

They will be learning to recognise simple shapes. Children will take part in different activities to help improve their shape recognition skills.

They will also be focusing on counting in a sequence. Throughout the day staff will be encouraging children to count in a sequence.

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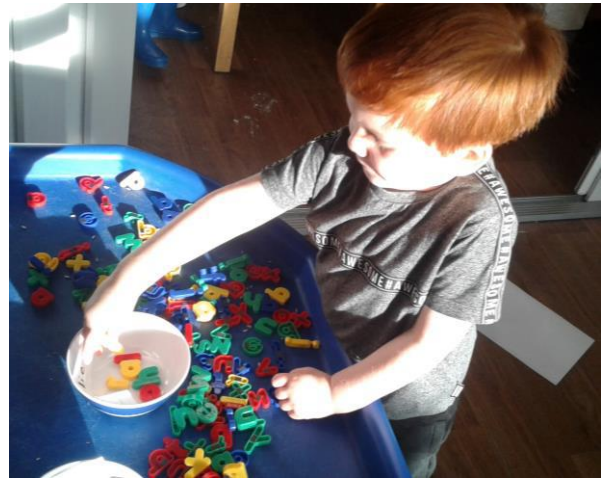


WORKER BEES

Throughout the month of February, a group of Worker Bees will be learning about people who help us. If you or a family member are able to come in and share any experiences regarding 'People who help us' please speak to Jane.

Another group of Worker Bees will be focusing on letter recognition and forming and writing letters. They will also be working on pencil control and how to control hold a pencil to form letters.

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*Carla, Lauren &
team*

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