

NURSERY NEWS

JANUARY 2019



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all a very happy New Year. We would like to welcome all of the new children and their families to Honey Pot Childwall. If you have any questions, feel free to pop to the office to see me.

December was a very busy month, the children loved taking part in lots of Christmas activities for example, making cards and calendars for their parents, making reindeer food for Christmas Eve and also making tree decorations. Worker Bees loved visiting the grotto to meet Father Christmas.

Also Worker Bees and Busy Bees enjoyed a visit from one of Santa's elves, they brought with them different animals nursery and our children loved petting the animals.

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our sing-along and nativity plays, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We recorded the rehearsal of the nativity, if you wish to have a copy, please ask your child's key person or ask me in the office.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 15th January: National Hat Day: Children are welcome to come into nursery wearing hats. We would love to see some homemade hats.
- Friday 18th January: Winnie the Pooh Day: We will be reading Winnie the Pooh stories, if you have any at home, we would love you to bring them in so we can share them with the rest of the class.
- Wednesday 23rd January: Handwriting Day: Children will be spending time focusing on their writing skills.
- Friday 25th January: Burns night: Children will be learning about Burns night, Pre-school will make a tradition Burns soup for tea: Cock-a-Leekie soup (Chicken and Vegetable).

Check out the blog for the latest photos!

STAFF INFORMATION

We would like to welcome Amy to Honey Pot Childwall. Amy started with us back in December. Amy is working towards her level 2 and will be part of the Busy Bees team.

We sadly said goodbye for now to Sophie, who has left to go on Maternity leave.

There have been no other staff changes. The staffing structure remains as follows;

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

Busy Bees: Beth, Erin and Amy.

Worker Bees: Jane, Jenna, Hannah and Sarah

STAFF TRAINING

Lauren, Emily J, Beth and Jane will attend Room leader training.

Amy will attend EYFS 1 & 2 training.

Erin will attend joint observation training.

Amy will attend safeguarding training.

Emily Mc will attend British Values training.

All staff will attend preparing for Ofsted training.

Amy will attend first aid training.

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

Jane

Jane is an asset to our team here at Honey Pot Childwall. She has fantastic relationships with her key children and their families. I have also received many positive comments regarding Jane and how well she is doing when teaching their child. Jane works very hard as a team and is always willing to help others out.

Thank you very much Jane and keep up the good work!

ROOM OF THE MONTH

Busy Bees

Busy Bees have been awarded room of the month this month. They have been exceptionally well organised throughout the Christmas period. In addition, they have applied thought to their learning environment and have continued to come up with new ideas to enhance their areas of continuous provision. Well done to Beth, Erin and Amy and thank you for your hard 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 findings were as follows:

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.

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 will be signing an Employer Pledge with Time to Change on 7th February 2019. Time to Change is the growing social movement run by charities Mind and Rethink mental illness which supports people to open up to mental health problems. By signing, Honey Pot is committing to change the way we all think and act about mental health in the workplace. The signing ceremony will take place at our head office site and the senior team will pledge their support to time to change with an action plan of activity that will help to break the silence that surrounds mental health in the workplace. Honey Pot joins the wide movement of over 450 organisations that have signed up to the time to change pledge. We are proud to be only the second Early Years setting in the North West to have signed the pledge.

ROOM FOCUSES:

BUMBLE BEES:

Throughout the month of January, Bumble Bees will be welcoming all new children and their families into the room. They will also continue to support the older children who are moving into the Busy Bees room, to make the transition as smooth as possible for them.

Bumble Bees will also be focusing on their physical development. They will be focusing on taking steps independently and using walking aids to help improve their walking skills.



BUSY BEES:

Throughout the month of January, Busy Bees will continue to focus on their communication and language skills, they have been very busy researching new exciting activities to do based around communication and language. If your ever stuck for ideas, we recommend you look on 'Pinterest'.

Busy Bees will also work on building bonds this month, as they have new starters and children who have recently moved up from Bumble Bees.



WORKER BEES

Throughout the month of January, Worker Bees will be focusing on their managing feelings and behaviour.

The staff will be encouraging children to be kind to their friends and help them improve their turn taking skills. They will also be looking and talking about different emotions.

They will also continue to work on their mathematics skills recognising numerals and matching numerals to quantities.



Carla, Lauren & team

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