

NURSERY NEWS

MAY 2019



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We had a lovely month during April. The children loved joining in our Easter Bonnet parade, we saw some great creations, well done to everyone who got involved. We hope you all had a lovely time during the Easter break.

April has seen a variety of weathers! We enjoyed spending time in the garden, taking part in water play outdoors during the lovely sunny weather we had recently. Now it is starting to get warmer, can we ask all parents to provide sun creams and a sun hat?

We enjoyed celebrating St George's Day, where we enjoyed learning all about the story of St George and England.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a busy month ahead:

3rd May: World Space Day: The children will be learning about space taking part in many different activities, including making our own space rockets

4th May: Women's FA Cup final: We will be taking part in football games, a group of children will visit our Wavertree site and compete in football games

8th May: Victory of Europe day: Children will be learning about the victory of Europe.

13th May: Foster Care fortnight: We will be speaking about different types of families and what it means to be in foster care.

13th – 19th – Peppa Pig Muddy puddle walk week.

19th May: Wesak: Children will be celebrating the Buddhist festival; they will make some lovely lanterns for you to take home and hang around your home!

21st May: Walk to school week: We are encouraging children and families to walk to nursery where possible

Don't forget we have booked the pre-school graduation; it will take place on Friday 26th July at 3pm. The ceremony will be held at our Wavertree site.

Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at <http://blog.honeypotnursery.co.uk>

STAFF INFORMATION

Bumble Bees: Lauren F- deputy manager, Lauren W, Emily Mc, Melissa, and Chelsea.

Busy Bees: Beth, Erin, Amy and Kallie.

Worker Bees: Jane, Jenna and Sarah.

Bank staff: Hannah Mc.

We would like to welcome Chelsea to Honey Pot Childwall, Chelsea has recently moved over from our Garston site, she will be joining the Bumble Bees team.

STAFF TRAINING

Pre-school staff will be attending Phonics training.

Amy will be attending 2-year check training.

All staff will attend Paediatric first aid refresher training.

Erin will attend communication with children training.

Hannah will attend EYFS 2.

All staff will attend online safety training.

Staff Holidays:

Carla: 10th-13th May.

Lauren W: 29th-3rd May.

Erin: 10th May.

Beth: 3rd May.

Melissa: 8th-10th May & 22nd-24th May.

Kallie: 24th May.

Jenna 28th-31st May.

Melissa: 29th-31st

NURSERY CLOSURES

The nursery will be closed on the following dates due to bank holidays:

Monday 6th May.

Monday 27th May.

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EY LOG

- ✚ 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.
- ✚ If you haven't already done so, could you please respond to the EyLog message regarding updating your child's permissions.
- ✚ Remember to update your Eylog parent app regularly so you can fully access all of the features. If you have not already done so, please log onto Eylog and click on summative reports to view your child's latest assessment and remember to submit it.



Trips:

- ✚ Thursday 16th: A group of pre-school will visit the albert dock.
- ✚ Tuesday 21st: A group of busy bees will visit Calderstones park.

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.

2 Year funding

Do you know that your child could be eligible for 2-year-old funding? If your child has turned 2 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 . 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 September 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 in January. Please come and speak with me if you require any more information on this. You can go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to apply for your code.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Lauren F

Lauren F is an asset to Honey Pot Childwall and a fantastic member of the Bumble Bees room. She has excellent relationships with her key children and spends time getting to know each individual child. Lauren is always coming up with new ideas to enhance the room and always researching activity ideas. Well done Lauren, keep up the good work.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

Worker Bees

Worker Bees have worked extremely hard this month, they have moved areas around to enhance their room. The staff are working very hard getting the school leavers prepared for school. Well done Worker Bees keep up the good work.

Thank you, Worker Bees!

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:
 100% of girls are achieving age related expectations and above in speaking, moving and handling, self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feeling and behaviors, making relationships, reading, writing, people and communities, the world, technology, exploring media and materials and being imaginative.
 100% of boys are achieving age related expectations and above in moving and handling, self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feeling and behaviours, making relationships, reading, writing, people and communities, the world, technology, exploring media and materials and being imaginative
 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.

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 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.

Thank you!

Bumble Bees:

Lauren F's key group will be focusing on health and self-care, Lauren will be doing a range of fun activities to help the children in her key group such as, bathing the dolls, helping dress the dolls and exploring in the home corner.

Emily Mc will be focusing on improving their speech, Emily will be focusing on repeating single words.

Chelsea's key group will also be focusing on their speech, using single words during play.

Lauren W's key group will be focusing on their physical development encouraging her key group to stand unaided, she will also be encouraging her children to start taking steps using the walking aids.



Busy Bees:

Erin's key group will be focusing on their speech. Erin will be encouraging the children to use single words during play. They will also be focusing on shape, space and measure recognising simple shapes.

Beth's key group will be focusing on categorising objects focusing on big and little.

Amy's key group will be focusing on becoming more confident when counting, they will be learning to count in a sequence.



Worker Bees:

Jane's key group will be focusing on their mathematics skills, recognising numerals and matching numerals to quantities.

Jenna's key group will be focusing on school readiness. Jenna will be talking about going to school, she will be looking at re-vamping the home corner into a school environment for the children to join in role play.

Sarah's key group will be focusing on developing their communication skills, communicating in full sentences when speaking to their peers. Sarah will also be focusing on the pronunciation on words.



*Carla, Lauren and
team xx*

