

NURSERY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2018



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We've had such a busy month in October and would like to welcome all new children and their families to Honey Pot. We invited mums into the nursery for a Halloween themed stay and play session and would like to thank everyone who attended, we will be hosting more stay and play sessions soon.

This month our Busy Bees children were lucky enough to visit the farm and enjoyed feeding the different animals. Preschool were also fortunate as they visited China Town and went the Chinese supermarket to get ingredients for our Chinese feast for International Chinese Day. They also went pumpkin picking and enjoyed finding lots of pumpkins. Bumble Bees have enjoyed visiting the local park in our six-seater turtle bus.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 5th November: Bonfire night: We will be learning about fire safety and making bonfire pictures.
- Wednesday 7th November: Diwali: The Hindu festival of lights.
- Sunday 11th November: Remembrance Day: Monday 12th Children will be having one-minute silence and Children will be learning about Remembrance Day.
- Tuesday 13th November: Kindness day: Children will be talking about the importance of being kind to others.
- Friday 16th November: Children in need: We will be having pyjamas day. We are kindly asking for donations, all which will go to Children in need.
- W/C 19th November: Preschool children will be visiting the grotto at our Wavertree site.
- W/C 19th November: Parents evening will be held, please see you child's key person for date and times.
- Thursday 22nd November: Thanksgiving: We will be having a delicious turkey dinner and talking about what we are thankful for.
 - Tuesday 27th November: Christingle:
 - Thursday 29th November: PPA meeting at 6pm.

Please check out the blog for photos of events!
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STAFF INFORMATION

In November we welcome back Lauren Flynn who has been on maternity leave. Lauren is returning to work for 4 days per week and will be back mid-November. Lauren will work alongside Emily room leading the baby room.

Emily C has recently finished her leave 2 and is unfortunately leaving the company to take up a role in her family business. Good luck Emily.

STAFF TRAINING

Jane will be attending Oral Health Training.

Lauren and Sarah will be attending SIDS and Handover training.

All staff will be attending Focussed Support Plan(FSP) training.

Sarah will be attending fascinations training.

Pre-school staff will be attending Language and enrichment training.

Jane will be attending Challenging stereotypes training.

Carla and Lauren will be attending Self Evaluation training and Safer recruitment training.

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EY LOG

- 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.
- Don't forget to vote for your 'Practitioner of the year' award, if you have not already done so, please send a Eylog message with your vote and a reason why! Thank You.



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 wellington boots! 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

ERIN

Erin is a fantastic member of the Busy Bees room, she works brilliantly within the team and has excellent relationships with the children and parents. Erin is always researching new ideas/activities and implanting them into her planned activities.

Well done Erin!

ROOM OF THE MONTH

WORKER BEES

Worker Bees have been awarded room of the month this month. They have been exceptionally well-organised and have implanted new ideas to enhance and change their room. In addition, they are always researching new ideas and implanting these during play. Well done to Jane, Jenna and Sarah and thank you for your hard work.

NURSERY PHOTOS

Tuesday 20th November is Photo Day, if you would like your child's photo taken and they attend a Tuesday please bring a change of outfit in for your child and give to your child's key person. If your child/ren does not attend on Tuesday and you would like their picture taken please see Carla or Jenna for a time slot. Thank You!

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 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 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 in April. 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.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

We will be donating completed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child to Samaritan's Purse to help less fortunate children at Christmas time. You can make up the shoe boxes at home and bring them into the nursery to donate. We will be dropping them off on Thursday 8th November so please ensure they are in before this date. For more information about what you could include please go to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

"We have been inspired by the recent stories in the media about the damaging effects we are having on our planet, particularly regarding the use of plastic and trying to reduce this. We have decided that we need to actively change our approaches to the environment and we will be working towards the end goal of achieving the eco-schools green flag award. We need to make lots of positive changes to achieve this and we will be getting the children on board with this too through the formation of an eco-committee. We think it would be useful for parents to form part of our eco-committee too so if this is something you are passionate about please speak to a member of the team"

Carla, Jenna & team



BUMBLE BEES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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7th November – Diwali

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13th November – Kindness Day; Bumble Bees will be engaging in a range of activities supporting kindness. We will also read small social stories about being kind to one another.

18th November – Children in need; The children will be encouraged to come in to nursery in their pyjamas giving a small donation. We will also be holding a small cake sale to raise a little bit more money.

22nd November – Thanks Giving; Bumble Bees will be having a roast dinner.

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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

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This month we would like to welcome Isla, Lio, Rosie and their families to Honey Pot, we hope you have a smooth settling in process and enjoy joining our Honey Pot family. We are going to be working hard to ensure we are providing fun activities and experiences for the children through a variety of messy play activities and trips out.

Our Bumble bees have been enjoying a wide range of fun messy play activities and planned activities to encourage all children to make strong bonds with the staff in the room and build good relationships. This will help determine who your child's key person will be.

STAFF INFORMATION



The staff in bumbles (left to right, top to bottom) are Emily McKay, Caitlin, Lauren F, Emily J and Lauren W

CHILDREN’S PROGRESS

This month is assessment month, please check Ey-Log to view your child’s October Assessment. We look forward to hearing your comments on their development.

94% of all children are meeting age related expectations in Understanding.

94% of children are above age-related expectations in health and self-care.

27% of children are above age-related expectations in Making relationships.

57% of children are above age-related expectations in Being imaginative.

Areas for improvement:
Listening and attention.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE FEBRUARY 2019

NURSERY APP AND EYLOG

Just to remind all parents to please check the nursery app and blog to see exciting pictures and keep you updated of any information and upcoming events. We would also love if you could send pictures in of your children to Eylog so we can see the fun things they get up to at home.

PARENT CHALLENGE

Can you please make a family book and bring it in to nursery. The babies who already have one have loved seeing photos of their families during their time in nursery and we have noticed how much this helps them settle in.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

CATERPILLAR MUSIC

The children have had lots of fun with caterpillar music this month. Emma has been bringing story puppets in for the children to see, they have loved seeing the different animals she brings and getting involved with the singing and dancing, exploring with the musical instruments and bubbles.

REMINDERS

Now winter is here can we please remind all parents to provide the nursery with a warm coat and hat for your child. This is important because the children will still be accessing the garden throughout the day.

Emily J Key Group:

This month we have been working on making relationships and building strong bonds. Most of the children in my key group are beginning to pull themselves up on furniture, so I have been planning lots of fun activities to build confidence and strength to encourage the children to begin to take steps independently.



Caitlin's Key Group:

This month we have been focusing on repeating single words and sounds through fun messy play activities!



Emily Mc Key Group:

This month we have been focusing on settling children in and making strong bonds. I have planned lots of fun and stimulating activities to encourage the children to make strong bonds and have been using clear single words during all activities, to encourage the children to begin to repeat.



Lauren's Key Group:

This month we have been focusing on repeating single words and familiar phrases during a wide range of messy play activities and exploring story books, looking at the illustrations.



BIRTHDAYS

13th Nov - Isla will be turning a big 1!

18th Nov - Lio will be turning a big 1!

ANY OTHER NEWS

Lauren Flynn returns from Maternity Leave this month. She is due back to work mid-November. We are looking forward to her return.

Thanks Bumble Bees

*(Emily J, Emily Mc,
Lauren F, Caitlin
and Lauren W)*

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BUSY BEES

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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

The focus of the month in Busy Bees this month has been becoming familiar with the Busy Bees daily routine. The children are becoming more able to follow the routine of the Busy Bees room with ease and great independence.

BIRTHDAYS.

We have lots of birthdays this month:

- 2nd November – Evelyn
- 2nd November – Yinka
- 25th November - Luca
- 28th November – Poppie
- 29th November – Alexa

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PARENTS CHALLENGE:

This month we are challenging parents to send us some pictures of their children becoming familiar with numbers and beginning to count! We would love to see your child/ren at home counting their toys, shoes, clothes etc and beginning to become confident when counting in a sequence.

STAFF INFORMATION.

STAFF CHANGES

Unfortunately, we are sad to announce that Emily will be leaving the Busy Bee room on Wednesday 31ST October. Emily has been a credit to the Busy Bee room and will sadly be missed. We wish Emily the best of luck on her new journey. Beth will continue to stay as the room leader and Erin will also still be staying in the busy bee room. We will advise of a replacement for Emily in due course.



Beth, Erin and Emily.

STAFF HOLIDAYS

Erin – Monday 5th November
 Erin – Monday 12th November

STAFF TRAINING

Beth and Erin will be attending FSP training on Thursday 8th November.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

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92% of children are meeting age related expectations in moving and handling.

88% of children are meeting age related expectations in listening and attention.

21% of children are above in self-confidence and self-awareness.

Our area to focus on is numbers.

NEXT DATA ANALYSIS IS FEB 2019.

MONTHLY FOCUS

BETH'S KEY GROUP FOCUS

This months Beth's group has been learning about numbers! During our play we have been counting out the different objects we have been exploring with. The children are becoming to be interest in counting the items.



EMILY'S KEY GROUP FOCUS

ERIN'S KEY GROUP FOCUS

Erin's key group focus for this month have been developing use of single words. Erin has been using our new ICAN toddler talk cards engaging in activities such as small world activities with a range of objects encouraging them to try and talk about what the different objects were and the actions of the different objects.



REMINDERS

WEATHER CHANGING

With us now going into Winter we are politely asking parents to bring their child in suitable clothing for when your child is in nursery.

We are also asking if you could please bring in some spare clothes for your child as children get their clothes dirty when engaging in lots of fun activities!

Emily's group have been focusing on communication and language as a whole this month. Emily has been exploring a range of messy play activities using a variety of different messy activities encouraging the children to copy and repeat action words.



MORE REMINDERS

Please remember to read your child's assessment on the EYLog which has been sent out to you via the EYLog app. We would love for you to comment on how you feel your child is progressing and what you feel your child's next steps in learning are. Please remember to submit the assessment once read.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES JUMPING JACKS

Jumping Jacks has now been moved to a Tuesday! We feel it is important for all children within the Busy Bee room to get a turn of Jumping Jacks so we will be changing our session termly.

NAPPIES

Just a polite reminder to remember to bring nappies and nappy rash cream in for your children. You can bring nappies in daily or bring a full bag.

(Beth, Emily and Erin)

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PARENTS EVENING

There will be a parents evening held in November. There will be a 10-minute time slot for you and your child's key person to discuss your child's progress and if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's development. Please see a member of staff in the Busy Bee room to get booked in so you get the most convenient time slot.

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WORKER BEES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

5th November – Bonfire Night we will be talking about Guy Fawkes and painting lots of different bright colours for Bonfire Night and talking about fire safety.

7th November – Diwali, each day of Diwali has a different focus, we will be spending the first day pretending to go shopping. The second day we will decorate the home corner, then third day as the main day of the festival, we will be making our own Diwali lights.

11th November – Remembrance Day- we will be taking part in making some poppies and talking about why we celebrate Remembrance Day.

13th November – Kindness Day- in our key groups we will be talking about why we are kind to each other and what affect it has on other people.

16th November – Children in need- we will be taking part in a range of different messy activities and wearing our pajamas, we kindly ask for a small donation for this cause.

20th November photo day- if you would like your child in particular clothing please can you bring it in for us to change your child thank you.

22nd November – Thanksgiving- we will be creating placemats to take home, making a dried bouquet of flowers or paper weaving and having a feast that our cook will prepare for us.

FOCUS OF THE MONTH

We are going to be focusing on enhancing the learning environment, making it age appropriate for both the older and younger children within the room.

BIRTHDAYS

Luka 30th

NEW STARTERS

We would like to welcome Albert to our Worker Bees room we hope you have a lovely time here with us learning new exciting things.

STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF HOLIDAYS

No staff in Worker Bees are off on annual leave in November.

STAFF CHANGES

There are no staff changes in the Worker Bees room. The staff in Worker Bees are Jane (room leader) Jenna and Sarah.



STAFF TRAINING

Focus support plan training

PARENT CHALLENGE

Please could all parent fill in a Proud cloud (on board outside room)

This month we will be focusing on what makes our parents proud of us we have a proud cloud on the wall behind the door please can parents please fill one in please and we will place it on the board.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

FUN FRENCH

The Children have been learning about the different seasons this takes place on a Tuesday morning. French Pete has a book you can purchase for £10.

REMINDERS

- Please remember to bring a bag containing spare clothes.
- Please be reminded that the nursery closes at 6pm, please leave enough time to enter the building and receive a handover of your child/rens key person. Late fees will be issued to parents arriving after 6pm.
- The weather is much colder now. Can we ask you to bring in a warm winter coat, hat and gloves for you child for when we go in the garden please. You're welcome to leave them at nursery.

MONTHLY FOCUS

JENNA

My focus for this month is to help my key children begin to add and subtract objects from a group and also join in with a number of different activities throughout the month. My parents evening will take place on 20th, 22nd 23rd of November please come and see me for a time slot.



DIDDY KICKS

The children are loving Diddy kicks which started last month. They enjoy taking part in lots of different physical activities. We will be changing the day soon so that all children get to have a turn.

GYMNASTICS

Amy is our gymnastics teacher who teaches the children how to do gymnastics safely, looking at different moves and making it fun for all to join in. The children really enjoy this session as it's been made fun for the children.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2018

This month is assessment month, please check Ey-Log to view your child's October Assessment. We look forward to hearing your comments on their development.

95% of all children are meeting age related expectations in Understanding.

98% of children are above age-related expectations in technology.

5% of children are above age-related expectations in self-confidence and self-awareness

4% of children are above age-related expectations in Speaking.

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Jane, Sarah and Jenna

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JANE



My focus this month is talking with my key group about kindness and why it is important to have good manners.

My parents evening will take place on 21st, 26th 27th November please see me for a time slot.

SARAH



My focus for this month is to help all of my key children develop their communication skills within the room, in group activities, circle games and reading stories.

My parents evening for my key group will take place on 19th, 22nd and 28th November. Please see me for a time slot.

