

NURSERY NEWS

OCTOBER 2018



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We have been very busy throughout the month of September welcoming the new children and their families to Honey Pot. We hope you have all settled well into nursery. In September we had been continuing to enjoy our gardening sessions with Flower Pot Sue, which have now ended until next year. Sue will return in the spring but has given us some care instructions on looking after the plants over the winter. We enjoyed a fabulous visit to her allotment.

Our Worker Bees children visited pets at home in order to enhance their fascination which is around pets. The photos from the visit are on our nursery blog. We also enjoyed celebrating Rosh Hashanah where we learnt about Jewish New Year and celebrated by dipping apples in Honey and making Shofars.

We are looking forward to Diddiekicks starting football lessons with our children soon and also the children have loved taking part in their gymnastics sessions.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th October: World poetry Day: Children will be listening to poetry and the older children will be making up their own poems.

5th October: World smile day: The older will be looking at their smiles in the mirror and will be doing self-portraits. We are always asking children to bring something in what makes them happy.

8th October: We will be celebrating Canadian Thanksgiving. One of our staff members Sarah is Canadian and so we will be celebrating in style with a turkey roast dinner, learning about thanksgiving and talking about what we are thankful for

9th October - a group of Worker Bees will be visiting China town and going the supermarket to get some ingredients for International Chinese day.

10th October: International Chinese day: a group of children will be visiting the China town. We also will be learning about China and tasting Chinese food.

15th October: Global Hand washing day: We will be teaching the children the importance of hand washing in relation to preventing the spreading of germs.

15th: A group of Busy Bees children will be visiting Croxeth Hall Park and Farm.

26th & 30th: Worker Bees will be going pumpkin picking

29th October: Mums Halloween stay and play: We are inviting Mums for a stay and play session 2:30-3:30.

31st October: Halloween: We are having a party for Halloween and asking children to dress up. We will also be raising Money for CrackerJacks children charity.

Throughout October both Baby room and Busy Bees will be taking the children on local walks in our six-seater pram!

STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF CHANGES

There have been no changes to the staff team this month. Lauren Flynn's maternity leave comes to an end at the end of October. She has a couple weeks of annual leave which has been accrued and so will be returning to work mid-November

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

LAUREN WHITTLE

Lauren is an asset to our team and the Bumble Bees team! Since starting with us in June, Lauren has grown in confidence and ability. She has made great bonds with her colleagues in Bumbles and also the children and parents. She is working hard as part of the team to settle the new children who have recently started and has even taken on some key children. Well done Lauren.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

WORKER BEES

Worker Bees staff work exceptionally hard on a daily basis. They have excellent relationships with children and their families and also great bonds with fellow staff members. Sarah is the newest member of the team and has settled into the room with ease. Thank you Workers for your continued hard work.

REMINDERS

- Remember to update your EyLog parent app regularly so you can fully access all of the features.
- Please be aware that children should be collected by 5.50pm in order to receive a handover with the staff. Children should be off the premises by 6pm.
- The weather is getting much cooler now. Children will need coats each day and may need hat, scarves and gloves, depending on the severity of the weather.
- It is very important that all parents adhere to our exclusion periods if their children are unwell. This helps us to prevent the spread of infection around the setting. As the weather gets colder, we will see an increase in the spread of virus' and infections so we want to keep this to a minimum where possible.
- We have an Instagram page no which you can follow us by searching 'honeypotdaynursery' the page is updated daily and you will be able to see photos and videos from all the lovely things we have been doing
- The next date for PPA meeting will be Thursday 29th November 6-7pm, please advise staff if you can make it and if you require childcare.

STAFF TRAINING

- All staff will attend training on the Prevent Duty as part of our mandatory safeguarding training programme for all staff.
- All staff will attend Focussed Support Plan (FSP) training which will be to help staff write and implement an FSP if a child should require one.
- Emily C: 2 year check training. Emily has recently moved from Baby room and so will require training on writing 2 year checks
- Emily Mc: Being a key person training
- Beth: Behaviour management training
- Sarah: Embedding British Values training

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

DATA ANALYSIS JUNE/JULY 2018

We have a new set of data which was analysed July 18 and the results were as follows;

88% of our children are meeting age related expectations for shape, space and measure.

90% of our boys are meeting age related expectations for shape,space and measure.

78% of our girls are meeting age related expectations for understanding.

A full action plan has been made based on the findings from data analysis and activities and experiences planned to support development in these areas.

DATA ANALYSIS DUE OCTOBER 2018

SCHOOL LEAVERS PROGRESS

We had been tracking the progress of our school leavers since September 2017.

42% of children were on track for a good level of development at the start of term. Our final summer 2018 data shows that 96% of children left Honey Pot Nursery with a good level of development

Thank you to our wonderful pre-school staff for the excellent work they have done with this group getting them ready for school!

MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded 'highly commended' by the Nursery World Awards for our Team Development. This is an award competed nationally so we are extremely proud to be recognised. We continue to place huge important on training and developing our staff team and the impact of this work is evident in our fantastic team! We are soon going to be offering more training for parents. We hope that this will be well received. More information will follow soon.

ANY OTHER NEWS

October marks assessment month. Throughout the month, staff will be writing and publishing assessments on each child through EYLog. When your child's assessment is published to your EYLog, please take the time to read it, make comments and submit the assessment to show us that you've received it and to enable us to see your comments and know what you're currently working on at home with your child.

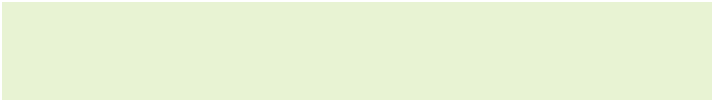
If your child attends Bumble Bees (baby room), your parents evening date will be Monday 19th November.

If your child attends Busy Bees (toddler room), your parents evening date will be Tuesday 20th November and Wednesday 21st November

If your child attends Worker Bees (pre-school room) your parents evening date will be Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November

Staff will soon be allocating time slots for parents to book to go through their child's development with their key person.

Carla and Jenna xx



BUMBLE BEES

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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

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This month we would like to welcome all our new children in our Bumble Bees room 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.

This month the children have all been settling in to our nursery routine and meeting their new friends! We have been providing fun sensory and messy activities to encourage the children to build bonds with the staff, children and help provide a happy and safe environment for the children to develop and learn.

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a big Happy Birthday to
 Frankie 28th Oct
 Yasmin 31st Oct
 Roman 06th Oct
 Who are all going to be a big one this month!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Check out our blog for photos of events!

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MONTHLY FOCUS

We are going to be focusing on ensuring all of our new children settle in to the Bumble Bees room using fun and stimulating activities to build strong bonds with the staff in our room. This will help determine who your child's key person will be and provide a strong bond and relationship to help make the transition from home to nursery as easy as possible.

STAFF INFORMATION

There have been no staff changes this month. Lauren Flynn’s maternity leave finishes at the end of October but she has some annual leave to take which she accrued whilst off on mat leave so we are expecting her back to work around mid-November.

Staff left to right – Emily J (Room leader), Lauren F, Emily McKay, Caitlin, Lauren W



CHILDREN’S PROGRESS

What we are doing well at:

- Moving & Handling
- Making Relationships
- Technology
- Exploring and Using Media and Materials

What we are focusing on:

- Health & Self-Care
- Self-Confidence & Self-Awareness
- Managing Feelings & Behavior
- Number

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE OCTOBER 2018

EMILY JONES KEY GROUP:



Emily J’s key group will be focusing on using word sounds during play. They will be taking part in many different activities to help improve their communication skills.

EMILY MCKAY’S KEY GROUP:



Emily Mc’s Key Group will be focusing on building bonds with familiar staff and begin to build bonds and play alongside others. They will also be taking part in body parts games finding their eyes nose and mouth etc.

CAITLIN’S KEY GROUP:



Caitlin’s Key Group will be focusing on taking part in messy play activities experimenting with different textures. Caitlin will be introducing single words as well as words sounds.

ANY OTHER NEWS

Parents evening will be held on Monday 19th November. This will be a chance to discuss your child's development with his/her key person. Time slots will be available to book closer to the time.

October is assessment month meaning that each child's key person will write a summative report on their key children's development in all areas of the EYFS. Please look out for this being sent through EYLog. Once received, please take the time to read it, comment on it and submit the assessment. This is how staff will know for sure that you've received it.

The next date for PPA (parents as partners association) meeting will be Thursday 29th November 6-7pm, please advise staff if you can make it and if you require childcare.

LAUREN'S KEY GROUP:



Lauren's Key Group will be focusing on their physical development skills. They will be focusing taking steps independently and using walking aids to help improve their walking skills.

*Thanks Bumble Bees
(Emily Jones, Emily
McKay, Caitlin and
Lauren)*

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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 drinking from a cup! Busy Bees have been familiarising themselves with drinking from a cup during our different meal times.

BIRTHDAYS.

5th October – Teddy

23rd October – Joseph

COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th October – World Poetry Day; Busy Bees will be reading short poems as part of their key group time using puppets.

5th October – World Smile Day; We are encouraging all children to bring an object in that makes them happy.

8th October – Canadian thanksgiving day. We have a Canadian member of staff so we are going to celebrate in style with a turkey roast dinner and learn about thanksgiving.

10th October – International Chinese Day; International Chinese Day we will be wearing red, yellow and white and we will be eating different types of Chinese food.

15th October – Global Hand Washing Day; Encouraging Children to wash their hands before every meal. We will also look through a simple germ book to the children explaining where germs come from.

15th October – Busy's visit Croxteth Hall Farm

31st October – Halloween party; Children are welcome to dress up in their favourite Halloween costumes and we will be doing lots of different creative activities to celebrate. We will also be raising money cracker jacks so would kindly appreciate any kind donations

Check out our blog for photos of events!

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PARENTS CHALLENGE:

This month we are encouraging parents to try and challenge their children at home with putting two or more words together! We are encouraging parents to send us videos of their children talking or pictures of their children engaging in an activity which they have been talking about.

STAFF INFORMATION.

STAFF CHANGES

We have had no staff changes in the Busy Bee room. The staff in Busy Bees are Beth (Room Leader), Erin (Nursery Practitioner) and Emily C (Nursery Apprentice). If you have any questions regarding who your child's key worker is do not hesitate to ask a member of staff within the Busy Bee room.



Beth, Erin and Emily. (Left to right)

STAFF HOLIDAYS

None of the staff members have any upcoming annual leave booked.

STAFF TRAINING

Emily will be attending 2 Year Check training.
All staff will be attending Focus Support Plan Training.
Beth is attending Behavior Management training.
All staff will be attending Prevent Duty Training.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2018

MONTHLY FOCUS

BETH'S KEY GROUP FOCUS

This months Beth's group has been focussing on creating music and moving rhythmically. The children have been using different objects from around the room to create sounds. We have also created our own musical instruments using some rice and empty milk bottles. Beth's group have also been moving their bodies in different ways as they dance to different songs during and the sounds that they were creating.



EMILY'S KEY GROUP FOCUS

Emily's group have been focusing on mark making this month. Emily and her group have been using engaging in a range of different messy activities using crayons, paints etc to make different marks.



All the children are progressing well in Busy Bees and are all engaging well with each other and participating in all activities set out for them.

Our key strengths; Moving and Handling and Writing.
Our areas of focus being: Reading, Speaking and Managing Feeling's.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE OCTOBER 2018

REMINDERS

- With us now in Autumn we are politely asking parents can they please 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!
- 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.
- Please can all parents remember to bring nappies in for their children, the nursery does not supply nappies so it is essential to supply your own when bringing your child to nursery.
- This month is assessment month, please check EyLog to view your child's October Assessment. We look forward to hearing your comments on their development. Don't forget to read and submit your child's assessment once you receive it.
- Parents evening will be held on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st November**. Parents will be able to book a 10 minute slot closer to the time.
- The next date for PPA meeting will be Thursday 29th November 6-7pm, please advise staff if you can make it and if you require childcare.

ERIN'S KEY GROUP FOCUS

Erin's key group focus for this month have been focusing on a range of physical activities! Erin has been working on encouraging children to try and maintain their balance for a small period of time and becoming aware of the space around them when running and moving.

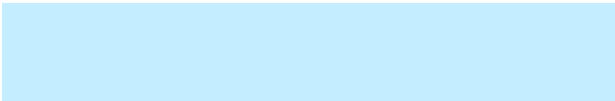


EXTRA ACTIVITIES JUMPING JACKS

This has now moved to a Friday and the Children in Busy Bee's love Jumping Jacks! We love it when we get to use the different equipment that they bring an express ourselves threw singing and dancing.

Beth, Emily and Erin
x

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WORKER BEES

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COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th October – World Poetry Day_- We will be looking and reading different types of poetry.

5th October – World Smile Day is celebrated on the first Friday in the month of October every year. We will be looking in the mirror at our reflection and painting our smiles.

8th October – Canadian Thanksgiving. As Sarah who is based in Worker Bees is Canadian, we will be celebrating Canadian thanksgiving in style. We will be having a turkey roast dinner, learning all about thanksgiving and will talk about what we are thankful for.

10th October – International Chinese Day we will be wearing red, yellow and white and we will be eating different types of Chinese food.

15th October – Global Hand Washing Day- We will be talking about how we wash our hands and the important of this. We will also be looking at books on germs.

29th October - Halloween stay and play for all mums to come and have lots of fun doing different Halloween activities 2.30-3.30pm.

31st October – Halloween party- children are welcome to dress up in their favourite Halloween costumes and we will be doing lots of different creative activities to celebrate. We will also be raising money Cracker Jacks so would kindly appreciate any kind donations.

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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

We are going to be learning about the season of Autumn this month. We will be watching and learning about how the trees are changing and also going on a Conker hunt. We will be doing some leaf printing and discussing all the different colours of leaves and patterns made.

BIRTHDAYS

Jacob 6th

George 15th

Shea 16th

Freddie 16th

NEW STARTERS

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

STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF HOLIDAYS

Jenna is on annual leave 1st October for 1 day.
Jane is on annual leave for half a day on the 23rd October.

STAFF CHANGES

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



STAFF TRAINING

Prevent duty training for all staff.
Focus support plan training.

PARENT CHALLENGE

Please could all parent fill in a Proud cloud sheet:
We are currently talking about what makes our parents proud of us. We have a proud cloud on the wall behind the door please can parents/careers please fill one in please and we will place it on the board.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

FUN FRENCH

The children have been learning counting words in French. French Pete has a book you can purchase for £10

REMINDERS

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MONTHLY FOCUS

JENNA



My focus for this month is to help my children recognise letters in their name and write it, using loose parts and the white board markers.

DIDDY KICKS

We are excited to welcome Diddy kicks to our nursery. They will be teaching the children football starting the week of the 8th. The children will be taking part in lots of different physical activities.

GYMNASTICS

Started last month
We would also like to welcome Amy who will be teaching the children how to do gymnastics safely and looking at different moves and making it fun for all to join in.

FLOWERPOT SUE

Flower Pot Sue has now finished for this year but we look forward to seeing her next year. She has given us some vital instructions on how to look after all the plants through the winter.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

DATA ANALYSIS JUNE/JULY 18

Strengths:

95% of all children are meeting age related expectations in People and Community.

28% of girls are above age related expectations in Expressive arts and design.

94% of boys are above age related expectations in making relationships.

Upcoming Focusses:

Listening and Attention
Self- confidence and self-awareness
Managing Feelings & Behaviour
Literacy

NEXT DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE October 2018

JANE



My focus this month is to help my key children begin to match numerals to quantities, and also recite some number names in sequence

SARAH



My focus for this month is to help all my key children develop their independence skills with in the room, as transitioning from Busy Bees to Worker Bees is a big leap in a child's development.

Jane, Sarah and Jenna x

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