

# BUMBLE BEES

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



Patrick has taken his first steps, well done Patrick!

## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

This month the children in Danielle's have mostly been focusing on their physical development with some table top activities and climbing in the garden to strengthen their legs. The focus for the older children has been communication and language and trying to broaden their range of vocabulary with repetitive songs and stories. Lauren's groups have been focusing on communication and language, Lauren has used dressing up and role play with her older children to support their use of language and has been encouraging younger ones to join in with simple actions to rhymes and songs. Sophie's group have mainly been focusing on physical development, encouraging her children's balance and coordination while up on their feet and with her new starters her focus has been personal, social and emotional development building secure relationships with her new key children. All this practice has helped Patrick to take his first steps, well done Patrick!

Michaela has been supporting the physical development of her younger children, encouraging them to get into the crawling position and to cruise around furniture. The older children in Michaela's key group have been working on putting two words together and to copy familiar phrases.

## COMING UP THIS MONTH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Dinner

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### MONTHLY FOCUS

Throughout December we will be engaging in some festive activities with our key groups, our PLOD board this month features a Christmas tree with a new activity hidden within it for each day. We look forward to getting creative and messy as the children explore.

### BIRTHDAYS

Cary – 4<sup>th</sup> December

Elsie – 29<sup>th</sup> December

### NEW STARTERS

We would like to welcome our new starters Alyncia, Elsie and Sian who joined Bumble's this past month, we look forward to helping you settle in with us and to supporting your play and learning!

## STAFF INFORMATION



### STAFF HOLIDAYS

MICHAELA – 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER FOR 1 DAY

LAUREN – 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER FOR 1 DAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, FOR 1 DAY

DANIELLE – 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER FOR 1 DAY

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2017

In our Bumble Bee room 88% of children are inline or above for Speaking.

93% of our children are inline or above for listening and attention.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE OCTOBER 2017

## REMINDERS

Please can you remember to bring in Changes of clothes (daily), nappies and breast/formula milk. Breast milk should be accurately labelled, please speak to staff if you're unsure what to include.

We'd love some family photos for our family tree in the garden, please send in copies or online copies through EYLOG!

## PARENT CHALLENGE

Tell us about some festive activities you've been involved in at home and share some photos on EYLOG. We'd also love some feedback with regards to children's observations, please share your thoughts through comments on EYLOG and by sharing any observations from home

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES

This month we've updated our room, we wanted to create a cosy environment with some new spaces for the children to explore. This is an ongoing process as we always want our room to look its best for our children, if you have any ideas please share them with us!

*(Bumble Bee's*

*Danielle, Lauren,  
Michaela & Sophie.)*

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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

Throughout November, Busy Bees focus was the five senses. Each key group also focused on:

Rachael – Alongside the plod, Rachael's key group focused on mark making. We have made marks using chalk, paint and glitter.

Niamh – Niamh's key group have focused on sound. They thoroughly enjoyed making shaker bottles filled with pasta, buttons and rice.

Demi- Demi has focused on textures with her group. They enjoyed exploring gloves filled with different substances. Charlotte- Charlotte has been focusing on numbers and incorporating them in to the PLOD

Jess- Jess has focused on food textures and tastes with her key group. The children enjoyed food tasting and using food to paint.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

In December we will be celebrating the following birthdays:

- Ava
- Rose
- Eleanor
- Henry

### NEW STARTERS

I would like to welcome Harry and Mason to the Busy Bees room. They have both settled well and are enjoying interacting with all their new friends.

## STAFF INFORMATION



### STAFF HOLIDAYS

Charlotte- 1<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

Demi – 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

Jess- 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

### DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2017

85% of children are in line with health and social care

40% of children are above with self-confidence and awareness

79% of children are in line with moving and handling

25% of children are at risk of falling behind in numbers

22% of children are at risk of falling behind in shape, space and measure

Busy Bee's will be focusing strongly on Maths.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE FEBRUARY 2018

### MONTHLY FOCUS

#### PEOPLE WHO HELP US

Throughout December we will be focusing on people who help us. The children love to talk about police officers, fire officers and doctors. We will be looking at other people who help us and visiting them.

## REMINDERS

### NAPPIES

Please ensure you check the daily diaries for messages regarding your child needing more nappies.

If your child only wears a nappy whilst they sleep please still put one in their bag daily or bring some in bulk.

### COAT, HAT AND GLOVES

Please ensure your child has enough layers, a warm coat and a hat so that we are able to still play outside during the colder months.

### PARENT CHALLENGE

Could you please send us pictures of your own Christmas trees/decorations or any that you see when you are out and about with your children.

### EXTRA ACTIVITIES

#### JUMPING JACKS

During November, Lucy from Jumping Jacks introduced lots of new songs to the children. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning the new songs and loved using the new musical instruments and ribbons. In December, we will be doing lots of Christmas songs with Lucy and getting in to the festive spirit.

*(Lots of love from Rachael,  
Demi, Charlotte, Niamh and  
Jess)*

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# HONEY BEES

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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

In Honey bee's we are going to be doing our plod on winter wonderland. We have been exploring in the foam with blue food colouring finding the hidden sea creatures. We will also be playing and exploring in the artificial snow, ice play, painting with cotton wool balls, decorating snow flakes and making our own edible icicles.

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### MONTHLY FOCUS

In Honey Bee's the room have been doing old mac Donald as a topic. The children have been doing lots of singing and dancing using puppets, mask and lots of other props to encourage speech using animal names and sounds. The children have explored different messy play with the animals, paint with the animal shapes and exploring in the soil with the animals. Some of the children from Honey Bee's have been to the library to pick some animal stories that we brought back to nursery to read.





Heidi's key group – We have been focusing on speech, doing lots of activities that involve repetitive words.

Lauren's key group – We have been exploring different treasure baskets to support us exploring our five scenes.

Nikita's key group - We have been doing lots messy play activities to support the children with self confidence

Leah's key group – We have doing lots of activities to support speech and language such as animal sound books.

## BIRTHDAYS

Harvey 23<sup>rd</sup> December



## NEW STARTERS

We would like to welcome Bobby to the Honey bee's room.

## STAFF INFORMATION



### STAFF CHANGES

Heidi will be leaving on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, I have been at the company for 7 years and have decided to have a change. I will miss all the children and nursery lots but I'm sure I will call in to visit everyone.

### STAFF HOLIDAYS

Leah – 6,7,8<sup>th</sup> December

Lauren – 4,5<sup>th</sup>

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

### DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2017

100% of children in our room are inline or above for writing.

94% of children are inline or above for shapes spaces and measurements

6% of children are below for understanding

6% of children are at risk at falling behind for reading.

Over the upcoming weeks we will focus on children's understanding and reading

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE February 2018

## REMINDERS

Please can you remember to bring in Changes of clothes, winter items of clothing to play outside and nappies and milk that your little ones may need throughout their day at nursery.

Just to also remind all parents to not bring in scarves for your children as they won't be able to wear them going outside.

## PARENT CHALLENGE

We would like you to share with us home observations of your children doing different festive activities that will link in with our winter wonderland theme so we can display the pictures on our plod board.

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES

### CATERPILLAR MUSIC

We have been doing lots of new songs, learning the actions and the words to the new songs. Exploring new musical instruments, and the different sound they make.

*(Honey Bee's Heidi,  
Nikita, Leah and  
Lauren.)*

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# NURSERY NEWS

DECEMBER 2017

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We have been celebrating lots of festivals and fundraising throughout the month of November: Firstly, we celebrated National tree week with our children at nursery. The children took part in local outings, they collected leaves and also made marks by rubbing crayons against the trees. They brought the leaves back to nursery and added them into their continuous provision play



We also celebrated World Kindness day and children in need- Our children spoke about how to make friend welcome and how we can be kind to others. Our Worker Bee's made some classroom rules on how we can be kind to others whilst at nursery. Nursery children and staff took part in pyjama day to support Children in need.



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**20<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Worker Bees sing along in the reading rooms- 3pm start





## Nursery Grotto Trip:

The Honey Pot Elves have been out to play creating a fabulous grotto for our children to visit at our Wavertree site. There will be plenty of festive activities to enjoy and the opportunity for Worker Bees to meet Santa

[Check out our blog for photos of events!](#)

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## STAFF INFORMATION



### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

#### Jessica Farquhar

Jessica has settled well into Busy Bee's room. She has shown passion and commitment to her new role and has brought such fun and entertainment to her room.

### ROOM OF THE MONTH



### BUMBLE BEES

All staff in bumble bees have shown lots of commitment in changing their areas of provision in their room, sharing ideas and enhancing play for their children. All staff have completed some lovely assessments on their children's progress and have shared these on EYLog

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2017

82% of children in our setting are inline or above for moving and handling.

91% of girls are inline with national average for Speaking.

94% of boys are inline or above for Being Imaginative.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE February 2018

## REMINDERS

Please don't forget we have a parent app that you can download which sends out useful reminders and has some great features such as questionnaire and has our nursery blog for you to look through.

Can we remind you to check the information sheets outside your child's room as there is important information in regards to the festive season.

## STAFF TRAINING

We are always assessing staff to support continuous professional development, upcoming training that staff will be attending are:

07/12/2017- All staff attending Story telling training

08/12/2017- Jael- Supporting children with English as additional language

15/12/2017- Lauren and Demi- Characteristics of effective learning

## MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We are still fundraising for Soft Power education who are providing early education for children in Uganda. We are selling knitted animals which are being handmade by the people of the community in Uganda. If you are interested in buying one please see your nursery manager.

*Alison & Chelsea  
Management Team x*

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# WORKER BEES

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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

The children in Worker bees have had lots of fun preparing for Christmas, decorating the room and our Christmas tree, practicing our songs for the carol concert and reading the nativity story.



## COMING UP THIS MONTH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

12<sup>th</sup> December – Hanukkah

14<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas dinner

15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day

19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party 2.30 - 3.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> December – Preschool Carol Concert in Reading Rooms, Garston at 3.00pm all children invited and parents/carers

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery closed

1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year's Day nursery closed

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**BIRTHDAYS;**

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to children celebrating the month of December:

- Jelizaveta 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Louis 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Daisy 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Polly 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Kayden 21<sup>st</sup> December
- Beatrice 25<sup>th</sup> December



**MONTHLY FOCUS**

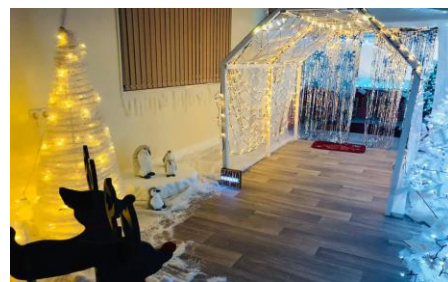
Rachael – This month Rachael’s group have focused on pencil control, writing their own name and recognising and identifying familiar letters.

Jael – This month Jael’s group have been focusing on developing fine motor skills through participation in Christmas activities e.g. threading popcorn for our tree, making snowmen with white play dough and decorating them.

Melanie – This month Melanie’s group have been focusing on communication and language through reading, listening games and learning different songs and counting in Spanish and French.

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### STAFF HOLIDAYS

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> December - Rachael M

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December - Jael.C

14<sup>th</sup> December & 19<sup>th</sup> December - Melanie

**Staff covering those on Annual leave;**

Frankie Ford/ Chelsea Waugh/ Angela Schofield

### STAFF CHANGES

## CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

98% of children are in line for moving and handling

93% of children are in line for Speaking

7% of children are at risk of falling behind in listening and attention, over the upcoming weeks we will focus on this with our worker bees.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE February 2018

## REMINDERS

### WINTER;

Can we please remind you all to bring a coat, and appropriate winter clothing on put it on your own child's peg for outdoor play time.

## PARENT CHALLENGE

Can we please ask that when receiving observations and assessments on EYlog can you please make comments back to your child's key person.

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES

### MOVEMA

Movema is a new dance company who now attend Honey Pot Nurseries, they promote culture and religion through music and dance. Worker bees have loved their first Movema session in the month of October

*Rachael Mallon - Room leader*

*Jael Casas - Practitioner*

*Melanie Hallworth - Practitioner*

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