

NURSERY NEWS

JUNE 2019

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

This month has been a rollercoaster of ups and downs as our beautiful nursery in Garston was destroyed by a fire on Saturday 4th May, however the support and love shown since that terrible day has been simply overwhelming. For two weeks the children were placed temporarily into our Wavertree site and Garston C of E school and they thoroughly enjoyed their time spent there. We then moved to our Parklands site w/c 20th May and the children and staff have adapted brilliantly and are settling in very well. We can't thank you all for your continuing support as part of the Honey Pot family. We will continue to keep you all updated with any developments with regards to the portable classrooms on the Garston field next to the nursery. Please check eyLog for any updates.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th June - 5th June - Eid al-Fitr** - Children will listen to stories, play games and take part in activities to celebrate the end of Ramadan.
- 7th June - FIFA Women's World Cup** - Children will be able to take part in football matches and make flags as we will be celebrating the women's world cup throughout June and July.
- 16th June - Father's Day** - The children will be making the special men in their life a card and talking about what their daddies mean to them.
- 17th June - Eat Your Vegetables Day** - The children will be exploring different vegetables during their play and encouraged to try some new types during meal times! Spertato might even make an appearance!
- 21st June - Celebrating Africa Oye** - To celebrate Liverpool's famous festival in Sefton Park on the 22nd/23rd of June we will be taking part in some African music and dance activities and learning about different African cultures.

Check out our blog for photographs of these events

Room News:

Bumble Bees

In our Bumble Bees room at Parklands, the children have settled in well to their new surroundings, and they have particularly enjoyed the new soft play area where they can develop their physical and social skills as they play alongside their friends.



Honey Bees

Our Honey Bees have been exploring the new outdoor area, especially enjoying the sand pit. The children have been developing their fine and gross motor skills while emptying and filling containers and using a variety of tools.



Room News:

Busy Bees

Our Busy bees have enjoyed exploring the new block play area at Parklands. They have been using a variety of blocks to construct towers and buildings, and have also enjoyed playing on the wooden slide and climbing apparatus.



Worker Bees

In our Worker Bees room, the children have been preparing for Graduation, practicing singing their special songs ready for the big day! They have also been practicing their sounds using our new phonics packs, they have been b-b-b-brilliant!



Mini bus trips to Parklands

Can we please remind you mini bus collection and drop off will be at Garston Reading Rooms, times are 8.00am drop off and 5.50pm collection (at the latest)? Unfortunately, if children are late for the 8.00am departure we will only be able to wait 10 minutes maximum, and parents/carers will have to make their own way to Parklands. We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Leah



Leah has been so positive and committed to the change at Parklands, she has used her own time to come in and get things up and running, showing how committed she is to making Parklands Workers Bees a lovely environment for the children to learn and play. She has continued to maintain the routines and keep the transition as smooth as possible. Well done Leah!

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

We have recently tracked all our children's current levels of development and have completed a full analysis of this. Our next analysis is due in June 2019

The main outcomes were:

Strengths

- 100% of all children are emerging above or above the national average for writing and making relationships
- 21% of funded children are above in self-confidence and self-awareness
- 25% of children with SEN are emerging above in shapes spaces and measurement

We are very proud of our achievements.

Areas for improvement

Our main area for improvements are understanding the world, writing and numbers. We are looking forward to Leah taking on our math's champion role- she will audit our setting and support math's in all rooms. We are adding writing equipment to areas both indoor and outdoors to support children's writing skills and we will be introducing life cycles at nursery to develop children's understanding of the world.

Children's Progress

ROOM OF THE MONTH

WORKER BEES

The staff in Worker Bees have worked so hard this month and have shown real team work and enthusiasm. During the two weeks they were based in Garston C of E school away from the rest of team, they maintained children's routines and excellent practice and continued to provide outstanding care and fun for the children in their new environment. Well done Worker Bees!



Pre-School Graduation

Due to being based at Parklands nursery we have had to make small changes in regards to our pre school graduation.

This will now be held at Honey Pot Wavertree on 27th July 10am to 1130am.

This is for school leavers only and we can allow 2 tickets per child. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of Worker Bees staff.

Message from central support

I am sure you are all eager to receive more news about the move back from Parklands to Garston, facilitated by portable classrooms on the nursery site. We are just as eager to make this happen as quickly as possible as we appreciate that the location of Parklands isn't ideal on a long-term basis. We have done everything on our end to get this moving as quickly as possible and are now waiting for the powers that be to grant planning permission so that we can make the transition back to Garston as soon as possible.

We appreciate your continued support and patience and we are thankful for sticking with us through this difficult time. We know that we will come out of the other side stronger than ever!



*Many Thanks Alison,
Fern & team*