

NURSERY NEWS

MAY 2019

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

During the month of April our children enjoyed celebrating Easter by taking part in an Easter Bonnet Parade. We would like to thank all parents/carers who came along and well done to all children who made an Easter bonnet.



We have been continually working towards achieving our green flag with Eco-Schools and our Worker Bees had such fun attending an educational visit to the recycling discovery centre this month, they learnt what materials we can recycle and they were so lucky to also be able to visit the factory.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st May to 31st May- Walk to Nursery Month-We are encouraging families to "ditch" your car and walk to nursery if you can. If you take part in walk to nursery month please send photographs to garston@honeypotnursery.co.uk

3rd May- Space Day- Children will take part in exploring space on the interactive boards and create their own planets with lanterns and paint

4th May- Women's FA Cup Final 2019- Children will be able to watch clips of Women's football and take part in a football session in the garden.

5th May to 4th June- Ramadan- Islamic festival where individuals fast and eat at sunset- Children will have opportunities to watch clips of Ramadan on the interactive board and make lanterns to display around their room

13th May- Muddy Puddles Day for Save The Children- please ask a member of staff for a sponsor form and bring your little one's wellie boots into nursery for jumping in muddy puddles

18th May- Men's FA Cup Final 2019- Children will be able to watch clips of Men's football and take part in a football session in the garden

23rd May- Outdoor Classroom Day- We will be holding our planned activities and meal times in the garden for the whole day

Check out our blog for photographs of these events

Room News:

Bumble Bees

In our Bumble Bees room, the children have been exploring simple shapes. The children have taken part in messy play activities including shapes such as shapes in the sand and paint.



Honey Bees

Our Honey Bees have enjoyed bringing stories to life, one of their favorite stories is "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". Our honey bees used messy trays to explore mud and water with their feet whilst reading the story in the garden.



Room News:

Busy Bees

Our Busy Bees have enjoyed taking part in gardening, each day busy bees have been watering the plants in the garden and watching them grow.



Worker Bees

In our Worker Bees room the children have enjoyed taking part in yoga with Yoga Bears. The children have been learning how to relax their bodies and mind linking in with our time to change pledge. #mindfulness



School Transition

We are coming ever closer to our school leavers leaving Honey Pot to attend their new school. We are discussing at group time about transition and support for children's next educational journey. We have created a transition board outside Worker Bees room, there are parents leaflets to offer support for transition. There is also a clipboard with a leavers chart. Can we ask that you complete this now you have received your child's allocation of school place along with their leave date as we are now preparing to support your children during this transition.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Fern



Fern has settled well into Honey Pot Garston. Fern is out E.Y.T who has transferred from Wavertree. We would like to award Fern with employee of the month as she has supported the team well, she always goes above and beyond in her work load and is showing lots of confidence is taking a lead on training/meetings. Well done and thank you Fern.

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 areas for improvement is numbers. We are looking forward to Leah taking on our math's champion role- she will audit our setting and support maths in all rooms. We are also working on improvements in health and self-care. We have had kiddi sinks delivered which are portable sinks that staff can take into the garden to promote hand washing outdoors.

We look forward to supporting our children and seeing improvements in this term.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

WORKER BEES

The staff in Worker Bees are working really to plan for graduation. They have been singing songs and practicing their dancing ready for the ceremony. Worker Bees staff have also been introducing daily phonics with their key groups and the children are really enjoying this. Well done Worker Bees.



Graduation dates for your diary

Pre School Graduation 25th July- All children who are leaving to start reception in September will take part in graduation. Due to the capacity of the hall we can allocate 2 tickets per school leaver. The ceremony will take place at the reading rooms- Garston at 12.15pm

Preschool graduation photographer 20th June- If your child does not attend nursery on a Thursday and you would like them to be photographed please come in to nursery for 10am



STAFF TRAINING

During the month of April staff have accessed, E.Y.T training, Equality and diversity, EYFS, School readiness, CBT, EAL, First Aid.



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. These awards will be announced in June.



You may have seen we have now had our defibrillators installed in each of our nurseries and management have received training for The Oliver King Foundation in how to use these. We thank you for your patience and support whilst we worked hard to get these installed.



*Many Thanks Alison,
Suzie & team*