

# NURSERY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2018

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We have been busy exploring autumn this month. Our children have enjoyed taking part in pumpkin picking and conker painting.

The children had lots of fun dipping their conkers into different coloured paint and rolling them on the tray to make different marks.



Garston have also started their next session of Forest School. The children enjoyed travelling in the mini bus with the forest school leaders, they discovered rules and boundaries and enjoyed discovering the grounds of the forest.



## COMING UP THIS MONTH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Bonfire Night- Remember stay safe and have fun on bonfire night

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Diwali - the Hindu festival of lights, children will be taking part in activities based around light

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November- World science day- Our children will be taking part in lots of science activities

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day - on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November the children will be visiting the war memorial outside St George's hall and laying a poppy wreath

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying week- Children will be discussing how to treat others and take part in friendship activities

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need - we will be raising money for Children in need all week from 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please check eylog for details of what will be happening on a daily basis

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November- Road safety week- we will be discussing how to be safe when crossing roads

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Thanksgiving - we will be having a 'thanksgiving' lunch and talking about what we are thankful for

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Christingle

Check out our blog for photos of events!

[www.honeypotnursery.co.uk](http://www.honeypotnursery.co.uk)

## STAFF INFORMATION

We are welcoming new staff to our team. We would like to welcome Katie and Elena to our team. Katie will be joining our Busy Bee's team as Niamh has now started her maternity leave. We wish Niamh lots of luck as she welcomes her baby girl into the world.

Elena will be taking a 3 day role within our room, her role will be to cover in Busy bees and Worker bee's each week to allow Rachael and Suzie to continue with their additional role as deputy manager and senco (Suzie) and E.Y.P (Rachael)

As you will be aware we have recently said a sad goodbye to Angela from our Honey Bee's room, Angela has left due to personal and family reasons, however we wish her lots of love and luck for her future.

## STAFF TRAINING

Training accessed by staff this month has included 2 Year Checks, Characteristics of Effective Learning, Key Person, Behaviour Management, British Values, The Prevent Duty and Coaching and Mentoring.

Upcoming training for staff next month includes Effective Displays, Oral Health, SIDS, Handovers, Focussed Support Plans, Fascinations, PLODs, Safer Recruitment, Challenging Stereotypes, Self-Evaluation and Risky Play.



## REMINDERS

### HONEY POT EY LOG

Please remember that you can send home observation through your child's EY Log. This is a great way to share your child's development with the nursery staff and also to ensure that no learning developments are being missed. During the month of October staff have also completed an assessment on your little one's development, this progress report has now been submitted to yourselves can you please log in to your account, read your child's assessment and comment and sign to complete this assessment. Please feel free to speak to me or a member of staff should you require support with any of this.



### FEEES

Just another reminder that fees must be paid in advance of childcare accessed. Your fees must be paid by the agreed date on your contract to avoid any late charges.

### WINTER CLOTHING

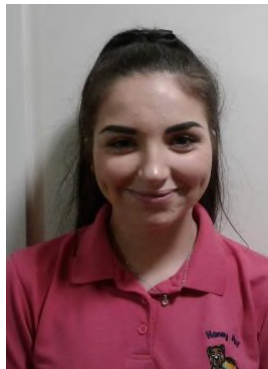
If you have not already done so can you please provide your child with a hat, gloves and wellington boots to be kept at nursery for the winter weather. Children will access the outdoors daily in all weathers so it is important that they are appropriately dressed.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### Nicola Potter

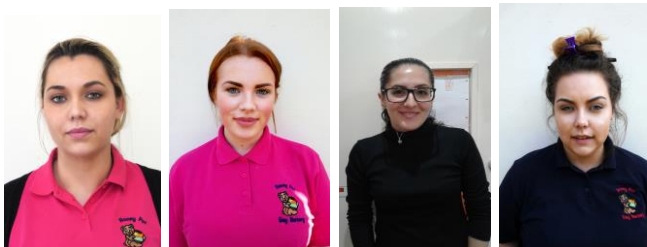
Nicola has recently returned to Garston from her maternity leave. Nicola has been awarded Employee of the month as she has made such strong bonds with parents and children in her room. Nicola has supported the staff in her room and goes above and beyond her role to help others out. Well done Nicola and Thank You!



## ROOM OF THE MONTH

### BUSY BEES

Busy Bees have worked really hard this month as a team to revamp the environment and enhance their areas of continuous provision to make it inviting and exciting for children. I'm sure you will agree that the room looks incredible and the children are certainly loving all of their new areas. Well done Busy Bees!



## 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 our children's current levels of development and have completed a full analysis of this. The main outcomes were:

### Strengths

- 93% of children are meeting age related expectations in moving and handling
- 92% of children are meeting age related expectations in listening and attention
- 91.5% of children are meeting age related expectations in Managing Feelings and Behavior
- 91.5% of children are meeting age related expectations in Making Relationships

**We are very proud of our achievements.**

### Areas for improvement

Our main area for improvement is Writing. Although we are exceeding the local average for Liverpool we are not quite reaching the national average. This will be our main focus for the upcoming 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](http://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 management as soon as possible. You will need to apply for your 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](http://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 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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"

## NURSERY PHOTOS

You will have all received a message in regards to a photographer attending nursery. The photographer will be attending on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. All children who attend nursery on a Tuesday will be photographed. If your child does not attend nursery on a Tuesday and you would like them to be photographed please call and book a time slot with a member of the management team. Only children who have a time slot will be able to be photographed.

*Many Thanks Alison,  
Suzie & team*