

# NURSERY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2019

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

This month we have had a very smooth and successful transition into our portable classrooms and this has been such a positive move. All children and staff have settled in to the portable classrooms really well and we would like to thank you all for your support and positive feedback in regards to our move. The children have enjoyed being back in the Garston area and they have had so much fun exploring all our new resources.



Our portable classrooms



Worker bees home corner

## COMING UP THIS MONTH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 1st - Al Hijra / Muharram**- This is Muslim new year and takes place on the first day of the Islamic calendar. This new year has no religious significance, but still many Muslims use this day to remember the life of prophet Muhammad
- Sept 2nd- 6th Anniversary of The Great Fire of London** - this was a major disaster lasting 3 days. The great fire was started at a bakery in London and spread destroying most of the city of London. We will be running a project about Honey Pot Garston fire to link in with this.
- Sept 5th** - The international day of charity is set up by the United Nations as part of a strategy to eradicate poverty. This date was chosen as it marks the anniversary of mother Theresa passing away who gave her life to helping others and overcoming poverty and distress. Staff will discuss those less fortunate than us with our children.
- Sept 6th** - National read a book day- Children and Staff can bring in their favorite books to read together and staff can discuss their favorite reads with the team.
- Sept 7th** - National Literacy Day- We will be holding different writing and literacy activities with our children
- Sept 13th**- Roald Dahl day- Our children will have the opportunity to read some of his most famous books.
- Sept 14th** - World first aid day- We will be discussing the importance of first aid with our children. We will be exploring the first aid boxes together and open discussions will be help around first aid and staying safe.
- Sept 15th** - international day of democracy. This is great day for us to talk about democracy, votes, politics and extend children's knowledge in what is happening in the world with or children (British Values!)

**Check out our blog for photographs of these events**

## Room News:

### Bumble Bees

In our Bumble Bees room, the children have enjoyed exploring their new sensory area. They have really enjoyed mirror play- looking at their reflection and exploring textures and patterns with the fabric sensory stacking rings.



### Honey Bees

Our Honey Bees have really enjoyed exploring shapes and colours using the light table. The children used Perspex shapes to discover colour mixing and developing their sense of sight by looking through the see-through shapes and exploring colour changes.



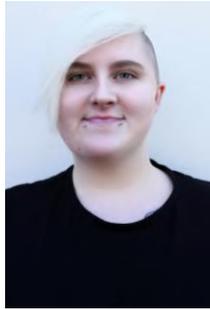
### Worker Bees

In our Worker Bees room, we have been discussing the fire incident with our children. We have started a project to help raise awareness of the impact of actions. We have looked at the changes the children have experienced since May and we have spoken about all the kind people who helped us on our journey. The children dressed up as the people who helped us at the time of the fire (police and fire brigade.) We are now focusing on the rebuild of Honey Pot Garston.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mary



Mary has been awarded employee of the month. She is always and flexible and always offers to help others. Mary has a great bond with all children in our nursery and she always has a smile to share. Well done Mary.

## ROOM OF THE MONTH

### HONEY BEES

The staff in Honey Bees have worked really hard to add the Honey Pot touch to their room in the portable class rooms. They have added photographs and visuals into their areas making it inviting for children to play. They have also welcomed a lot of new starters into their room and they have settled really well and building up great relationships with the children and their families. Well done Danielle, Lauren, Natalie H and Natalie A.



## 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 October 2019

The main outcomes were:

### Strengths

- 99% of our children are inline or above for **Technology**
- 98.5% of our children are inline or above for **Listening and Attention**
- 98.5% of our children are inline or above for **Moving and Handling**

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

### Areas for improvement

- 9.5% of our children are below in **Numbers** - We will continue to support the children with the Maths Champion programme.
- 9.5% of our children are at risk or below for **Speaking** - we will use repetitive stories, and playing games which involve repetition of words or phrases.
- 8% at risk or below in **People and Communities** - we will help children to learn positive attitudes and challenge negative attitudes and stereotypes, e.g. using puppets, Persona Dolls, stories and books

## Staff Changes:

We would like to welcome Andy to Honey Pot nursery. Andy has joined our worker bee's team. Andy will be studying his NVQ level 3 in child care.



## Message from central support

We are pleased to inform you we have just recruited another Forest School leader called Karen Brenchley. Karen is joining our team in September and will work part time here with us. Karen is a qualified Forest School Teacher with plenty of knowledge and experience in the sector. The introduction of Karen will allow us to double the amount of Forest School sessions we can provide, meaning more of our children will access Forest School! If your child is due to start Forest school in the Autumn term you will be contacted shortly.

## Welcome to our Honey Pot Family:

Over the past few weeks we have completed enrolments with all our new parents and we would like to say a huge welcome to Honey Pot Nursery. We are looking forward to supporting your little ones grow and learn so much.



*Many Thanks Alison, Fern & team*