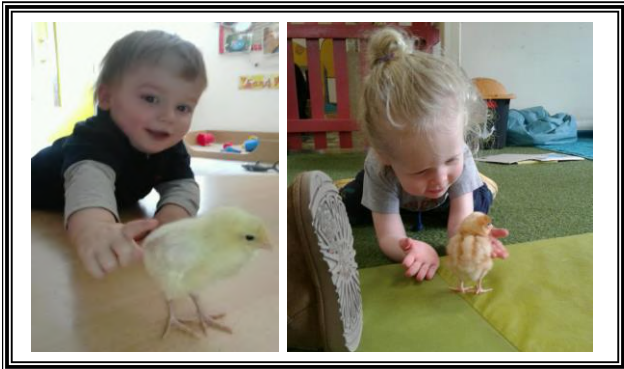


NURSERY NEWS

APRIL 2019



What's been happening?

This month we have been very busy watching our chicks grow. We had a great experience of watching them hatch in the incubator, and taking turns to ensure they are fed and watered. We have also been getting very creative in making some lovely items for our lovely mummies for Mother's Day. Throughout this month we have also had some exciting visitors with our Jumping Jacks teacher Lucy. Our favourite was "Chippie" the dinosaur.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 8th April - Friday 19th April - Half term for all funded only children

Wednesday 17th April - Parent event - Easter Crafts 3.00-4.00pm

Thursday 18th April - Easter Bonnet parade (please bring an Easter Bonnet if your child attends this day)

Friday 19th April - Good Friday - Nursery Closed

Monday 22nd April - Bank holiday Monday - Nursery Closed



Check out our blog for photos of events!

www.honeypotnursery.co.uk

STAFF INFORMATION

This month we welcome Emily to Honey Pot Wavertree. Emily has worked for the company for 9 years working in our Garston and Childwall sites. Emily has come to join the team and take on the role of deputy manager and nursery SENCO. I am sure you will all give her a warm welcome.

WELCOME

We would like to give a warm welcome to all of the new children and their families to Honey Pot Wavertree. We are looking forward to watching your children grow and learn.

STAFF TRAINING

The training accessed by staff this month: -
Behaviour training was attended by Jemma
Persona Dolls training was attended by Carlos
Room leader training session 3 was attended by Michelle, Hannah, Sami, Layla and Kirsty
Heuristic play was attended by Dominique
Enhancing areas of provision was attended by Ellie

EXCLUSION PERIODS

It is very important that all parents stick to our exclusion periods if their children are unwell. This helps us to prevent the spread of infection around the setting. Please also remember that this applies if your child has been given antibiotics, they must be absent from nursery for the first 24 hours. Thanks for your co-operation

FEES

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.

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EYLOG

Over the past few weeks we have been experiencing some problems with the children's photographs being cropped on the eyLog app. We have notified the company and they are working hard to resolve this. In the meantime, please feel free to log onto your account using a desk top computer where you will be able to see the pictures in full. Please remember that you can send home observations through your child's eyLog. This is a great way to share your child's development with the nursery staff and also to ensure that learning developments are not being missed. Please feel free to speak to me or a member of staff should you require support with this.

Also please remember to update your app regularly to avoid missing any important notices.

NURSERY OPEN/CLOSING TIMES

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing a high number of parents arriving late to collect their child/ren, can we please remind you that the nursery opens at 8am closes at 6pm. Please do not enter the building until 8am as we are not insured before this time. Please collect by 5.50pm to give enough time to enter the building and receive a handover from your child/ren's key person. Late fees are now being issued to parents arriving after 6pm. If you child only attends a morning session then the collection time is 1pm. Any parent collecting after this time will also be charged. The afternoon session starts at 1.30pm, any parent dropping off before this time will be charged for the early drop off. Thanks for your co-operation on this matter.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

Room of the month goes to the kitchen. Cathy always works hard to ensure she provides tasty meals for the children, catering for each individual need. Whenever she needs anything, she always uses her own initiative and will go and find it or ensure she makes alternative arrangements.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Employee of the month goes to Jess. Jess has recently come back to the company after finishing her maternity leave and she has settled in great. She is always full of motivation, enthusiasm and great ideas to keep the children engaged.

PARENTS VOTE

Courtney has been voted employee of the month by parents this month. Courtney always has a smile on her face and is always very bubbly and enthusiastic. Courtney is able to follow Sami's lead and try to support the other staff in her room. Courtney has great relationships with her key children and their families.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Big thanks to all the parents and children who took part in world book day fundraising. We raised a fantastic £390. This money has been used to purchase some lovely new books. Keep your eye out to see them displayed around the nursery.

ECO-SCHOOLS

We have recently adopted a turtle called "Terry" as part of our silver award. Kirsty and her team have been working very hard to ensure that everyone is on board. We have recently changed all of our taps in the pre-school toilet to push button taps so that there is minimal water waste and we have purchased a compost bin for the children to use during gardening sessions.

30 FREE CHILDCARE HOURS

The summer term has now started for anyone wanting to claim their funding. If you have missed the deadline date you will now need to apply again for the Autumn term which will start on 1st September. If you would like to access 30 funded hours in September please ensure that you apply online before the deadline date in August and give your eligibility code to myself or Emily with your national insurance number. If you would like to increase your days in September please ensure you let us know as soon as possible, as we have limited spaces left.

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. If you require more information speak a member of staff.

EASY-PEASY PROGRAM

We have been looking over the data from the easy peasy program over the past month and we are very grateful to the parents that have been taking part. If you have not already accessed some of the activities please check out the app as there is some lovely ideas on how you can help your child develop. Please feel free to share your activities with the staff by sending them through your child's eyLog.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

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

Strengths

- 93% of children are in line or above in understanding.
- 99% of children are in line or above in self-confidence & self-awareness
- 89% of children with SEN are in line or above in using media and materials
- 100% of children with SEN are in line with people and their communities
- We are above national and local average in all areas of learning

Areas for improvement

- 27% of boys are at risk or below in numbers
- Number across the nursery needs improving as 21% of all children are below or at-risk

MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We are delighted that we are now part of an employee assistance programme which is delivered by Bupa. Our staff get help, support and advice from qualified professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year should they need it. We are excited to have been invited again to deliver a cooking demonstration at Nursery World North event in May. We will post photographs from the event on our social media platforms closer to the time. We have some exciting "cookbook videos" being posted on our social media over the next few weeks and Mike is always available via Instagram to answer any of your food related queries.

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BUMBLE BEES

This month Bumble Bees hav had fun meeting the baby chicks watching them hatch and holding them. We have also enhanced some areas in our room such as, the home corner, we have added new toys for the babies to explore. We have also welcomed Liv who has come from our Aigburth nursery and is working in our room full time.

HONEY BEES

This month we have had a very eggciting visit from the chicks! We watched them hatch and held them for the first time. We have also enjoyed exploring in our construction area with all our new toys as we noticed the children really enjoyed this area. We have been dressing up as builders and creating our constructions.

BUSY BEES

We have been focusing on Maths this month! We have been doing lots of fun activities around shapes and developing our knowledge on number language. We are also working on enhancing our Maths area to make it fun and exciting for all the children. We have recently been seeing rapid improvement in development!

WORKER BEES

We have had lots of fun reading our favourite stories. We dressed up for World Book Day and spoke about our favourite stories at home. We have continued to focus on our eco schools, thinking about items we can recycle. We are wanting to focus on recycling in greater detail. We have been focusing on different forms of Art. We have looked at different Artist in the Tate museum with the children and they have spent time creating their own master pieces!

Honey Pot team