

NURSERY NEWS

JANUARY 2019



What's been happening?

December was a very busy month for us, we had lots of Christmas activities going on, sing alongs and nativity plays. The children all shared experiences with their family and friends. The children also enjoyed a visit to our Grotto where they were able to take part in making reindeer dust, making tree decorations, visiting Santa and reading some exciting Christmas stories. We ended the year with a special visit from the elves. They came to nursery and played havoc with the nursery resources. This was such fun.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 14th January - Speke Hall Trip for Busy Bees

Thursday 17th January - Trip to Knowsley Safari Park - Honey Bees

Monday 21st January - Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day) - Jewish Holiday

Wednesday 23rd January - Crocky Trail for pre-school

Friday 25th January - Fun town trip for Bumbles



Check out our blog for photos of events!

www.honeypotnursery.co.uk

STAFF INFORMATION

This month we are sad to be saying goodbye to Laura. Laura has worked for Honey Pot Wavertree since we first opened and will be greatly missed by all staff and children. Laura is moving to Australia to start a new life with her partner. We wish her all the best for the future.

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

Training accessed by staff this month:-
EYFS 2 = Chloe, Carlos, Paige, Melissa
Room leader training = Sami, Michelle, Hannah, Kirsty & Layla
Eco-Schools = Kirsty, Fern
Joint Observations = Chloe K & Emma
Time to change = All staff
Safeguarding = All Staff
British Vales = Hannah J
Ofsted Training = All staff

MILLIES MARK AWARD

We are pleased to announce that we have completed the final phase of Millies Mark and are now just waiting for it to be moderated. We will keep you updated of when our certificate arrives. This is something that we are very proud of as there is not many nurseries that have achieved this.

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EY LOG

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.



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.

WINTER CLOTHING

If you have not already done so can you please provide you 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 important that they are appropriately dressed.



THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION

ECO-SCHOOLS

We have recently completed the bronze award for ECO-Schools. We have a number of members on the committee including staff, children and parents, and would be very grateful if any other parents would like to join. If this is something that you feel you could help with please speak to a member of staff. We have the actions plans displayed around the nursery if you would like more information.



ROOM OF THE MONTH

Honey Bees have worked hard to ensure that the new children are settling well and that the ones that have moved to Busy Bees have transitioned well. They have also ensured that all paperwork was completed on time and to a good standard.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Marta always tries hard to carry out her role to the best of her ability. She always ensures that she is very thorough when completing her risk assessments each day, going out before her shift starts to make sure the garden is safe, she also tries hard to welcome new staff and brings great activity ideas to Busy Bees.

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 and closes at 6pm. Please do not enter the building until 8am as we are not insured before. 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 your 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.

RESOURCES

Over the next few weeks you will see some changes being made to the nursery. We have recently just refurbished the sensory room and purchased some lovely new light up toys. We have also made some lovely changes to the Honey Bees room and we will be continuing to invest in more exciting resources over the coming weeks.

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 to a member of staff.

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

99% of children are meeting age related expectations in Listening and Attention

99% of children are meeting age related expectations in Moving and Handling

99% of children are meeting age related expectations in Managing Feelings and Behavior

99% of children are meeting age related expectations in Making Relationships

We are very proud of our achievements in the prime areas of learning as we are exceeding local and national averages

Areas for improvement

Our main area for improvement is Numbers. Although we are exceeding the local average for Liverpool, we are not quite reaching the national average. This will be our main focus for this term.

30 FREE CHILDCARE HOURS

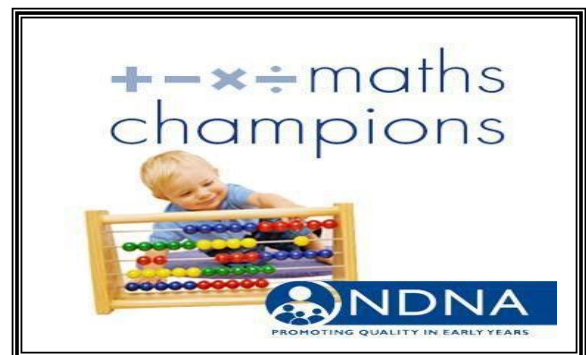
If your child/ren will become eligible for funded 30 hours child care from April and you wish to increase your days please come and speak to me as soon as possible. You will need to apply for your code over the next few weeks to ensure that you don't miss the deadline date. 31st March. Anyone that does miss it will have to wait for the next term to start in September 2019. Please come and speak with me if you require any more information on this. You can go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to apply for your code.

MATHS CHAMPION

As maths is one of our areas for improvement, we have recently signed up to a maths champion course.

Our EYT/EYFS Manager Fern has joined NDNA's award winning Maths Champions programme. This will help build the team's confidence in maths through structured activities and online training. It is:

- Initially a year-long programmed, with the option to extend
- It is led by your 'champion' member of staff to build their confidence in maths
- Practitioners can then further support your children in gaining a stronger foundation in maths from birth upwards.



ROOM NEWS

BUMBLE BEES

Bumble Bees have been taking part in lots of physical development activities helping the babies to pull themselves up onto furniture and encouraging the older children in the room to walk. This has been helping the children to build strength in their legs. We have also been taking part in lots of sensory play, exploring dried cornflakes, coco powder, and play dough.

HONEY BEES

The Honey Bees children had lots of fun taking part in messy play activities, these included shredded paper, and coloured gloop. Ashleigh's key group took part in a "polar express" activity where they explored ice, with trains and small world houses. This activity won activity of the week! The children have also been making Christmas cards and calendars for their loved ones.

BUSY BEES

Busy bees have been learning how to recycle this month. We have started a plod on how to turn old material into new objects. We have also had lots of fun categorising objects and matching them into the correct baskets.

WORKER BEES

The pre-school children enjoyed learning all about the Christmas story. We learnt about the different roles of the three kings, shepherds, angel and Mary & Joseph during the birth of Jesus. The children then split up into groups and performed the play exceptionally well in front of the parents. During the month we also practiced our writing skills, while writing letters to Santa and Christmas cards to our friends. The highlight of each day though was seeing what snow angel the elf had be getting up to during the night.

Lisa, Chelsea & team

