

NURSERY NEWS

MARCH 2019



What's been happening?

This month we have had lots of fun activities. We spent Valentines Day getting messy with our parents, taking part in making some yummy cakes, decorating cards and getting messy with red play dough. We have also had lots of fun celebrating Chinese New Year, learning about the year of the pig. We were able to work hard at trying to write in chinese using black paint, we tasted some chinese food and watched the Chinese dragon dancing through the streets.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 1st: St. David's Day

Tuesday 5th: Shrove Tuesday - children will be taking part in making some yummy pancakes

Thursday 7th: World Book Day - Children and staff are welcome to come to nursery dressed as their favorite character

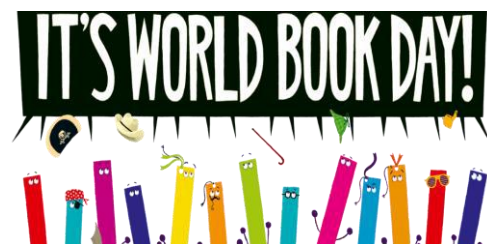
Tuesday 12th: Worker bees' trip to Catalyst museum

Monday 18th: St. Patrick's Day Celebration- All staff and children are welcome to wear green

Friday 22nd: Busy's trip to Acorn Farm

Monday 25th: Bumbles trip to Jungle Fun

Wednesday 27th: Honey's Trip to Ainsdale beach



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 at our Childwall site before during work experience. Emily will be working across all rooms in the nursery to gain knowledge and experience throughout gaining her NVQ Level 2. We are sure you will make her feel very 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

EYFS 3 was attended by Carlos & Chloe T
Working with toddlers was attended by Jemma & Paige

Room leader training (session 2) was attended by Michelle, Hannah, Sami, Layla & Kirsty
Working with babies was attended by Dominique
The Prevent Duty was attended by Melissa, Chloe H, Paige, Carlos, Taslima & Chloe T.

EXCLUSION PERIODS

It is very important that all parents adhere 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 prescribed antibiotics, they must be absent from nursery for the first 24hr. Thanks for your co-operation

FEES

Just another reminder that fees must be paid in advance of childcare accessed. Your fees

REMINDERS

HONEY POT EY LOG

Over the past few weeks we have been experiencing some problems with the children's photographs being cropped on the EY log 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 desktop 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. 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

must be paid by the agreed date on your contract to avoid any late charges.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

Busy bees - Busy bees have had great feedback from parents over the past few weeks which is lovely to hear. They have also competed all trackers and from this information produced very detailed assessments and experiences for children.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Carlos - Carlos has provided excellent experiences and planned activities for his key children. He is enthusiastic about furthering his professional development and has signed up to be the nursery PANCO and has recently enrolled on the SENCO Award.

PARENTS VOTE FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Over the past month I have been approached by parents asking to nominate a staff member for employee of the month. This month I was asked to give a special mention to Emma who works in our Busy bee's room. Emma had helped settle the children into their rooms and gave lots of support to the family, reassuring them on drop off and collection. Well done Emma.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children are welcome to come to nursery dressed up as their favorite character and bring in their favorite book. We will be sending out sponsor forms for your children to be sponsored, all money raised will go towards some lovely new books for the nursery.

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.

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 lucky enough to be chosen to take part in an "easy-peasy" program to help develop children's communication and language. The program will start on 9th March for 20 weeks and is aimed at children between 2&4yrs. Each week you will be sent a new activity to carry out at home with your children. You are able to feedback to us what your thoughts are and the development it has had on your child. We can't wait to get started and see the difference this will make.

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. We are currently working towards our silver award.

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

Areas for improvement

- Our upcoming focus is number especially with our boys as our data shows out children are needing most support in this area

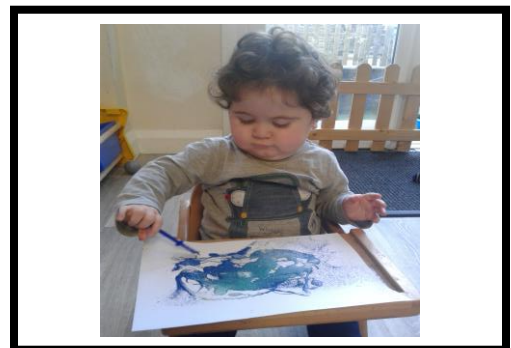
MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

We are currently undertaking training to enable us to have PANCo's in each of our nurseries. These are Physical Activity and Nutrition Co-Ordinator's. The introduction of these coordinators will enable us to further improve the provision for physical activity, support parents to understand the importance of physical activity and further build on our already outstanding nutritional meals. We look forward to working with you on these new projects and would like to thank you in advance for your support.

ROOM NEWS

BUMBLE BEES

Bumble Bees have been focusing on messy play this month encouraging the children to explore their different senses. They have explored in paint, sand, jelly and rice. The children were encouraged to repeat single words where appropriate and use different tools to make marks and move the materials from different areas. Bumble bees have also been learning about music and how to move to different beats.



HONEY BEES

Honey Bees have been celebrating Valentine's day this month, we enjoyed cake decorating with our parents and creating some art work to make our cards. We also took part in celebrating Chinese New Year, exploring different types of food in the messy tray. Towards the end of the month we used our construction area to dress up as builders and use the blocks to build our own construction sites. Whilst doing this we used our number skills to count each block when building towers before knocking the down again



BUSY BEES

Busy bees have been learning about Room on the Broom story this month. They have taken part in lots of creative activities and discussing what happens next in the story to promote communication and language skills. They have also enjoyed learning about different animals, reading the story Rumble in the Jungle, going on a trip to Walton Hall Gardens and listening to the sounds they make and trying to repeat them

WORKER BEES

Worker Bees have been focusing on numbers and letters this month. We have been looking at numerals and quantities focusing on the number of objects in a group. We have explored this through play dough and pebbles. We have also been identifying letters from our names. And beginning to form recognizable letters. We have used a wide range of materials to do this. We have made lots of progress with our writing skills and number recognition over the past few weeks.



*Lisa and
the Honey Pot team*

