



Nursery News

April 2020



What's Been Happening?



We started March off celebrating St. David's Day! The children enjoyed creating their own dragons and their very own interpretation of daffodils. We explored traditional Welsh music and learnt some key words in Welsh or Cymraeg too! The children also enjoyed exploring a variety of exciting activities for World maths day including number hunts and shape matching! For World book day the children all brought in their favourite story to share with everyone and some of the children also enjoyed dressing up as their favourite character. They explored themed activities including a snail & the whale tuff tray & the tiger who came for tea. For British Science week the children explored some exciting activities including making exploding volcanoes and rain clouds!! For Holi the children enjoyed exploring colour in different ways such as painting with balloons full of paint and splatting them onto the paper. The children enjoyed getting active during sport relief with activities such as football, an egg & spoon race & completing obstacle courses. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day, exploring themed tuff trays & listening to traditional Irish music. For the last part of the month we welcomed some 'eggstra' special visitors. The children were very excited to see the chicks hatch, and all took turns to carefully hold them and feed them. March ended with upheaval & uncertainty due to the growing ongoing threat of the coronavirus. We would like to thank all of our staff for being so consistent & supportive to all of their children & families at this difficult time.

Coming up this Month

April is national pet month - Why not share some pictures of your beloved pets with us on eylog!

- 2nd - World Autism Awareness day
- 5th - Palm Sunday
- 6th - Bee active, Bee healthy, Bee happy week starts - The running bee foundation focuses on a healthy lifestyle, why not give it a go and share some pictures with us!
- 7th - World Health day
- 10th - Good Friday - Nursery Closed
- 12th - Easter Sunday
- 13th - Easter Monday - Nursery Closed
- 13th - Vaisakhi - a historical and religious festival in Hinduism and Sikhism
- 21st - Queen's Birthday - Why not make a special birthday card to send to the Queen?
- 22nd - Earth day
- 23rd - Ramadan
- 23rd - St George's day
- 24th - National skipping day
- 27th - National gardening week - What gardening will you do, why not share with us on eylog, whether it is pruning your roses or growing cress!
- 29th - Stop food waste day
- 30th - International Jazz day

* Keep a look out for parent challenges set relating to these events! *

Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at

<http://blog.honeypotnursery.co.uk>



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Room News (Baby Bees)



Baby Bees have continued to show a huge interest in animals & dinosaurs. They have particularly enjoyed exploring these through messy play & themed tuff trays.

They loved the different themed activities that they explored for World Book Day including activities based on 'Dear Zoo', 'Peppa pig', 'That's not my...' books & 'The snail & the whale'.

Sarah-Louise & Becky have also been supporting the children in developing their physical skills with many of Baby Bees attempting to crawl, walk & also feed themselves!

Room News (Honey Bees)



Honey Bees have especially enjoyed exploring the outdoors over the last month, including a lovely pram walk to the park where the children helped to feed the ducks and pointed out the beautiful flowers they could see growing.

The children have also enjoyed exploring the home corner often, dressing up as different occupations which included honey pot staff!

When celebrating St. Patrick's Day, the children particularly enjoyed listening to Irish music and moving along to it in their own way.

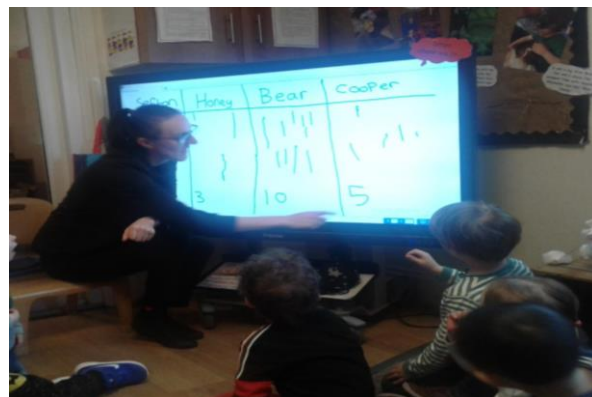
Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have had a very busy March! They have enjoyed many cooking themed activities including making gingerbread men and cookies and preparing Greek flat bread for everyone. They have also focused on planting & growing including growing cress, planting sunflower seeds to welcome Spring & planting seeds to grow a beautiful flower for Mother's Day. They explored many themed tuff tray activities for World book day including the tiger who came for tea and the Gruffalo.

The children also enjoyed challenging their physical abilities for sport relief week, completing obstacle courses and completing an egg & spoon race.

Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees welcomed a new addition to their home corner, a pet pug! They all held a group vote over what they should name the pug & the winning name was 'Bear'!

The children have focused on occupations over the last month, in particular fire fighters; they have discussed the different parts of a fire engine and what we would do when we hear a fire alarm go off.

The children have also explored different science experiments that taught us about the importance of hand hygiene, including one involving pepper & soap!!



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Birthdays

Baby Bees:

Orla's birthday is on the 17th

Evelyn's birthday is on the 21st

Scarlett's birthday is on the 25th

Honey Bees:

Theodore's birthday is on the 2nd

Busy Bees:

Noah's birthday is on the 3rd

Worker Bees:

Miles' birthday is on the 14th

George's birthday is on the 15th

Vincent's birthday is on the 19th

Sienna's birthday is on the 26th



Staff Information

Upcoming Staff Holidays

Fatima will be on annual leave on the 16th & 17th

Zahra will be on annual leave on the 23rd & 24th



Staff Training

Staff training has currently been suspended due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19. However, our staff team are accessing online training to keep their knowledge up to date as well as learning new skills.

Nicole, Abbie & Courtney continue to study for their level 3 qualification & Chloe is beginning to study for her level 2 qualification.



Children's Progress

MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS FEBRUARY 2020

At our most recent analysis, noticeable progress was made in all areas of development across the whole nursery, including 8.5% of children being above typical development in speaking & 16% of children being above typical development in making relationships. There was a 3% increase in progress in moving & handling in boys, a 5% increase in progress in writing in girls, a 25% increase in progress in listening & attention in children with SEN & a 50% increase in progress in speaking for children with EAL. We have recently updated an action of plan of what we intend to implement in order to support the children in progressing further. You will also see parent challenges set by your child/ren's room & management in support of this.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE END OF JUNE 2020

Employee of the month

Abbie

Abbie has been proactive in sharing ideas for them to use at home with parents through eblog and our parent Facebook group. Abbie has also shown lots of enthusiasm for her panko role, setting challenges for parents to complete with the children at home & giving lots of tips to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Well done Abbie!

Room of the Month

Worker Bees

Worker Bees have worked exceptionally hard in ensuring that their children are provided with ideas to use at home so that their learning is not interrupted. They have posted many ideas for parents to follow as well as creating home learning packs for the children. This all whilst ensuring they have been a consistent support to the children in nursery & their parents as needed. Well done Nicole, Kelly & Abbie.



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Message from central support

We would just like to thank you for the many lovely messages of support we've received over the last week or so. We've been overwhelmed by the kindness of so many of you and it's lovely to know how valued the service we provide is to you. We are already missing the children who haven't been attending, the nurseries feel strangely quiet and we are missing hearing their squeals of excitement and chatter. We can't wait for normality to resume and to have all of our Honey Pot family back together! Check out our social media pages which we will be regularly updating with information and ideas for activities you can do at home.

Most importantly... stay safe, stay strong and stay at home! Xx

Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to do

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Other Information

- * 30 hours - Don't forget to renew your eligibility code every 3 months as required
- * Just a reminder that we have a parent's group on Facebook, please search **Honey Pot Aigburth Parents** to request to join. Staff are sharing lots of ideas for your children to do at home. Also don't forget to follow Honey Pot's main social media pages too for lots of ideas & updates.
- * Don't forget that there are lots of ideas online to support your children in understanding the importance of hand hygiene.



- * Please be aware that during the ongoing covid-19 pandemic our Aigburth nursery is temporarily closed. We have joined up with our Garston site. Childcare is being provided to children whose parents are essential key workers. Aigburth's management team are still contactable on the usual email and eylog. If you wish to contact via telephone, please call our Garston site on 0151 3052023

Fatima, Sarah and team xx



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