



Nursery News

July 2020



What's Been Happening?



We were all absolutely delighted to see so many of our children back in Aigburth throughout June. The children have been amazing settling back in & were so excited to see all of the staff & their friends again! The children & their families have adapted well to all the changes in nursery due to covid-19 & we would like to thank you all for co-operating so brilliantly!

We have celebrated lots of events & explored some wonderful activities over the last month.

We have celebrated pride month by engaging in lots of colourful activities & discussing our different family setups & similarities & differences between us.

For best friends' day we discussed what we like about our friends & how we are kind to each other, we all made our friends special cards to show how much they mean to us.

On world oceans day we explored the different marine life that live in our oceans. We talked about how we can work together to look after the sea life in our environment & the children explore themed water play involving polluted waters. We tied this in with a fantastic story by Jude Lennon which Honey Pot have proudly sponsored called "That's our home".

We also celebrated wellbeing week & diabetes week, taking part in yoga & mindfulness sessions & testing out some of Donna's yummy diabetes friendly creations including her fabulous brownies!!

Coming up this Month

It's national picnic month, why not go on a picnic with your family & send us pictures of the lovely area you are in or if the weather isn't great, why not have a picnic at home? You can even invite the teddy bears!



It is also **plastic free July!** As you know we are on a mission to become plastic free in nursery. Why not join in at home? Visit <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>



1st - Talk to us - The Samaritans are challenging the UK to become better listeners. Lend a listening ear to someone today!

1st - Clean beaches week begins. Why not take the time to help keep our beautiful beaches clean, you could get a special certificate for your effort!

4th - Independence day

25th - National Marine Week - celebrating the wonderful marine life found in seas across the UK.

28th - Hajj begins

30th - World friendship day

31st - Flag day in Hawaii

Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at

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



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Room News (Baby Bees)



Our Baby Bees children have settled back in at Aigburth brilliantly! They have been very busy exploring lots of wonderful things!

They have particularly enjoyed making marks in paint, exploring kinetic sand & exploring the light up pebbles & stackers, they were fascinated by the different colours as they changed!

The children have shown a big interest in bubbles & have enjoyed trying to catch & pop them as they float through the air!

Room News (Honey Bees)



Our Honey Bees children have been fascinated with water play and the home corner this month. They have spent lots of time dressing up & pretending to make dinner & feed the baby dolls! They have particularly enjoyed exploring the stethoscope and using the rotary phone to ring 'Mummy' & 'Daddy'!

They have also enjoyed lots of water play, including filling and emptying containers, splashing & creating bubbles and popping them!

Honey Bees are very excited to welcome some new friends over the next month including Dorothy & Rian!

Room News (Busy Bees)



Our Busy Bees children have been very busy celebrating lots of wonderful things throughout June! They enjoyed a themed tuff tray for world oceans day & discussed looking after our marine life. They also enjoyed a variety of experiments for world science week; they particularly enjoyed the volcano and balloon experiment! They also explored a variety of colour activities in celebration of pride month, where they also discussed their families & the similarities & differences between them.

There are many of our children in Busy Bees who are now toilet training & are all doing extremely well so far!

Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees have had lots of fun exploring our brand new 'Look out' in the garden! They have role played different scenarios in the look out whilst using the telephone & telescope & ringing the bell to alert everyone!

Worker Bees have also been learning about sun safety, discussing what they need to wear in the warm weather to protect them & they all had a try at applying sun cream on our dolls & dressing them in sun hats to shade them from the hot sun!

The children also enjoyed learning about our marine life on world oceans day; they explored a themed water tray of 'polluted water' & rescued the sea life from the water & all worked together to make the water clean again!



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Birthdays

Baby Bees:

Georgia's birthday is on the 7th

Mason's birthday is on the 31st

Honey Bees:

Lucas' birthday is on the 1st

Harriet's birthday is on the 7th

Joshua's birthday is on the 11th

Busy Bees:

Ivor's birthday is on the 2nd

Worker Bees:

Edward B's birthday is on the 17th

Freya's birthday is on the 27th



Children's Progress

MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS JUNE 2020

At our most recent analysis, great progress was made in all areas of development across the whole nursery. 7.5% of children across the whole nursery are above typical development in making relationships & 6% of children across the whole nursery are above typical development in listening & attention. There was a 6% increase in progress in managing feelings & behaviour in boys, an 8% increase in progress in health & self-care in girls & a 25% increase in progress in speaking in children with SEN. EAL children are developing typically in all areas as are children in receipt of 2 year funding. 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 AUGUST 2020

Staff Information

Staff Holidays

Leanne - 29th June - 3rd July

Sarah-Louise - 29th June - 3rd July

Zahra - 6th July

Amy - 13th - 17th July

Jenny - 20th - 28th July

Sarah - 27th - 31st July

Donna - 27th July - 7th August

Staff Training

Staff continue to have access to online training.

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



Employee of the month

Chloe

Chloe was only with us for a very short time before lockdown began. During lockdown, Chloe was very proactive in completing training that is beneficial to her role. Since returning to work when Aigburth reopened, Chloe has really developed in her role, developing great relationships with the children in her care & she has a fantastic positive manner with them too. Well done Chloe!



A big thanks also to the rest of the fabulous Aigburth team who have still been working throughout the pandemic & also those who have returned to work when Aigburth reopened in June. They have all done a fantastic job of settling the children into nursery again & ensuring that they are well cared for & have lots of fun in nursery!



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Message from central support

June has been a lovely month settling some of our children back into nursery. We are very much looking forward to more children joining us in July!

In July we are able to welcome back some more familiar faces as we are excited to welcome back diddikicks, yoga bears and forest school! All sessions will be outside and each activity has been jointly risk assessed and agreed measures are put in place. I'm sure the children will be delighted to see these familiar faces back with us!

Our wonderful maintenance team have been busy in June creating and enhancing new areas and resources for our children. From the lookout tower at Aigburth to the new hobbit hole at Childwall, all nurseries are looking fantastic!

We now have a YouTube channel where we can share videos of our nursery. We have recently created virtual tours of each of our sites, feel free to subscribe to the channel and share these wonderful videos with family and friends.



Other Information

* Make sure you check out our new & improved website!

<https://honeypotnursery.co.uk/>

* We have a parents 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.

* Just a reminder of the new measures that are in place at nursery, please refer to the parent guide that was sent out recently. If there is anything you are unsure of please contact Fatima or Sarah.

* We are hoping to continue to do video calls to keep in touch with children who are not currently attending & their parents too, if you would like to book a video call, please email or call Fatima to arrange a time slot.

* If your child has recently turned 3, they may be eligible for 30 hours funding from September. Visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for more information & to see if you are eligible. Please also remember that it is important to renew your code if you are already receiving funding.

Childcare
Choices

Are you eligible for
30 hours for your 3 or
4 year old?



HM Government

Find out more at
[childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Fatima, Sarah and the Aigburth team

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