



# Nursery News

## June 2020



### What's Been Happening?



During May, we were still joined with our Garston site. Although a little quieter than usual, it was still a fabulous month full of lovely activities for the children to experience.

We celebrated national space day; the children loved creating their own planets & space rocks! We also spoke about our favourite books for children's book week & did activities relating to them including a Gruffalo hunt!

Some of our younger children enjoyed doing sing & sign, learning new signs for key words as part of national deaf awareness week.

We had lots of fun taking part in different planting & growing activities for children's gardening week. The children spoke in detail about how we look after plants such as making sure they have plenty of sun & water!



We are very excited to be back at Aigburth from the 1<sup>st</sup> June & we cannot wait to see all of our children & families as they return!!

### Coming up this Month

It's Pride month this month, how do you celebrate pride? Share your pictures & videos with us!



**6th - National bike week** - Have you been using a bike more recently? We would love to see some pictures & videos of you on a bike ride!

**8th - National best friends day** - We will be learning about friendship in nursery.

**8<sup>th</sup> - World Oceans Day** - We will be learning about oceans & ocean life around the world & what we can do to protect them.

**8<sup>th</sup> - Diabetes awareness week**

**19th - World Music Day** - We will be learning about different types of music from all over the world in celebration of world music day on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**20<sup>th</sup> - National School Sport Week** - We will be having our own sporting events in our bubbles with our friends. What was your favourite event in school?

**21<sup>st</sup> - Father's Day**

**22<sup>nd</sup> - World wellbeing week** - We will be learning & trying different techniques to support our wellbeing.

**24<sup>th</sup> - National writing day**

**29<sup>th</sup> - Children's art week**



Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at

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



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## Room News (Baby & Honey Bees)



Our Baby & Honey Bees children have been very busy learning lots of new things & celebrating different events. For national deaf awareness week, the children participated in learning new signs to use, including the signs for "all gone" & "more".



The children have also enjoyed themed activities each week based on a different nursery rhyme including humpty dumpty, 5 little ducks & baa baa black sheep. The children have learnt lots of new animal sounds & words during their play.



Honey Bees are excited to welcome some new friends this month, Harriet & Stanley!

## Room News (Busy & Worker Bees)



Our Busy & Worker Bees children have been very busy celebrating Eid, national space day & children's gardening week. For Eid they made some colourful decorations with Zahra, which they stuck up on the windows for everyone to see!



The children also enjoyed making their own planets & space rocks in celebration of national space day. The children also did a rocket experiment & were amazed at how high the rocket went. They also explored some yucky, gooey alien slime!



Worker Bees are excited to welcome several new friends this month, Audrey, Joseph, Niall, Kayden & Sebastian!



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## Birthdays

### Baby Bees:

Arlo's birthday is on the 18<sup>th</sup>

### Honey Bees:

Dorothy's birthday is on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Julia's birthday is on the 15<sup>th</sup>

### Busy Bees:

Rosie's birthday is on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Worker Bees:

Joseph & Niall's birthday is on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Esa's birthday is on the 20<sup>th</sup>

### Staff:

Amy's birthday is on the 9<sup>th</sup>



## 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

## Staff Information

This month, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Becky. Becky has been a wonderful member of the Aigburth team & we will be very sad to see her leave. Becky is taking an extremely exciting leap & moving to Wolverhampton. We wish her lots of luck with her move & future & will miss her very much!!

### Staff Training

Staff have been taking part in voluntary online training that is beneficial for their role including 2 year checks, infection control, social distancing, challenging gender stereotypes & more. 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

### Leanne

Leanne has been doing lots of work to support children from our 0-2 rooms who have not been attending nursery, through making activity books & providing information & tips for parents as well as frequently keeping in touch through our parent group, eylog & video calls.

Leanne has also provided lots of lovely activities for the children attending nursery based on their favourite nursery rhymes or songs & she has also set this as a challenge for children to do at home with their parents.

Well done Leanne!



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## Message from central support

A huge welcome back to all of our children who have returned to from June 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been delighted to hear more little voices and see more smiling faces around the nurseries. We look forward to welcoming back the rest of the children shortly! We are currently putting together plans for the graduation ceremony for our school leavers. Every year we hold a big celebration event where the children get together with their families and celebrate graduation. Due to social distancing restrictions, the logistics of this will have to be different this year but we are working on making it an enjoyable experience for everyone. More details to follow soon.



## Other Information

- \* Make sure you check out our new & improved website! <https://honeypotnursery.co.uk/>
- \* 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.
- \* 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.

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30 hours for your 3 or  
4 year old?



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**Fatima, Sarah and  
the Aigburth team xx**



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