



Nursery News

August 2020



What's Been Happening?



July saw the return of many more of our children as well as some new children! Everyone has settled into nursery so well & have been busy enjoying lots of exciting experiences!

A big focus throughout July was plastic free month, clean beaches week & national marine life day. The children explored a variety of themed activities & talked about how we can keep our beaches clean & keep marine life safe.



We also celebrated Independence Day, making some wonderful firework creations and friendship day where we talked about our friends and what we like about them & how they make us feel. We also said a sad farewell to some of our school leaver children who finished for the summer holidays but at least we will be able to celebrate their time in nursery at our upcoming virtual graduation ceremony.

Coming up this Month

5th - **Play Day** - Celebrating the importance of play in children's lives



6th - **Cycle to work day** - Why not cycle to work or nursery or just a simple scenic ride! Share your pictures with us of your journey!

8th - **International cat day** - Do you have a precious cat at home? We would love to hear all about it!

8th - **School leavers graduation ceremony** 11.30am - As you may all know, our ceremony is being held virtually this year due to Covid. I am sure we will make it just as memorable as the rest! Please keep your eyes peeled for a link to access the ceremony with your children.



9th - **Book Lovers Day** - What's your favourite book? Why not share it with us on eylog?

10th - **Afternoon Tea Week**

10th - **World Lion Day**

12th - **World Elephant Day**

13th - **International left handers day**

19th - **World photo day**

19th - **World humanitarian day**

26th - **International Dog day** - We would love to see and hear about your precious pooches at home!

29th - **Tour De France**

31st - **Summer Bank Holiday** - Nursery Closed

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 been extremely busy exploring over the last month! They have enjoyed making marks in paint by dropping objects from a height, exploring themed tuff trays and also exploring different textures including foam, cloud dough and mud.

Room News (Honey Bees)



Our Honey Bees children have shown lots of interest in animals and construction themed activities over the past month. They have spent lots of time engaging in different animal themed activities and especially enjoy mimicking the sounds of the animals! They have also enjoyed exploring another one of their favourite places, the home corner, pretending to look after the baby dolls and make tea for their friends. Honey Bees have also welcomed a new friend to the room, Charlotte, we hope she has lots of fun with us.

Room News (Busy Bees)



Our Busy Bees children love cooking and baking at the moment! They could certainly give the master chef contestants some serious competition! They have made lots of wonderful creations including pitta breads, biscuits & pinwheels. They have become experts at following recipes and measuring out the correct amount for each ingredient needed.

Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees have been busy perfecting their yoga & mindfulness skills. Each week when Laura comes, she teaches the children new poses and breathing techniques. They have also shown lots of interest in climbing and balancing, frequently using the climbing frame & working together to build obstacle courses to complete. Some of the children have been getting excited for their upcoming adventure of their new school in September. They have talked about their new teachers and uniform!



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Birthdays

Baby Bees:

Henry's birthday is on the 8th

Honey Bees:

Louis' birthday is on the 27th

Busy Bees:

Lucy's birthday is on the 4th

Worker Bees:

Estefano's birthday is on the 3rd

Alana's birthday is on the 24th

Stanley's birthday is on the 25th

Staff:

Kelly's birthday is on the 2nd



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 OCTOBER 2020

Staff Information

We will soon bid farewell to one of our staff members. Amy has secured a fantastic opportunity in a new role outside of Honey Pot. We wish her lots of luck in her new career!

We will also be welcoming a new face to the team, Rebecca, who will be doing her childcare apprenticeship with us.

Staff Holidays

Donna - 3rd - 14th

Leanne - 10th - 14th

Abbie - 7th

Frankie - 7th, 13th & 14th

Fatima - 17th - 21st

Chloe - 17th - 28th

Zahra - 24th - 28th

Staff 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

Sarah-Louise

Since returning to work, Sarah-Louise has provided the children with some exciting new activities which have many benefits for all areas of development as well as being lots of fun! Sarah-Louise has shared her ideas & practice with staff across all our nurseries as well as researching courses in her own time to further her knowledge. Well done!



Room of the month

Busy Bees

Busy bees staff work hard every day to ensure the children have consistency, are always learning something new every day & engage in exciting activities. The staff really pay attention to every child's individual interests & development & adapt their practice & activities accordingly. Well done Sarah & Zahra.



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Message from central support

"Honey Pot Nursery Group has acquired Little Miracles Pre-School in Garston. It is located on the site of Bridge Chapel on Heath Road. This is an exciting new venture for us as we will be offering breakfast club, after school club and holiday club in addition to full nursery day care for 2-4 year olds. It is undergoing refurbishment currently as we open it's doors on 1st September 2020. It's going to be a busy few weeks! If you would like more information please email childcare@honeypotnursery.co.uk"

September Fee increases & children's funding

You will have all recently received correspondence regarding the fee increase in September. We are currently in the process of confirming new fee amounts for your children from September so you can amend your payment method accordingly. If you have not yet received your amount or are unsure of your fee amount given, then please contact us as soon as possible. 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. If you are not eligible for 30 hours, your child will still receive 15 hours funding. We are currently in the process of producing funding invoices for your child and you will receive these shortly. If you have any queries in regard to how funding works, then please do not hesitate to contact Fatima or Sarah.



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.

* Don't forget we also 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.



** Just a reminder of the newer measures that are in place at nursery due to covid-19, please refer to the parent guide that was sent out recently.

In addition to this, please remember that children's accident forms & medication forms are now completed on eylog, if your child has an accident in nursery you will get a notification & please remember to inform staff if your child has had any medicine or accidents prior to nursery, you can do this via eylog or by calling the nursery. If there is anything you are unsure of please contact Fatima or Sarah.

Fatima, Sarah and the Aigburth team

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