



# Nursery News

## October 2020



### What's Been Happening?



This month we have all settled back into nursery and welcomed a few new faces to the Honey Pot family! The children have all been so happy to come back to nursery and have really enjoyed being with their friends again.

The staff have been very busy providing excellent activities to keep the children happy and engaged! We have celebrated some wonderful event days, such as Roald Dahl Day, Healthy eating week, World peace day, Pirate day and Harvest Festival.

Baby bees and Honey bees have welcomed back Caterpillar music, Busy bees have been enjoying Boogie Tots and Preschool have been showing off their skills at Yoga Bears, Diddi Kicks and have loved attending Forest school again!

### Coming up this Month

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Sukkot (Jewish Festival)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**- World Smile day and World Animal (Both on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> being celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup>)

**5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** -Early Years Wellbeing week and Dyslexia Awareness week

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**-National Braille Week

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**- International Astronomy day

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**- World Teacher Day

**6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** - Walk to school week

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**-Arbeen begins (Islamic festival)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**- International day of the girl (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> being celebrated on Monday)

**14 -19<sup>th</sup>**- World Chocolate week and National Baking week

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**- World Food day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**- National Nursery Practitioner Day

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**- Mawlid al-Nabi

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**- National Cat day

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**-Halloween celebrations and party; Children can dress up in Halloween costumes

**This month we will also be celebrating and learning about;**

\*Black history month

\*Breast cancer awareness month

\*School library month

\*The Big Draw'

\*\* Please remember it is half term the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> October, if your child attends nursery on a funded hours only basis, they will not attend nursery this week. \*\*

Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at  
<http://blog.honeypotnursery.co.uk>



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## Room News (Baby Bees)



We have been welcoming lots of new faces within our baby room this month! The staff have been working well in forming bonds with the new children and settling them into the new room.

The children have been exploring special activities such as a texture tuff tray to celebrate Harvest festival and a calming green tea play dough in celebration of 'International Day of Peace'

## Room News (Honey Bees)



Honey bees have been very busy this month celebrating some wonderful event days, we had a wonderful Roald Dahl themed tray and a tasting tray in celebration of 'The very hungry caterpillar!'

The children have also enjoyed our new light up sensory ball pool, this has been a huge hit, they have been fascinated by the lights and the different textures of the pool and balls.

## Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy bees have been exploring lots of space themed story books recently, such as 'What is it like in space?' and 'My Pet Star'

The children have also been investigating the season change and having lots of Autumn themed activities; the children explored mud painting with different natural objects.

## Room News (Worker Bees)



To ensure our children can still celebrate their birthdays with their friends we have held some fantastic birthday parties in worker bees. The children have had very special days, we've had lots of party games, some fantastic dancing and very special visitors!

The children have been enjoying attending Forest school and exploring the environment and changes in nature. We have been on acorn hunts, spotted lots of squirrels and enjoyed some tasty treats by the camp fire!



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## Birthdays

### Baby Bees:

Adam's birthday is on the 14th

### Honey Bees:

Raphael's birthday is on the 13th

### Busy Bees:

Freya's birthday is on the 17<sup>th</sup>

Ava's birthday is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Worker Bees:

Oscar's birthday is on the 5<sup>th</sup>

Belle's birthday is on the 21<sup>st</sup>

Jack's birthday is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Emily's birthday is on the 26<sup>th</sup>

Ewan's birthday is on the 28<sup>th</sup>

Ella's birthday is on the 28<sup>th</sup>

Theo's birthday is on the 30<sup>th</sup>



## Staff Information

We sadly say goodbye to Leanne as she has been offered a promotion in one of our other sites; Leanne has always been a fantastic member of staff who fully deserves a promotion in her role. We wish her lots of luck in her new role. Congratulations are also in order for Zahra; with Leanne's departure, she has been offered a promotion to room leader of Honey Bees, Zahra has become an extremely valued & experienced member of the team & we are sure she will excel in her new role.

### Staff Holidays

Nicole - 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Sarah - 2<sup>nd</sup>

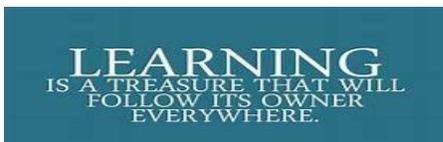
Natalie - 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Courtney - 13<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Rebecca - 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

### Staff Training

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



## 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

## Employee of the month

### Courtney

Courtney has been working well to work through and advance in her training towards her Level 3. Courtney has worked well in Busy bees and adapted her practice in working with toddlers. Courtney has been creating some lovely activities to investigate with the children. Well done Courtney!



## Room of the month

### Busy Bees

Busy bees staff have been working hard to enhance their room and create lovely areas for the children to explore. Nicole, Zahra and Courtney are constantly providing the children with fun and exciting activities to stimulate their minds and development. The children are always happy and have settled in well in their new room. Well done girls!



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## Message from central support

We are delighted to have all of our children return to us for full reopening in September. It's lovely to see everyone again. We would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding over the last few months with regard to the extra measures we have put in place to control the spread of coronavirus. We know it must be frustrating at times but we appreciate your cooperation.

We are delighted to be able to welcome back some of our extra activities such as Caterpillar Music, Yoga Bears, Diddikicks and French Pete. The children are enjoying the reintroduction of these with of course the continuation of Forest School.

We hope you and your families are well!

## Reminders

\* Just a reminder of nursery session times, the children cannot enter the nursery setting before 8am. If your child is doing a morning session then they must be collected by 1pm. Afternoon session children must not enter the site before 1pm. All children must be collected by 1pm/6pm or a late fee charge may apply. If you are running late then please ring the nursery or the play rooms to inform the staff of this.

\* If your child has recently turned 3, they may be eligible for 30 hours funding from January. 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. 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 parent's group on Facebook, please search **Honey Pot Aigburth Parents** to request to join. Staff are sharing lots of ideas! 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 measures that are in place at nursery due to covid-19, all parents must wear a mask when dropping up and picking up their children, the children will wash their hands upon arrival and be taken to their play rooms by a member of staff.

\*\*To limit the time spent in contact with staff at the front door handovers to parents will be limited, staff will send out messages on eylog if they wish to discuss anything with you or pass more information on.

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 xx



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