



Nursery News

December 2020



What's Been Happening?



We started off this month celebrating 'Bonfire night' the children engaged in lots of themed play such as creating edible sparklers and creating messy firework pictures! We focused on Remembrance Day, exploring the symbol of the poppy as well as celebrating and raising money for Children in need! The children took part in a pyjama day and lots of Pudsey Bear themed play!

In the middle of the month we celebrated the festival of Diwali! The children explored colour and light, creating rangoli patterns and Diya's with salt dough.

We had plenty of exciting tuff trays when exploring Road safety week and Nursery rhyme week! We had a terrific traffic light tuff tray! Baby bees also enjoy lots of water play for 'Row, row, row the boat!'

We have been celebrating lots of children's birthdays this month and making their day very special!

At the end of the month all of the rooms worked very hard to create wonderful content for our first ever Christmas Video!

Coming up this Month

This month we will also be celebrating and learning about:

1st December- Advent begins/Christingle

4th December -Elf day!

4th December- International Cheetah Day

6th December- St Nicholas Day

10th-18th December- Hanukkah

11th December- Christmas Jumper Day

18th December- Christmas Dinner Day!

21st December- National Robin Day

24th December- Christmas Eve (Nursery open 8am-1pm)

25th December- Christmas Day (Nursery closed)

26th December- Boxing Day (Nursery Closed)

28th December- Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

31st December- New Year's Eve (Nursery open 8am-1pm)

1st January 2021- New Year's Day(Nursery Closed)



***If your child attends term time only their last day will be Friday 11th December and they will return back to nursery Monday 4th January 2021**

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 been settling in some new friends this month! The children have really bonded with the staff and their littler personalities are starting to come out!

Baby bees have had a wonderful month exploring sensory activities and doing lots of nursery rhyme themed tuff trays, such as 'Old Macdonald had a farm' and 'Twinkle, twinkle little star'

Baby bees have also been showing off their musical skills when filming jingle bells for our Christmas video!

Room News (Honey Bees)



Honey bees have been focusing lots of fine motor activities this month and developing the muscles in our hands and wrists! The children have loved doing posting activity and exploring our new wooden colour sorter! Honey bees have been focusing on enhancing the story den and the staff have created some wonderful story spoons and wooden discs with the children's favorite characters on. Honey bee's have also been working hard on showing off their skills with the bells for our Jingle bell's video!

Room News (Busy Bees)



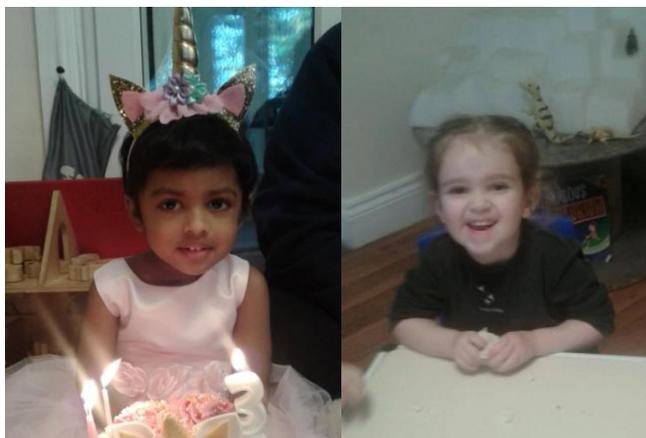
Busy bees have had a wonderful month celebrating lots of birthday parties with all their friends; we also had some exciting guests come to visit such as Bing!

The children explored a fabulous tuff tray which explored flour and lots of different tools! Busy bee's used the shape cutters to see what prints they could make and enjoyed filling up jars with the flour!

The children also engaged in a road safety tuff tray, with coloured rice! They spoke about the different coloured traffic lights and what each colour represents!

Busy bees have been doing their best reindeer impression for our Christmas video!

Room News (Preschool)



Preschool have had a fantastic month, we've celebrated lots of birthdays, having surprise visits from Elsa and Spiderman and having lots of fun on the bouncy castles! We have been very creating making multi-coloured biscuits in celebration of Children in need and using salt dough to create colourful Diya's for Diwali! Preschool have done so well in practicing 'We wish you a Merry Christmas!' and we have also been learning a special Christmas story to add to our Christmas video, which we can't wait to share with out families!



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Birthdays

Honey Bees:

Harlow's birthday is on the 15th

Busy Bees:

Delilah's birthday is on the 10th

Worker Bees:

Madeleine's birthday is on the 4th

Patrick's birthday is on the 9th

JJ's birthday is on the 10th

Teddy's birthday is on the 11th

Elsie E's birthday is on the 19th

Poppy's birthday is on the 20th

Elsie P's birthday is on the 24th



Staff Information

We would like to also say a big welcome to Ronnie who is joining the Aigburth team at the beginning of December!

Staff Holidays

Sarah- 11th, 17th, 18th

Kelly- 21st-31st

Nicole- 1st, 10th, 14th-16th

Chloe- 2nd, 4th, 7th, 29th

Caitlin- 21st, 31st

Zahra- 8th, 9th

Staff Training

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

Our whole staff team had attended two sessions on 'Planning in the moment' which is a new planning method we will be switching to; more information to follow!



Children's Progress

MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2020

We recently tracked the children's development and after our analysis we have decided to focus on the following areas: 'Number', 'Health and Self-care', 'People and Communities' and 'Being imaginative'.

We have recently updated an action of plan of what we intend to implement in order to support the children in progressing further.

Our next analysis will be February 2021!!

Employee of the month

Donna

Donna constantly provides nutritious and delicious meals for the children; she always has a smile on her face and the children are very keen to see her and tell her about their day. Donna always goes above and beyond in ensuring her meals are creative and appealing to the children; especially on event days and festivals!

Donna has recently taken on an extra role of providing meals for our new Honey Pot Childcare site and still continues with her high standard work with this extra responsibility.

Room of the month

Worker Bees

Baby Bee's have been awarded room of the month this month as they have done so well in settling in our new starters and receiving lovely feedback and comments from parents. Baby bees explored some fantastic activities in celebration of 'Nursery Rhyme Week' and have made lots of effort for the Christmas video.

Well done Sarah Lou and Rebecca! X



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Message from central support

This month we've hosted two whole team training events via zoom. We've been learning more about planning in the moment with young children which essentially is a new planning method we are switching to which enables practitioners to spend more time observing and playing with children and less time completing paperwork. We are looking forward to all of the excitement which December brings. We hope to make Christmas as normal as possible for the children this year under the circumstances and we have lots of exciting festive activities in store for them.

Reminders

* 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.

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)

* 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 Aighurth Parents** to request to join. Staff are sharing lots of ideas & challenges! 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.

Other Information

* **Extra sessions** - Please be aware that when booking any extra/additional sessions for your child/ren, they must be paid for in advance of the session

** **Just a reminder to be aware 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 (Unless exempt) & use the one way system, 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 strictly limited, staff will send out messages/diaries on eylog or call you if they wish to discuss anything with you or pass more information on.

** We also encourage parents to post an observation via eylog or ring through to your child/ren's room if you wish to speak to a member of staff/pass on information, please be aware that staff do not see the messages section of eylog.

In addition to this, please remember that children's accident forms & medication forms are 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.

** As per our covid-19 policy, we will not be administering calpol to children in nursery, this is due to a high temperature being a covid symptom & calpol could mask this symptom.

Fatima, Sarah and the Aighurth team xx



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