Nursery News November 2020

What's Been Happening?

October has been a very busy fun filled month at Aigburth!
The children have been exploring lots of Autumn themed activities & it has also been birthday fever in nursery with lots of parties going on!

We especially enjoyed all the Halloween themed activities & our special spooky lunch created by Donna!

Coming up this Month

1st - World Vegan Day
2nd - All Souls Day
5th - Bonfire night/Guy fawkes
8th to 15th - Inter faith week
9th to 14th - Maths Week
10th - World Science Day
11th - Remembrance Day
11th to 16th - Sugar awareness Week
11th to 16th - Anti Bullying week
13th - Children in need pyjama day - Please donate directly to children in need
13th - World Kindness Day
14th - Diwali
16th - 20th - World Nursery Rhyme week
16th to 22nd - Road safety week
20th - Thanksgiving
30th - St. Andrews Day

This month we will also be celebrating and learning about;
* Veg pledge month in aid of cancer research

* Look out for challenges you can do at home set by the staff team based on events we are celebrating & your child/ren's interests!

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 welcomed a few more new faces to the room in the last month. They are settling in well with staff & enjoying their days at Honey Pot! Our Baby Bees have also had a wonderful time celebrating each other's birthdays.

The children have been exploring some fantastic Autumnal themed activities & have explored some brilliant themed tuff tray activities including a different textures tray, a space themed tray & a Halloween themed tray too!

Room News (Honey Bees)

Honey Bees have had lots of fun exploring some fabulous activities. They have enjoyed sensory ice play in the shape of some spooky hands, the children were fascinated by the cold feeling and they even tried to have a taste!

The children have really enjoyed caterpillar music sessions this month & have also enjoyed exploring harvest vegetables including pumpkins!

Room News (Busy Bees)

Busy Bees have been very busy exploring some exciting activities including witch's cauldron water play, making a pumpkin, a construction tuff tray, painting leaves & much more!

The children have enjoyed reading the book 'in my heart' together & they talked about what makes them happy and sad & explored a tuff tray containing coloured rice & different sized hearts. They also enjoyed the story 'The mega hair swap', they explored a themed tuff tray based on the story & talked about their hair colours & spotted the differences between them.

Room News (Worker Bees)

Worker Bees have had a fantastic time celebrating so many of their friends birthdays in nursery! They have had princesses, superheroes & toy story themed parties to name a few! They have enjoyed themed activities relating to the party theme & they even enjoyed a visit from Spiderman!

The children have also enjoyed pumpkin painting, baking shortbread & apple bakes, working on their fine motor skills & perfecting their yoga skills!

Birthdays

Baby Bees:
Alex's birthday is on the 1st
David's birthday is on the 8th
James' birthday is on the 22nd
Honey Bees:
Theo's birthday is on the 7th
Busy Bees:
Penny's birthday is on the 7th
Samuel R's birthday is on the 14th
Harlow's birthday is on the 25th
Worker Bees:
Dulansa's birthday is on the 1st
Aidan's birthday is on the 6th
Louis' birthday is on the 13th
Ruby's birthday is the 18th
Staff:
Fatima's birthday is on the 19th

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 RESULTS FOR OCTOBER OUT SOON!!

Staff Information

We would like to say a massive congratulations to Abbie who is expecting a little girl in April 2021. We are all very excited!
We would like to also say a big welcome to Caitlin who has joined the Aigburth team. Caitlin will be doing her childcare apprenticeship with us.

Staff Holidays

Chloe – 2nd
Sarah – 5th- 6th
Zahra – 9th- 10th, 25th- 27th
Natalie – 11th – 13th
Abbie 12th – 18th
Fatima – 23rd – 24th
Caitlin – 30th

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 staff team will also be accessing a variety of virtual training that is beneficial for their role.

Employee of the month

Sarah-Louise

Sarah-Louise has worked incredibly hard to settle in new children in Baby Bees. She has really tuned in to each child's individual needs and interests & has been fantastic in communicating with parents as their children settle in. She has also consistently provided fantastic autumnal activities for the children to explore. Well done!

Room of the month

Worker Bees

Worker Bees staff have been extremely busy providing the children with some fantastic activities on topics such as black history month, Autumn, baking week, Apple day & Halloween. They have also done a fantastic job of celebrating the childrens' birthdays in nursery & making their day extra special! Well done Sarah, Kelly & Abbie.

Message from central support

We have faced some challenges in how we will be able to continue the level of training we provide to our staff given the current pandemic and the need to minimize face to face meetings. We have now been able to provide a virtual training program for staff which is either viewed live or pre-recorded training. This not only enables staff to continually access training in a safe way, but also enables them to access more training than they would have before. We are receiving positive feedback from this and hope that you will see the impact of this training in practice.

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.

* 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 & 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 Aigburth team xx

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