



NURSERY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2020



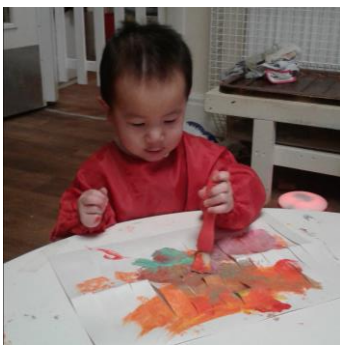
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

January has been a very busy month. We would like to welcome all of the new children who have started and their families to Honey Pot.

The children enjoyed taking part in world handwriting days, pre-school spent time practicing writing their names.

We were fortunate enough to be visited by local author Jude Lennon who read her book 'The Dragon of Allerton Oak' to the children and also signed copies for them as a keepsake.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year, we had a Chinese themed menu and the children listened to Chinese music, pictures related to China & even had a go at using chopsticks in noodle messy play! The children also made their very own Chinese lanterns.



COMING UP THIS MONTH

We have a busy month ahead:

- 6th February: Time to change day: The children will be taking part in various physical activities. We will also be holding a pyjama day at nursery - all children are welcome to wear pyjamas for nursery. We are asking for donations which will be donated to a mental health charity.
- 10th February: Stay and play session 2:30pm-3:30pm: We are inviting mums into nursery for a Valentines craft afternoon!
- 14th February: Valentine's Day: The children we will making Valentine's crafts for their loved ones!
- 25th February: Pancake Tuesday: The children will be having delicious pancakes for their tea. The pre-school children will be making their own pancakes.
- 26th February: Ash Wednesday: The first day of Lent.

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

ROOM NEWS

BUMBLE BEES

Children new to Baby Bees room have settled in brilliantly! They have been very busy over the last month forming relationships with staff and new friends as well as being involved in some lovely activities. The children have engaged in lots of messy and sensory play activities, enabling them to explore different textures and objects with their key person. They have also been exploring different movements during song and dance time.



ROOM NEWS

BUSY BEES

Busy Bees have spent time this month focusing on their physical development. They have loved climbing on the climbing frame and jumping of different objects. They have also focused on their fine motor skills and have enjoyed threading spaghetti and pasta shapes. Busy Bees have continued to focus on their maths skills especially counting in a sequence.



WORKER BEES

The children have engaged in lots of different themed tuff tray activities including a Chinese themed tray for New Year. The children loved looking at the different Chinese symbols and numbers. They also enjoyed using the chop sticks to try and pick up any loose part materials. They have also enjoyed making their own bracelets using string and pasta shapes. While making their own bracelets they were matching numerals to quantities.



BIRTHDAYS

Bumble Bees:

Bumble Bees have no birthdays this month.

Busy Bees:

Happy Birthday Maxwell who will be turning 2.
Happy Birthday Nellie who will be turning 2.
Happy Birthday Harrison who will be turning 2.
Happy Birthday Luca who will be turning 2.
Happy Birthday Rosie who will be turning 2.

Worker Bees:

Happy Birthday Georgia B who will be turning 3.
Happy Birthday Sadie who will be turning 4.
Happy Birthday Luna who will be turning 3.



STAFF INFORMATION

STAFF HOLIDAYS:

Beth: 03/02/2020

Lauren F: 07/03/2020

Renee: w/c 10/02/2020

Jess: w/c 17/02/2020

Amy: 21/02/2020 & 24/02/2020

We sadly say Goodbye to Erin, who has left us to go on a new journey down in London. We wish her the best of luck!

STAFF TRAINING

Lauren will be attending phonics training.

Amy will be attending 'supporting children with EAL' training.

Holly will be attending 'British values and prevent duty' training.

All staff will be attending basic safeguarding training.

Beth will be attending 'enhancing areas of provision' training.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

RENEE

Renee is a great member of the Busy Bees team, and is continuing to improve in her role. Although she has only been with us 4 months, she improves more & more each day. She is a strong team player and takes on board any advice or training she has attended in order to improve. Renee has started to build excellent relationships with her key children and their families.

ROOM OF THE MONTH

BUMBLE BEES

Bumble Bees have worked very hard this month settling all new starters into the room, they have worked well with parents ensuring children settle and feel comfortable in the environment. Bumble Bees have also been looking at ideas to enhance their room and garden areas. Well done Bumble Bees. Keep up the good work.



REMINDERS:

We have been enhancing our home corner areas & would be very grateful if parents could donate items such as old remote controls, cameras, mobile phones or keys.

OUR LENDING LIBRARY:

We now have a lending library in our foyer. Each week, each child is encouraged to borrow a book and take it home for the weekend as part of our lending library. Enjoy the book at home and then return the book the following week. Please take good care of our library books and return them on time.

Thank you, we hope you enjoy reading with your child.

READY, STEADY, LISTEN WEEK:

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of stories and reading at home and nursery, we will be running a sponsored listen between 2nd March - 6th March: in conjunction with World Book Day. Please see your child/ren's key person for a sponsor form.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2019

The main outcomes were:

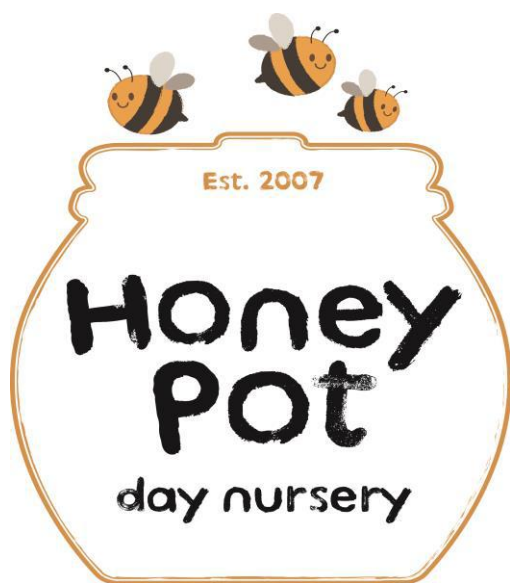
- 100% of girls are achieving age related expectations and above in listening and attention, understanding, moving and handling, health and self-care, self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feelings, making relationships, writing, shape, space and measure, people and communities, the world, technology and expressive arts and design.
- 100% of boys are achieving age related expectations and above in writing and people and communities.

We are very proud of our achievements in the prime areas of learning as we are exceeding local and national averages Areas for improvement: Our main area for improvement is Numbers.

DATA ANALYSIS NEXT DUE FEBRUARY 2020

OTHER NEWS

We are delighted to introduce to you our new logo. After 12 years of loyal service our Honey Pot bear has gone into retirement. We felt as though after 12 years, our branding had begun to look a little tired and dated and so met with a fantastic graphic designer, who just so happens to be a former parent of ours, who designed for us a fresh new logo. Over the coming weeks, you'll notice the nursery signage changing to reflect this and also staff will be getting a lovely new, more modern uniform. A few months ago, we asked staff to vote on the style and colour of the new uniform and so we went with the most popular option. The new uniform will reflect the new 'Honey Pot colours' of black, gold and white. We hope you like it!



MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL SUPPORT

"We have opened our doors to our brand new Honey Pot Garston nursery. We have worked tirelessly over the past 8 months to get it ready for the children as soon as possible and we think it looks amazing. There is an open day on Saturday 1st February from 12pm until 3pm. If you are free, please pop into to see this lovely new nursery. There will be a special guest appearance from Mr Tumble and also a rock pool experience, so please do call in with your children, we are sure it will be lovely celebration event!"

We will be running some parent training sessions this year for parents from all 4 sites. You may remember that we recently sent out a survey to see which topics you would find most useful. The first session will focus on Managing Children's Behaviour. It's on 24th March at 6pm. We will send more information nearer to the time but you may want to pop the date in your diaries if you are interested in attending"

**Carla,
Lauren and
team xx**

