

# Nursery News

## December 2020

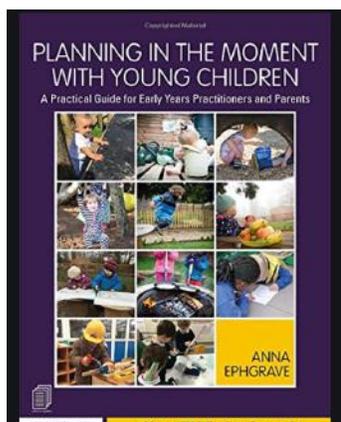


### What's Been Happening

During the month of November, we have been celebrating different festivals, one of our favourite being Diwali. We also raised money for Children in Need and celebrated Bonfire night.



We have also been working really hard on enhancing our areas after receiving training on 'Planning in the moment with Young Children'



### Coming up this Month

Christingle- 1<sup>st</sup> December- Start of Advent. Children will be able to make a Christingle as a symbol of the start of Advent

International Day of Persons with Disabilities- 3<sup>rd</sup> December- We will be talking to children about our differences and using books and the interactive screen to find out about how disabilities affect different people

Hanukkah- 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December- The Jewish Festival of light- Children will have opportunities to read books about Hanukkah, use the interactive screen to watch video clips and take part in Hanukkah themed activities

Winter starts- 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 19<sup>th</sup> March- Children will have opportunities to take part in winter themed activities, exploring ice, arctic animal tuff trays and much more

Christmas Day- 25<sup>th</sup> December- (Nursery Closed) During the month of December our children will have opportunities to take part in Christmas themed tuff trays and activities



From all the staff team at Honey Pot Garston, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and here is to a successful 2021



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## Room News (Bumble/Honeys Bees)



Our Bumble bee's have enjoyed exploring our new sensory light up ball pit. The children have enjoyed small group time in their bubbles developing their sensory and physical skills whilst building up further relationships with their key person.



Our Honey Bee's have been exploring the outdoors. The staff set up mark making areas in the garden where our children were able to feely explore and make marks whilst listening to the environment sounds outside.

## Room News (Busy Bees)

Our Busy Bees have been working on their fine motor skills through different activities.



One of their favorite activities was threading pipe cleaners through the holes of a colander. The children were so proud of their achievements.

## Room News (Worker Bees)

Our Worker Bee's have also been exploring their creative skills in the garden. Our children took part in spray painting in the garden whilst celebrating Diwali.



Our Worker Bee's noticed different sounds in the garden and noticed different marks they could make outdoors.



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## Staff Information

### Upcoming Staff Holidays

W/C 30/11/2020- Alison (Mon), Katie (Full Week), Sophie (Mon and Tue), Leah (Thur and Fri) and Sasha (Wed)

W/C 7/12/2020- Sophie B (Mon and Tue), Sasha (Fri), Becky (Fri)

W/C 12/12/2020- Sasha (Mon), Natalie (Full Week), Sophie B (Mon and Tue), Sophie M (Wed, Thur and Fri), Alison (Fri)

W/C 21/12/2020- Nikita (Full week), Lauren (Mon and Tue), Mary (Full week), Georgia (Wed and Thur), Charlotte D (Wed and Thur)

W/C 28/12/2020- Sarah (Full week), Sophie B (Tue), Michaela (Full week) Sophie M (Tue), Charlotte (Full week)

**Staff Training-** 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 integrating which enables practitioners to spend more time observing and playing with children and less time completing paperwork.

## Room of the month

### Worker bees

Our Honey Bee's room have been awarded room of the month. They have spent a lot of their own time researching ideas to enhance areas of their room to allow children to independently access all areas of provision.

Our Worker bee's team have also been providing children with endless opportunities of learning and development through exciting tuff tray experiences.

Well done Worker Bees



## Employee of the month

### Nikita Savage



Nikita has been awarded Employee of the month. Nikita has taken a temporary room leader position in our Honey Bee's room due to Danielle being off unwell. Nikita has shown lots of confidence in leading her team and has been supporting in her new role.

Well done Nikita

## Children's Progress

Areas of strength at Honey Pot Garston:

- 33% of our children are above the local average for writing
- 15% of our children are above the national average for Reading

Areas of improvement at Honey Pot Garston:

- 2% of our children are below the local average for Health and self care

These areas will be a focus for our children this upcoming term



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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.

### Honey Pot Garston Parents Facebook

If you are not a member of our private facebook group and would like to be added, you can search us on Facebook "Honey Pot Garston Parents"

This request will be sent to a member of the management team to accept.

On our Facebook group we would love to see activities that you are doing at home. Our staff team also share activities we have been doing at nursery and home ideas for upcoming celebrations. We also add general nursery reminders too.



## Nursery Closures

Can we please remind you that we close on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at 1pm? We will be sending out our Christmas attendance sheet, if you could please send this back as soon as possible. We would like to see if we can offer staff time off to spend with their families

## Staffing Updates

We have had some changes to our staff team. Charlotte from our Pre School room has decided to study further and has been accepted for a full time place in College. We wish her lots of luck on her educational journey. We are in the process of recruiting for this position, in the mean time Sarah our E.Y.T is covering Charlotte's role. We would like to welcome Rhea into our Baby room. Rhea will be working along side the staff team in Bumble bees whilst studying for her Qualification. Danielle will also be returning 2 days a week on a phased return as of December, we are looking forward to having her back at nursery.



Many Thanks  
Alison, Suzie and the Garston  
team xx



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