



Nursery News

November 2020



What's Been Happening

During the month of October, we have had lots of fun celebrating Halloween and exploring Autumn. All our staff and children have enjoyed taking part in activities such as pumpkin bowling, Autumn tuff trays, leaf print painting, pumpkin carving and much more.



Autumn fun fact: Autumn colours are caused by the amount of sugar in leaves. The more red in the leaf, the more sugar that leaf is storing. That is why Maple trees are so vibrant. Evergreens don't change because their leaves have a thick wax covering that protects the chlorophyll (green) in the leaves.

Coming up this Month

5th November – Bonfire night- Children will have opportunities to research safety during bonfire night and use the interactive screen to watch bonfire/fireworks celebrations

9th Maths week- During this week children will be provided with a range of activities to develop and enhance their maths skills (number ducks in water, counting logs in a tuff tray, exploring numbers in the outdoor environment)

10th World Science Day- Children will have a range of science experiments offered to them were they can take part in making potions, exploring volcano eruptions and reading stories about famous scientists

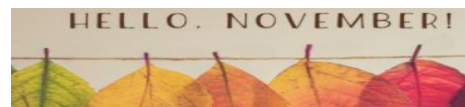
11th Remembrance Day- We will offer children opportunities to use the interactive screen to research Remembrance day and create their own versions of poppies

13th Children in need- We will be holding a fundraising pyjama dance to a range of music and children and staff are more than welcome to wear their pyjamas for nursery. We are asking that donations be made directly to Children in Need

13th World Kindness day- We will be exploring emotions with our children through a range of activities and talking about being kind to others

14th Diwali- This is a festival of light which is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs across the world- to celebrate this we will be having a candle light tea and if children would like to bring in an old white t-shirt we will offer opportunities to decorate these with glow paint

16th Road safety week- We would love to see your photographs on our parent page of your children being safe outdoors. We will be talking to children about how to cross roads safely and stay safe outdoors



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Room News (Bumble/Honeys Bees)

This month our Bumble bees and Honey Bees have welcomed lots of new children in to their groups. We would like to welcome all our new children and families into our nursery. Our babies have enjoyed exploring our setting and building up relationships with the children and staff.



Children in our Bumbles and Honey Bee's room have enjoyed exploring sensory play in during different activities, water play, tuff tray painting, gluing and sticking and much more.



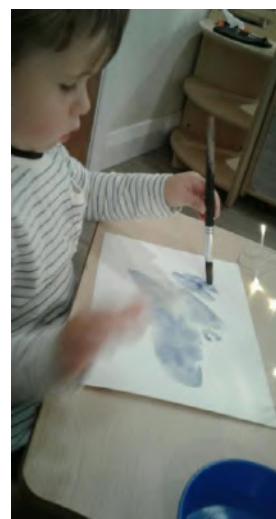
Room News (Busy Bees)

This month our busy bee's room have been looking after our garden area. The children have been collecting leaves from the garden and watering our plants.



Room News (Worker Bees)

Our worker bees' room have been exploring making marks with different resources. A big hit was fruit print painting. This activity encourages a range of conversations about colours mixing, healthy eating and different fruits the children could eat.



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Staff Information

Upcoming Staff Holidays

Alison: W/C 02/11/2020

Aaliyah 02/11/2020 & 03/11/2020

Zara W/C 09/11/2020

Georgia W/C 09/11/2020

Sasha 11/11/2020

Sophie B W/C 16/11/2020

Charlotte L W/C 16/11/2020

Rebecca 20/11/2020

Staff Training- Due to the current situation we are unable to train staff face to face however staff have been undergoing training online:

- First aid
- Safeguarding training

Room of the month

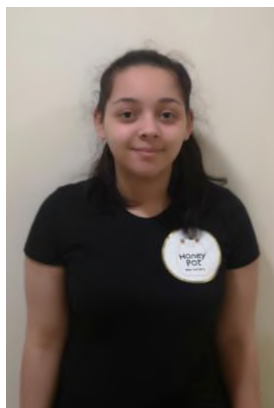
Honey bees

Our Honey Bee's room have worked really well as a team over the past few weeks supporting each other and working closely in the absence of their room leader. Danielle has been unwell over the past month and was admitted into hospital, Danielle will be off until closer to the end of the year as she is needing a transplant, Danielle is receiving treatment at home. We have kept in close contact with Danielle and she is now home and resting and we are sending her lots of well wishes. Nikita is taking the room leader role on a temporary basis until Danielle is fit and well to return. Mary has also taken a full time role in Honey Bee's room and alongside the Honey Bee's team.



Employee of the month

Natalie Ali



Natalie has been awarded employee of the month, Natalie has been working really closely with Lauren her room leader and role modelling her practice with Lauren. Natalie ensures that all her key children receive a long observation and spontaneous observation daily each day they attend nursery. Natalie will always offer help to anyone who needs it and will go above and beyond by researching activities for her children to do in her own time.

Well done Natalie!

Children's Progress

Areas of strength at Honey Pot Garston:

- 99% of our children are inline or above for Understanding and self-confidence and self awareness
- 97% of our children are inline or above for making relationships

We are really proud of our children's achievement

Areas of improvement at Honey Pot Garston:

- 8% of our children are below for people and communities and being imaginative.

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



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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 programme 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.

Phone line reminder

If you would like to call through to your child's room to speak to a member of the team or you are dropping or collecting your child at nursery please see phone numbers below:

Bumble Bees: (Michaela, Sophie, Becky, Georgia)
01513052023 (option 2)

Honey Bees: (Nikita, Danielle, Mary, Sasha, Aaliyah)
01513052023 (option 3)

Busy Bees: (Lauren, Charlotte, Sophie, Katie, Natalie, Zara)
01513052023 (option 4)

Worker Bee's: (Nicola, Suzie, Sarah, Leah, Charlotte)
01513052023 (option 5)

Parents Evening

Just a reminder parents evening will be held on 18th November, this will be a telephone call from your child's key person at your arranged time slot. Your key person will call you and discuss your child's development.

This will be logged on eylog for you to review. If you have not yet booked in your time slot please contact a member of management via telephone 01513052023 or via eylog.



Many Thanks
Alison, Suzie and the Garston
team xx



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