



# Nursery News

## January 2021



### What's Been Happening?

We had another successful holiday club just before Christmas. The children engaged in lots of fun activities including making reindeer food and hot chocolate stirrers, Christmas baking, woodwork class and a Christmas party with Boogie Tots which turned into a foam party!



Our nursery children have also been doing lots of creative activities in the run up to Christmas including cutting out toys from catalogues to stick on their letters to Santa.



### Coming up this Month

**Recycle your Christmas Cards month**

**Veganuary**

**Walk your dog month**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Sir Isaac Newton Day - we will be learning about Sir Isaac Newton and gravity
- 4<sup>th</sup> - World Braille Day - we will be learning about Louis Braille and feeling some braille on packaging
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Big schools birdwatch begins - we will be looking at different birds and identifying the ones which fly into our garden
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Winnie the pooh day - we will be reading Winnie the Pooh stories
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Penguin Day - we will be learning about penguins and where they live
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Lohri - Punjab festival marking the start of harvest season & the passing of winter solstice.
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day - we will be learning about Martin Luther King and what equality means
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Sugar awareness week - we will be learning about foods which are high and low in sugar
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Big energy saving week - we will be learning about how to save energy and the impact of this on our environment
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Burns night - we will be learning about Robert Burns and his poetry
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Australia Day - We will be learning about Australia and similarities and differences to England

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



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## Room News (Busy Bees)



We have a new playdough station in the Busy Bees room and we absolutely love it! It's stocked with all of the ingredients we need to make our own playdough and we can choose it's colour and smell. We added ginger to the playdough and made playdough gingerbread men. We are developing our fine and gross motor skills through the use of rollers and cutters. We are also learning the share and take turns with each other!

## Room News (Wraparound)



We have been continuing with our passion for being creative at our creation station in the garden. We have been making our own Christmas cards by recycling old ones, we think they look great! We have also enjoyed getting involved in preparing our own snacks. We particularly liked making our own pitta pizza's, they were delicious!

## Room News (Worker Bees)



We have been really getting into writing and marking making in Worker Bees. We had some chalkboards installed outside on the fences and have been using the chalks to write and draw. When we made our Christmas cards, we were really keen to write inside them by ourselves and so have been attempting to write our own names. We think we are getting really good at writing!

## Birthdays

### Busy Bees:

- \* Lucille's birthday is on the 1<sup>st</sup>
- \* Daniel & William's birthday is on the 7<sup>th</sup>

### Worker Bees:

- \* Mathilde's birthday is on the 7<sup>th</sup>

### Wraparound:

- \* Henry's birthday is on the 5<sup>th</sup>
- \* Kasper's birthday is on the 7<sup>th</sup>
- \* Tom's birthday is on the 7<sup>th</sup>
- \* Olanna's birthday is on the 10<sup>th</sup>
- \* Harper's birthday is on the 12<sup>th</sup>
- \* Noah's birthday is on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- \* Sophie-Joy's birthday is on the 16<sup>th</sup>

### Staff:

- \* Izzy's birthday is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

We hope you all have an amazing birthday! xx



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## Staff Information

We recently said goodbye to Amanda who is leaving to pursue a new role in a school as a teaching assistant. We wish her lots of luck in her new role!

We also give a big welcome to Nikita, she will be based in our Busy Bees room. Nikita will be transferring from our Garston site & has already worked for Honey Pot for several years.



## Employee of the month

Employee of the month has been awarded to Megan! Since starting with us last September Megan has performed exceptionally well. More recently she has been providing some outstanding activities for her children and has an excellent understanding of her key children's development and how to support them in their next steps. Megan is also working hard on studying and is progressing well in her qualification. Well done Megan!



## Staff Training

Megan & Jessica will continue to study for their level 2 qualification.

Our managers will be attending Performance Management Training.

Our staff will begin training on the revised EYFS.



## Room of the month

### **Busy Bees**

Room of the month has been awarded to Busy Bees. They have been working really well as a team to ensure that the learning environment is continually stimulating for the children. They have worked well on the changes to the layout of the room with the installation of the patio doors leading to their own garden and have worked well to facilitate free-flow indoor/outdoor play which the children are loving at the moment. They also continue to think of new and exciting activities for the children which are brilliant. Well done team!



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## Message from central support

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children and families a Happy New Year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable festive period and we look forward to a successful 2021. We would like to thank each of you for your continued support at another difficult time in the current pandemic. We will continue to do our best to ensure continuity and stability for your children, placing their health and well-being as a priority. We will also continue to do our best to look after our families and urge you to get in touch if you have any worries. Keep healthy and stay safe!

## Reminders

- \* If your child has recently turned 3, they may be eligible for 30 hours from next term. 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. Failure to do so could result in losing your funding entitlement. If you have any queries in regard to how funding works, then please do not hesitate to contact Ashley or Fatima.
- \* Don't forget we have a parent's group on Facebook, please search **Honey Pot Childcare Parents** to request to join. Staff will be sharing lots of ideas, challenges & reminders! Also don't forget to follow Honey Pot's main social media pages too for lots of ideas & updates.
- \* **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.
- \* **Late collection/Session times** - Please be aware that morning sessions finish at 1pm, short day sessions finish at 3pm & full day/afternoon sessions finish at 6pm. Please ensure you are collecting your children on time or you be likely to incur a late collection charge.

## Other news/information

**\*\* Just a reminder to be aware of the measures that are in place at nursery due to covid-19:**

- Please ensure that on drop off and collection you are using the hand gel provided and are also distancing yourself from other parents who may be waiting.
- All parents must wear a mask when dropping up and picking up their children (Unless exempt), the children will wash their hands upon arrival, have their temperatures taken (Unless parents have stated otherwise) and be taken to their play room 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 encourage parents to post an observation via eylog or ring/text the nursery if you wish to speak to a member of staff/pass on information.
- 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 it is extremely important to inform staff if your child has had any medicine or accidents prior to nursery, you can do this briefly on handover, 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.



**Ashley, Fatima & the HP Childcare team xx**



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