



Nursery News

April 2021



What's Been Happening?



What a busy month we have had here at Honey Pot Childcare. The children have fully embraced the arrival of Spring & several events including the arrival of the chicks, world book day, mother's day, British science week, comic relief & Holi. We welcomed the eggsporing experience & witnessed new life come into the world through the hatching of the chicks. The children were fascinated with all things chick related & were excellent at helping to take care of them. Towards the end of the month, we saw the arrival of frogspawn! The children helped to set up a special tank & will be keeping a close eye as they develop into tadpoles then frogs! We are all very excited to witness their life cycle!



Coming up this Month

National Pet Month

World Autism awareness month

2nd - World Autism awareness day & International childrens book day

2nd - Good Friday - Nursery will be closed

4th - Easter Sunday

Happy Easter!



5th - Easter Monday - Nursery will be closed

7th - World Health Day

10th - National siblings day

11th - National Pet Day

12th - Ramadan begins

14th - Vaisakhi

15th - Anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic

21st - The Queen's Birthday

22nd - Earth Day

23rd - St. George's Day

27th - National Gardening week

29th - International dance day

Don't forget - Children who attend on a funded hours/term time only basis will not attend nursery the week commencing 29th March & 5th April, they will return to nursery the week commencing the 12th April.

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



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Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have explored some wonderful activities over the past month. They were especially fascinated with our eggsploring experience; the children were excellent at holding the chicks & caring for them.

They have also enjoyed lots of Spring & Easter themed activities, including creating daffodils from loose parts & were great helpers at cutting vegetables to make an Irish stew for St. Patrick's Day!

Room News (Holiday Club & Wraparound)



Our wraparound children were fascinated with our eggsploring experience! They waited patiently for the chicks to hatch & all helped to care for them! They have also enjoyed accessing arts & crafts in the hub & creating their own obstacle courses!

The last week of March brought us our first week of Holiday club. The children have been having a fantastic time so far including a woodwork session to make birdfeeders, sports sessions with dreams captured, decorating eggs & making easter bonnets!

Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees had a very busy month!

They enjoyed lots of activities relating to the chicks including observational painting, exploring the eggshells they hatched from, learning about their life cycle & engaging in an ice activity where they rescued chicks that were frozen in the ice using different methods such as salt, hammers & warm water!

For global recycling day, the children talked about items that can be recycled & used recyclable objects for junk modelling; they created many of their favourite things including dino morphers, guitars & trumpets!

Birthdays

Busy Bees:

- * Thea W's birthday is on the 4th
- * River's birthday is on the 30th

Wraparound:

- * Nina's birthday is on the 2nd
- * Elinor's birthday is on the 17th

Holiday Club:

- * Oscar's Birthday is on the 3rd

We hope you all have a wonderful Birthday! xxx



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Staff Information

Staff changes

Last month we were sad to say goodbye to Megan as she has been offered a teaching assistant post in her hometown. She will be missed by all of us & we wish her lots of luck!

We have recently welcomed Holly to the team. Holly will be initially based as bank staff as she studies for her level 2 qualification. We will also be welcoming Gillian to the wraparound staff team.

Wraparound staff

We are pleased to update that Helen will be returning to the wraparound team after a shielding period, she will be responsible for breakfast club runs & will be introducing Gillian to all our wraparound children. Naomi, Rhiann & Nikita will continue to support the wraparound team as needed.

Staff Training

Jessica continues to study for her level 2 qualification.

Ashley, Fatima & Leanne attended paediatric first aid training.

Our whole staff team continue to access a variety of online training & are also attending monthly sessions on the revised EYFS, this is to support our move to the new revised development matters which comes into action in September.



Employee of the month

Leanne

Leanne has done some excellent work both with the children & in the setting over the past month. She has provided the children with some wonderful activities to explore, including loose parts play to create daffodils & chicks, different coloured textures for Holi, a potion making activity, planting sunflower seeds & much more, enabling the children to gain lots of new knowledge & gain new skills. Leanne has also done some fantastic work with the holiday club children in their first week. As well as this Leanne ensures she is enhancing Busy Bees room & garden in line with the children's interests. Well done!



Room of the month

Worker Bees

The staff have done a fantastic job of providing great experiences for the children in line with their ever-changing interests & various events happening over the last month including the arrival of the chicks where the children learnt about life cycles & global recycling day where the children discussed recycling & keeping our environment safe & tidy. Deb & Rhiann have also made changes to their room & areas of the garden on a daily basis in line with the children's interests & topics they have been focusing on. The children are always happy & engaged in a positive environment. Well done!



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Message from central support

Here at Honey Pot, we hope our children and families have a lovely Easter and enjoy a long bank holiday together!

As government restrictions ease over the next few months, we hope our children & families enjoy spending some time with friends and loved ones outdoors and enjoy some activities that may have been closed for a while. As restrictions ease, we will be welcoming back French Pete, Flowerpotty Sue, Yoga Bears & Caterpillar music for their regular sessions at nursery. Mr. Tumble Liverpool will also be joining us for some garden sessions in the next few weeks. We can't wait to welcome them back to nursery, they have been dearly missed!

We must remind families to continue to adhere to government guidance to keep everyone safe and hopefully return to a normal(ish) Summer!

As always, thank you for your continued support in this current climate. x

Reminders & Information

* **Car Park** - Please be aware that we share the car park with service users of Bridge chapel centre. Please ensure that you are driving in and out of the car park at a slow speed & adhere to any of the marked crossings. Please also ensure that upon collecting your child they are not putting themselves at risk if walking across the car park.

* **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.

family 

* Just a reminder that we have now fully moved to the family platform & are no longer using eylog. Please can you take the time to update any contact information, health & dietary information & permissions for your child/ren. Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulty with using family & the staff will be happy to help!

Other Information

Warm weather

We have been experiencing some wonderful warm weather recently (hopefully it continues!). Please can you ensure that you provide sun cream & a sunhat for your child to use in nursery.

COVID-19

**** 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 off & picking up their children (Unless exempt), the children will wash their hands upon arrival, have their temperatures taken (Unless parents have stated otherwise) & 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 family or call you if they wish to discuss anything with you or pass more information on.
- We encourage parents to post a message via family or ring/text the nursery if you wish to speak to a member of staff/pass on information.
- 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 family 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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