



# Nursery News

## May 2021



### What's Been Happening?



We were so excited to welcome back & also introduce some new faces to the nursery with the gradual ease of covid-19 restrictions. Pre-school welcomed French Pete; they are really enjoying learning French in such a fun way! We also welcomed Mr. Tumble; the children have had so much fun singing along & dancing along to songs with him as well as learning new Makaton signs each week!

Busy Bees also welcomed back Caterpillar music, they were all so excited to see Emma, especially when her fantastic puppets made an appearance!

The children have also made the most of the wonderful weather & have spent a lot of time outdoors!



### Coming up this Month

National walking Month, National share a story month, local & community history month

**3rd - Bank Holiday - Nursery will be closed**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Children's book week & sun awareness week starts



4<sup>th</sup> - Firefighter Memorial Day

4<sup>th</sup> - Deaf awareness week starts

5<sup>th</sup> - African world Heritage Day

7<sup>th</sup> - NSPCC number day & space day

8<sup>th</sup> - VE Day

10<sup>th</sup> - Foster care fortnight

11<sup>th</sup> - Water saving week

12<sup>th</sup> - Eid



15<sup>th</sup> - International day of families

16<sup>th</sup> - National children's day

17<sup>th</sup> - Shavout

18<sup>th</sup> - Mental health awareness week

18<sup>th</sup> - National smile month begins

23<sup>rd</sup> - World turtle day

28<sup>th</sup> - Great British Spring clean

**31<sup>st</sup> - Bank Holiday - Nursery will be closed**

**Don't forget - Children who attend on a funded hours only basis will not attend nursery the week**

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 been exploring lots of wonderful things over the past month. They made stars & crescent moon mobiles in celebration of Ramadan. They also enjoyed dressing in a variety of bright colours in celebration of Vaisakhi. They explored pictures & videos of the titanic as it was the anniversary of the sinking of the titanic & made their very own boats to use in water play. They decorated lanterns in celebration of Liverpool's river of light festival & also explored colour in celebration of Holi. The children were very excited to have sessions with Mr Tumble & have been learning new Makaton signs each week; so far they can sign hello, goodbye, thankyou and some colour names.

## Room News (Wraparound)



Our wraparound children have been fascinated with creating dens & obstacle courses using our large loose parts in the garden, including pipes, guttering, crates & material. They have also enjoyed games of dodgeball & football. Some of the children have spent a lot of time in the hub area creating loom bands and beaded bracelets. They have also enjoyed creating some fantastic art work including drawings & collages.

## Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees had a very busy month! They were very excited to welcome tadpoles to the setting, they have been keeping a close eye as they grow & have been learning about lifecycles. They also helped to make their own cucumber sandwiches & chop strawberries for a party for the Queen's birthday. They also did their own interpretation of a flag for St. George's day & discussed the life of Prince Philip. The children have also been fascinated with the differences between following a vegan and non-vegan diet. If any parents have any vegan cookbooks that we could borrow, it would be very much appreciated!

## Birthdays

### Busy Bees:

- \* Samuel's birthday is on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- \* Khadijah's birthday is on the 29<sup>th</sup>

### Wraparound:

- \* Jacob's birthday is on the 4<sup>th</sup>
- \* Emily E's birthday is on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- \* Erin's birthday is on the 16<sup>th</sup>
- \* Thomas & Josh's birthday is on the 21<sup>st</sup>

### Holiday Club:

- \* Rosie's Birthday is on the 30<sup>th</sup>

### Staff:

- \* Rhiann's birthday is on the 4<sup>th</sup>

We hope you all have a wonderful birthday! xx



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## Staff Information

We have recently welcomed two new faces to the team, Sarah & Natasha. Sarah will be part of our wraparound team, covering after school pick ups & care.

Natasha is our new apprentice & she will be completing her level 2 qualification with us.

## Staff Training

Jessica continues to study for her level 2 qualification & Natasha will soon start her level 2 qualification.

Natasha & Naomi will be attending paediatric first aid training.

Our whole staff team will be attending annual safeguarding training & are also very excited to access online training & resources with Alice Sharp!

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.



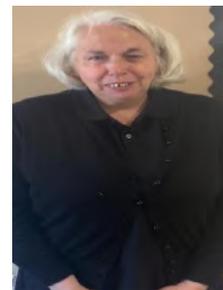
## Employee of the month

### **Deb**

Deb has been fantastic with the children as always. She is always very supportive to the children in expressing themselves & their emotions & shows a lot of empathy & supports the children to do the same.

Deb provides the children with lots of real life opportunities for learning such as discussing a mouse that they found in the garden, life cycles of tadpoles & different cultures & religions.

The children are always at the centre of everything Deb does. Well done!



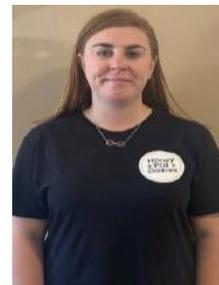
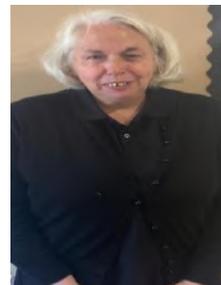
## Room of the month

### **Worker Bees**

The staff have done a fantastic job again of really tuning in to their children's interests & events happening in their lives including a new baby, celebrating Ramadan & discussing their pets!

They make a real effort to follow very much what the children are interested in & adapt their day accordingly to do this.

There has been some fantastic learning opportunities going on for the children. Well done Deb & Rhiann!



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## Message from central support

"Nikita, from our Heath Road site, has recently started her Forest School Leader level 3 qualification. She has completed her practical training and can't wait to start putting her training into practice. Once she has completed this qualification, she will be running the Forest School sessions for all of our Honey Pot Nursery sites. Until then, the children will still continue to attend the Forest School sessions that are being facilitated by your own nursery."

## 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.

\* **Spare clothing** - If your child comes home in spare clothing provided by the nursery, please could you return it to us. We sometimes get to a point where we run extremely low on spare clothing.

\* **Leftover meals** - As part of our journey to becoming an Eco-school, we are focusing on reducing waste in the nursery. There are occasions where we have left over portions from the children's lunch. Parents can take meals home in return for a donation. Donations raised will be used to purchase items for the local food bank.

## Other Information

### Did you know??

You can edit your contact details & permissions on family yourself. You can also report your child sick or on holiday & also add a picture or video to your child's learning journey. If you have difficulty with anything family related just let us know.

### 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.
- 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.



**Fatima & the HP Childcare  
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