



Nursery News

July 2021



What's Been Happening?



June saw us enjoy the sunny weather! Lots of outdoor play, especially water play, den making & the paddling pool! We enjoyed a visit from the fabulous Jude Lennon where she read her story 'That's our home'.

There was lots of excitement as our caterpillars turned into cocoons & started to emerge as beautiful butterflies, we then watched them fly beautifully as we released them.

We celebrated children's art week & many masterpieces were created throughout the setting.

We also celebrated Pride month, learning that love is love, exploring rainbows & how it relates to pride & discussing different family set ups.

We also explored world ocean day themed activities; creating our own oceans through water play & talking about how we can keep the marine life safe.

We also enjoyed a tea party in celebration of the Queen's birthday & learnt some fascinating things about her life.

Coming up this Month

National picnic month, Samaritans talk to us month, Plastic free July.

- 1st - International Reggae Day & Canada day
- 1st - Clean beaches week starts
- 5th - National hygiene week starts
- 5th - Independence Day
- 10th - Teddy bear picnic day



- 18th - Mandela day & Ice cream day
- 18th/19th - Arafah day
- 18th to 23rd - Muslim Hajj season
- 19th to 23rd - Eid ul Adha
- 23rd - Tokyo Summer Olympics starts
- 24th - School leavers graduation ceremony**
- 29th - Global tiger day
- 30th - World friendship day



Don't forget that children who attend nursery on a term time only basis will finish nursery on wc 12th July.

Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at
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Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have certainly been busy!! They have been doing lots of work on their independence skills, including helping themselves to snack, pouring themselves a drink & serving their lunch. They enjoyed their own sports day where they completed events including the egg & spoon race & an obstacle race. They also enjoyed getting creative for children's art week & created masterpieces that even Van Gogh would be jealous of!

Room News (Wraparound)



Our wraparound children have continued their fascination of den making & creating obstacle courses to challenge their abilities! They have waited patiently for the trim trail to be completed & were all so excited to give it a try! They have also enjoyed using the sand area often, working together to build huge mountains & structures! And of course most of all they have enjoyed playing their favourite songs & creating dances to them!

Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees have been busy learning lots of new things! They enjoyed learning about Windrush & wanted to create their own boat in the garden using the loose parts. They learnt about pride month & discussed different family set ups. They have shown a big fascination in water play & enjoyed using the large water tray outside to experiment with, adding different colours & scents to create potions! They have also talked about their upcoming transition to school & have enjoyed dressing up in school uniform!

Birthdays

Busy Bees:

- * Jacob's birthday is on the 7th
- * Luqman's birthday is on the 20th
- * Isla's birthday is on the 22nd
- * Aodhan's birthday is on the 29th

Worker Bees:

- * Edie's birthday is on the 3rd
- * Eleanor's birthday is on the 30th

Wraparound:

- * Evie's birthday is on the 22nd
- * Rainer's birthday is on the 29th

Holiday Club:

- * Olivia D's birthday is on the 1st
- * Felicity's Birthday is on the 3rd
- * Alex's birthday is on the 4th
- * Olivia R's birthday is on the 22nd
- * Rachel's birthday is on the 28th

Staff:

- * Linda's birthday is on the 14th



We hope you all have a wonderful birthday! xx



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Staff Information

We have welcomed Becky to the setting. Some of you may already be familiar with her. Becky previously worked at our Garston site & on successfully completing her apprenticeship has come to join the HP Childcare team. Becky will be based in Busy Bees & I am sure you will join us all in making her feel welcome.

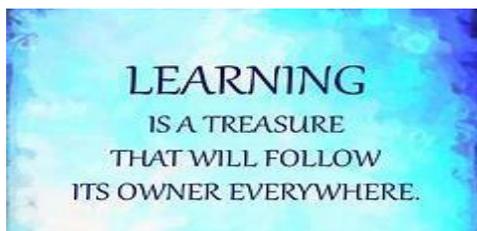


Staff Holidays

- * Jessica: wc 12th July
- * Rhiann, Deb, Nikita & the wraparound team finish for the summer holidays as they work on a term time only basis.

Staff Training

Jessica & Natasha continue to study for their level 2 qualification & Nikita is continuing to study for her forest school leader qualification.



The whole staff team will be attending another session on the new EYFS that we will be transitioning to use from September. Some staff recently attended a webinar which focused on the language of race in the early years. We also accessed training from Alice Sharp on connections & relationships & staff are very eager to implement what they have learnt into the setting.

Employee of the month

Helen

Helen has just recently stepped up to take on the role of joint manager & in a short time has coped incredibly well with learning new tasks whilst encountering many challenges daily. As well as this, she has gone above & beyond to provide extra support to the whole team & always remains positive & enthusiastic. Well done Helen!



Room of the month

Busy Bees

Busy Bees staff along with support from Natasha, have really gelled as a team over the last month. They have been very supportive to each other in ensuring observations & updates are completed for the children & have worked together well in order to provide lovely experiences for the children & research ways to enhance their room further. Well done everyone!



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Message from central support

As you are probably aware, the government has announced a 4-week pause at Step 3 of the lifting coronavirus restrictions. Step 3 restrictions remain in place. We appreciate that it can be tiresome to continue to follow the restrictions in place, but we must urge you to do so for the safety & welfare of yourselves & others. As a reminder can you please ensure that you are wearing an appropriate face covering on drop off & collection, unless you are exempt. Please also ensure that you are keeping a 2 metre distance when queuing at the door on drop off & collection. We continue to work in bubbles within the building & staff wear face coverings where appropriate. We also ensure that children & staff are regularly handwashing & would urge you to continue to use the hand sanitizer made available to you by the entrance. If you or your child have any symptoms, please ensure you book a PCR test rather than taking a lateral flow test as we will only be able to accept a PCR result following symptoms. We are aiming to minimise potential disruption to children & avoid the need for isolating bubbles, so your ongoing cooperation is much appreciated. We will provide more updates to any changes following government guidance which we expect to change on 19th July. Thanks again for your patience & understanding!

Reminders & Information

* **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.

* **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.

family 

Please can you take the time to update any contact information, health & dietary information & permissions for your child/ren. You can also report your child/ren off as sick or on holiday & you can even send us a picture of them! There are lots of fabulous features you can access on family & there is a handy help feature too! Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulty with using family & the staff will be happy to help!



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Other Information



Our new trim trail has now been completed & it looks amazing! The children are loving having an additional resource to access in the garden!

COVID-19

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

- 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).
- 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.

Fatima, Helen & the HP Childcare

team xx

