



Nursery News

August 2021



What's Been Happening?



July saw us enjoy lots of hot sunny weather but also saw us saying a lot of goodbyes to our children leaving for school and finishing for the Summer!

We have had lots of fun learning new sports skills with Coach Callum as well as sessions with flowerpot Sue where we have planted tomatoes, cabbage & radishes! We have also enjoyed learning new words in French with French Pete!

We had a football themed party in celebration of England getting to the final in the world cup & we even held our own Honey Pot World cup!

We can't wait to see what this month brings!



Coming up this Month

24th July - 8th August - National marine week
4th - Play Day



4th - Owl awareness day



6th - Alexander Fleming's birthday

7th - Sandcastle Day

8th - International cat day

9th - National allotments week

9th - Afternoon tea week

10th - Islamic New Year

13th - Left handers day

15th - VJ Day

16th - Tell a joke day

19th - World Photo Day

21st - World Honeybee Day

24th - Summer paralympics

**** Children who attend nursery on a term time only & funded hours only basis will return to nursery on w/c 6th September.**

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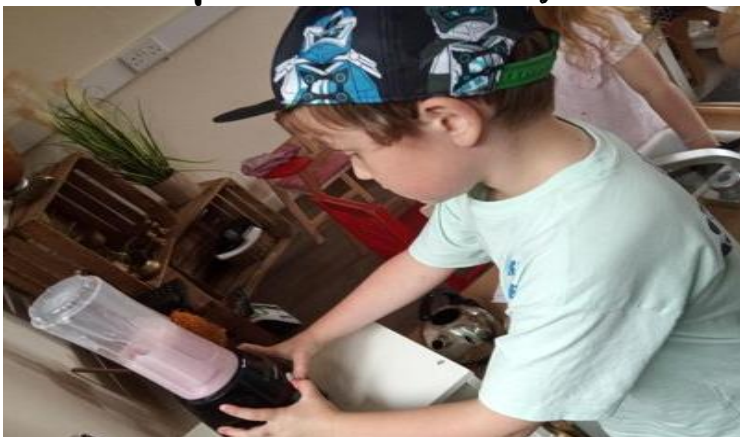
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Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have had so much fun over the last month. They have enjoyed creating their own works of art with their own interpretation of Van Gogh's masterpieces & when exploring transient art. They have also enjoyed exploring the Olympics, where they held their own sporting events & created their own Olympic rings! They have also enjoyed lots of water & ice play, especially during the hot weather! We have also welcomed two new friends to Busy Bees, Matthew & Hamzah. We look forward to welcoming more friends in the coming months!

Room News (Wraparound/Holiday club)



End of term saw us say goodbye to our wraparound children for the Summer & hello to our holiday club children. Some new faces have joined us this Summer & have instantly made friends & enjoyed whats on offer! So far the children have enjoyed multi sports with coach callum, their very own Honey pot bake off where delicious cakes & cookies were made, making smoothies, making potions & junk modelling!

Room News (Worker Bees)



July was a busy & emotional month for our Worker Bees children. We prepared for our graduation ceremony & learnt about the new schools that everyone will be going to. We enjoyed exploring the World cup & the Olympic games, discussing the countries involved, making our own medals & trophies & creating our very own world cup & Olympics!

We enjoyed lots of den making and creating objects out of crates & loose parts in the garden, we even created our own boat!

Birthdays

Busy Bees:

- * Marleigh's birthday is on the 13th
- * Reneya's birthday is on the 28th

Wraparound:

- * James McE's birthday is on the 7th
- * Annabelle's birthday is on the 15th
- * Tilly's birthday is on the 24th
- * Raegan's birthday is on the 26th

Holiday Club:

- * Jessica R's birthday is on the 8th
- * Cian's birthday is on the 11th
- * Erin Br's birthday is on the 23rd

Staff:

- * Deb's birthday is on the 13th
- * Jess' birthday is on the 16th

We hope you all have a wonderful birthday! xx



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Staff Information

Some of you may already be familiar with Naomi. She has previously been working on our wraparound team part time. Since graduating from university, she will be joining the Honey Pot Childcare team full time as a practitioner. She will still assist with wraparound drop off and collection.

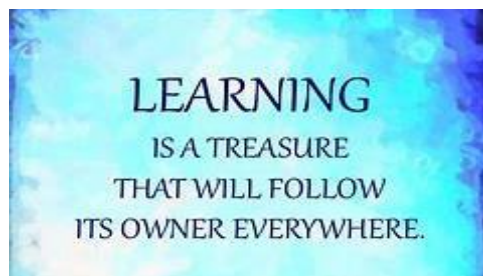


Staff Holidays

- * Becky: wc 2nd August
- * Jessica: 13th & 17th August
- * Helen: Wc 17th August
- * 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. We continue to access training from Alice Sharp which is really benefitting our practice & giving us lots of new ideas to use!

Employee of the month

Becky

Since joining us from our Garston site, Becky has adapted to the new environment of a different nursery extremely well. She has a fantastic manner with the children & always ensures they are doing lovely activities in nursery. She is an extremely helpful member of staff & is forming relationships with parents really well! Well done Becky!



Room of the month

All Staff

We have not awarded room of the month to a room in particular this month as we feel that all staff deserve recognition. With the ongoing pandemic & staff sickness, everyone has worked really hard to pull together & ensure that the children are at the heart of everything that we do & that they are coming to nursery in a happy & fun environment. It is not always easy, but the staff do a fantastic job of staying positive and providing the best they possibly can for the children. Well done all!



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Message from central support

"We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all of our school leavers across the entire Honey Pot Nursery Group. From those who have been with us as babies to those who have more recently joined the Honey Pot family, you will all be truly missed. We wish you the best of luck in the next phase in your life at school and hope that Honey Pot have helped to provide you with the best possible start. Thank you to those who were able to attend the graduation ceremonies, I'm sure you'll agree that they were fantastic and a great way to celebrate the end of nursery life. We hope that the children continue to flourish at school and we would love to be kept up to date with how they are getting on. Goodbye and good luck!"

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.

* **Parental involvement** - We are keen to have parents visit the setting who may speak another language, have a particular job or possess a certain skill. It would be lovely for the children to learn new things from you! If you would be interested in doing this, please speak to Fatima or Helen.

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

We are currently focusing on enhancing areas around the nursery. We are in the process of adding a story/ seating area to the garden for the children to use. We are also hoping to enhance our rooms further with more authentic resources. We would love it if parents could donate any unwanted items such as old jewellery, hats, empty perfume bottles, handbags, unwanted kitchen utensils etc. As they say, one person's rubbish is another person's treasure!



COVID-19

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

- All parents should 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

