



Nursery News

September 2021



What's Been Happening?



It has certainly been a busy August, with us bidding farewell to so many of our pre-school children as they leave to start their new adventure in school & also welcoming so many new faces as they start their nursery journey at Honey Pot!

We have been able to experience so many wonderful things including a train journey to the shops to pick up some ingredients for afternoon tea week, a trip to the Safari park where we got to see lots of different animals & of course spending time in our wonderful new garden space! Pre-school have especially enjoyed the new stage area where they have used lots of different props & outfits as well as their amazing imagination to really put on a show for everyone!

Coming up this Month

- 2nd - 6th - Great fire of London
- 3rd - National Doodle Day
- 4th - Wildlife Day
- 5th - International Day of Charity
- 6th - Read a book day - Why not bring in your favourite book to share with everyone?!
- 6th - 8th - Rosh Hashannah
- 8th - Literacy Day
- 11th - World First Aid Day
- 12th - Disability Awareness Day
- 13th - Roald Dahl Story Day - Who is your favourite character? Feel free to dress up or bring in your favourite Roald Dahl story!



- 15th - Day of democracy
- 19th - Talk like a pirate day - Children are welcome to come to nursery in their best pirate costume!
- 20th - 26th - Recycle week



- 20th - 27th - Sukkot
- 21st - International Day of Peace
- 22nd - National fitness day
- 26th - European day of languages
- 28th - 29th - Simchat Torah
- 29th - World heart day

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



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Room News (Baby Bees)



Baby Bees have been welcoming more new faces to the room & also bidding farewell to their older children moving up to their next room! The children have enjoyed exploring lots of lovely edible messy play activities & strengthened their gross motor skills with the use of mashers, whisks & their whole bodies. They also had a special tea party for afternoon tea week, they helped in making biscuits which were delicious!

Room News (Honey Bees)



Honey Bees have also been very busy welcoming new friends & also supporting the older children with their transition to Busy Bees. The children have explored a range of sea themed activities in awareness of national marine week. They very much enjoyed a teddy bear afternoon as part of afternoon tea week & had their very own teddy bears tea party! For World Lion Day, Honey Bees went on a trip to the Safari park & loved looking at all of the animals, especially the fierce lions!

Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy bees have been focusing on supporting the new children coming into the room & also supporting the older children ready to move to pre-school room. They have loved messy play recently as well as categorising different objects such as colours and animals which led them to making structures such as farms & zoos. The children have also been exploring different types of transport & whilst on a walk to Otterspool, they talked about the different ones they could spot, including boats!

Room News (Pre-school)



Pre-school have also been welcoming lots of new faces to the room including children moving up from Busy Bees & some new faces to Honey Pot! We also bid farewell to the remaining school leavers & wished them the best of luck in their new adventures. The children have loved learning about the Olympics; using the interactive board to research & watch different sporting events & also having our own Olympics in the garden! Pre-school have continued to carefully look after the vegetable garden & are very excited to spot lots of different vegetables becoming ripe. We have also noticed some changes to our outdoor environment, even spotting conkers on the trees outside nursery!



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Birthdays

Baby Bees:

Aurelia - 7th
Orla M - 16th
Harriet - 16th

Honey Bees:

Max - 23rd
Mabel - 24th

Busy Bees:

Bobby - 4th
Remy - 6th
Lila - 27th



Worker bees:

Holly - 2nd
Noah - 3rd
Nell - 5th
Summer - 10th
Cillian - 18th
Lottie - 27th

Staff:

Chloe - 10th
Sarah-Lou - 18th

Employee of the month

Sarah

Sarah has done a fantastic job in supporting our school leaver children in their final days at Honey Pot before moving on to their next adventure in school. This is in addition to the wonderful experiences she provides the children with on a daily basis whilst also co-managing the nursery & ensuring a positive workplace for all of the staff team! Well done Sarah & thank you for your hard work!

Staff Information

This month we say goodbye to Bex. She is nearing completion of her apprenticeship & has been offered a qualified position at our Garston site. I'm sure you will agree that she will be missed at Aigburth & we wish her lots of luck in her new role!

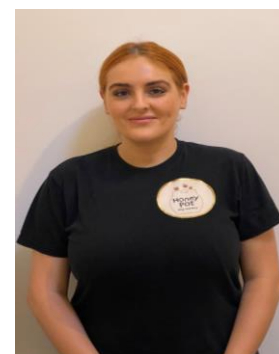
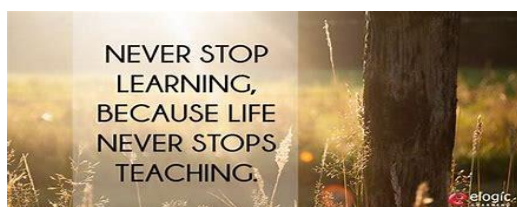
We have also welcomed Rose to the setting. Rose will be starting her childcare journey with Honey Pot by doing an apprenticeship & is already settling in brilliantly with the children & as part of the team!

Staff Holidays

Amy - 2nd & 3rd
Chloe - 10th
Sarah - 17th & 20th
Kelly - 27th - 1st Oct
Megan - 10th to 13th
Sarah-Lou - 13th to 17th
Nicole - 20th to 1st Oct

Staff Training

The whole staff team continued this month with training on the new EYFS, the introduction of our new curriculum & understanding the use of this on a daily basis. We are also accessing Alice Sharp's adventures with Alice online, which provides us with lots of wonderful inspiration & ideas to support us in developing our practice.



Room of the month

Honey Bees

Honey Bees have worked together brilliantly to support new children & their families who are new to the setting. They have ensured the room is calm & inviting & provided a warm & nurturing approach to support children settling in. They have consistently kept parents updated of their child's progress in settling in & are quick to answer any questions they may have. In addition to this, they have also provided lots of support to the older children who are due to make the transition to the next room. Well done team!



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Message from central support

"September sees the introduction of the revised EYFS. Our staff team have been accessing monthly training since January of this year in preparation for this. One of the main aims of the revisions is to remove the need for extensive data gathering so that our staff have more time to teach your children. We are working on getting more information out to you in September, as we get used to using the revised framework. You may notice slight differences in the way in which observations on Famly look but the way in which we are teaching your children will not change. As part of these revisions, we have designed our own ambitious curriculum which will be made available to you soon. This will detail what children will learn whilst they are with us. We hope that you see the benefits of these changes and of course if you have any questions please get in touch."

Reminders & Other News

* **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** - Please be aware that morning sessions finish at 1pm and afternoon and full day sessions finish by 6pm. Please ensure you are collecting your children on time or you may be likely to incur a late collection charge.



Please can you take the time to update any contact information, health & dietary information & permissions for your child/ren. 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 Famly & the staff will be happy to help!

Parental involvement

If any parents have a particular job or skill, we would love to have you visit the setting to share this with the children, whether you are a baker, a musician, speak another language or are even a fire fighter. If you would be interested in doing a session with the children, please speak to a member of staff.

Covid-19 Procedures

* Wearing a face covering on drop off and collection is a parental choice.

* We are still operating a one-way system on drop off & collection of your children.

* If you are planning a trip abroad this summer, please keep up to date with the ever-changing travel guidance. Please keep us updated on any travel plans so we can plan for your return and plan for staff deployment during this time.

* To enable us to continue to operate safely we rely on the good faith of our parents to keep children at home when they are poorly and take a PCR test when a child displays symptoms.

* If your child presents any COVID-19 symptoms in nursery they will be isolated, and you will be asked to come and collect them and take them for a PCR test- they will not be able to come back to nursery until they have received a negative PCR test. If your child had a temperature, they will need to have been free of a temperature for 48 hours before returning to nursery.

**Fatima, Sarah & the
Aighurth team xx**



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