



Nursery News

December 2021



What's Been Happening?



During November, the children have experienced many new things! We have celebrated nursery rhyme week where we have enjoyed themed tuff trays & explored different rhymes. We enjoyed a visit to story barn, the children were excited to travel there on the minibus & were fascinated with everything they could explore, especially the hot air balloon!



We recently held another pre-school committee meeting & the children were very vocal about plans for Christmas! They have given us some great ideas for us to use. Watch this space!

Coming up this Month

- * 28th Nov-6th Dec: Hanukkah - Jewish festival
- * 1st: Christingle
- * 3rd: International day of persons with disabilities
- * 10th - 17th - As Christmas jumper day is on the 11th December, all children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to nursery for the duration of this week.



- * 13th - Worker Bees Christmas singalong (Further details to be sent out by Worker Bees staff)



- * 14th - Baby & Honey Bees Christmas party from 2.30pm - All children welcome to attend
- * 15th - Christmas Dinner Day
- * 16th - Busy Bees Christmas Party from 2.30pm - All children welcome to attend.
- * 17th - Worker Bees Christmas party from 2.30pm - All children welcome to attend
- * 20th - Storybarn on the road - Storybarn will be visiting the nursery!
- * 24th - Christmas Eve - Nursery closes at 1pm
- * 27th & 28th - Bank holidays - Nursery closed
- * 31st - New Years Eve - Nursery closes at 1pm

* **Don't forget, children who attend on a funded hours only basis will finish nursery on the 17th December & return the week commencing the 10th January!**

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



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Room News (Baby Bees)



This month baby bees have been focusing on physical development. We have completed a lot of table top activities encouraging children to stand & cruise. To celebrate children in need the children enjoyed a pudsey bear messy play activity where they enjoyed mixing all of the colours & of course eating the custard! The children have also been enjoying the large loose parts; enjoying stacking & combining & some of the older children have been practicing recognising colours!

Room News (Honey Bees)



Honey bees explored a range of themed activities for Diwali, including making Diwas. We then made lots of fabulous firework creations in celebration of bonfire night. In awareness of Remembrance Day, we enjoyed some poppy messy play activities. We had so much fun celebrating world nursery rhyme week & explored a range of activities based on our favourite nursery rhymes such as Old MacDonald & twinkle twinkle little star! Honey bees got their bake on & made some yummy cranberry muffins for Thanksgiving! To celebrate the start of Hannukah we made our own menorahs using play dough & candles!

Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have explored dancing from different cultures; Irish, African & Scottish & have been putting on shows. We've been working on our fine motor skills & using different tools in messy play. We explored road safety in different ways & learnt the sequence of traffic lights. We explored an "I'm a little tea pot" tuff tray for nursery rhyme week. We also explored mud in different ways, e.g., making mud pies outside & following the children's interests & using Peppa pig toys to play in muddy puddles.

Room News (Pre-school)



Pre-school have enjoyed celebrating many events, visiting the story barn & focusing on topics from our long-term planning this month. When visiting the storybarn the children gained a new favourite story called 'Pete & his groovy buttons', we purchased it for the nursery & it has been the first choice at story time every day! For children in need the children dressed up in their best spotty gear & created pudsey masks. We learnt about the importance of road safety, understanding that we must stop, look & listen when crossing the road.



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Birthdays

Baby Bees:

Heidi - 17th

Busy Bees:

Bellezia - 1st

Leo - 9th

Harlow C - 15th

Worker Bees:

Delilah - 10th

Elsie - 24th

Milo - 30th

Staff:

Katie - 3rd



Staff Information

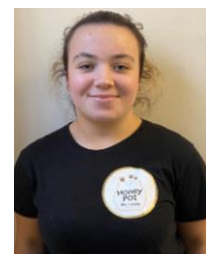
We have welcomed Chelsea to the team. She will be starting her childcare apprentice journey with us. Recently we celebrated Sarah's 10th anniversary of working at Honey Pot. Sarah is a fantastic member of staff & is an asset to the Aigburth team! Thank you Sarah for your continued hard work & dedication!



Room of the month

Busy Bees

Busy bees have pulled together exceptionally well as a team to support children through a variety of transitions including Tegan's departure, potty training & ditching the dummy. They have all done a fantastic job of supporting parents at all times with any concerns/questions they have about the transitions their children are experiencing & have great communication with parents on a daily basis. In addition to this, they ensure they are providing consistency for the children & offering wonderful experiences. Well done Nicole, Chloe & Caitlin!



Staff Holidays

Reece - 1st

Kelly- 7th, 10th & 17th

Chloe- 13th & 22nd - 24th

Donna - 29th - 31st

Caitlin - 29th & 30th

Sarah-Lou - 2nd & 3rd

Katie - 8th to 15th

Sarah - 20th & 21st

Megan - 29th & 31st

Staff Training

Kelly continues to study for her EYT qualification. Zahra has continued to attend training on well-being & has also been attending the early years professional development program along with Sarah-Lou. Caitlin will soon be coming to the end of her level 2 qualification, Amy, Rose & Chelsea will be studying for their level 2 qualification also. Sarah-Lou will be beginning her level 5 early years lead practitioner qualification.



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Special Recognition

Each month we will be picking a member of staff to give a special recognition to for their consistent and outstanding work. This month it is Courtney from our Childwall Site.



Courtney is a dedicated member of the Honey Pot Team. She has recently taken on the role of the well-being co-ordinator for our Childwall site and is relishing in this new role. Courtney will always help other teams when needed and is selfless in her approach to work. Courtney has great relationships with her key children and families and loves creating engaging environments for her babies to explore. She has recently enhanced her Baby Garden for the children to explore and it is a beautiful space that was created with the children's interests in mind. Thank you Courtney for your hard work & dedication to Honey Pot. Well Done x

Reminders

- * **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.
- * **Cold/wet weather** - With the winter weather setting in & often being wet, please can you ensure that you are providing wadm clothing such as hats, gloves & waterproofs for your child to play outdoors
- * **Updating information** - Please can you take the time to update any contact information, health & dietary information & permissions for your child/ren.
- * **Enhancing nursery** - We are currently revamping our home corners & we would love any real items that we could use such as perfume bottles, handbags, old toasters etc. Your junk is our treasure!!!

Other Information

Covid 19 Procedures

In line with the recent updated guidance from the government, we would appreciate your cooperation with the following measures:

- * Masks must be worn on entry to the Nursery (unless exempt), entry will not be permitted without one & parents will have to drop off & collect their child/ren at the nursery entrance.
- * Please ensure you are using hand sanitizer stations provided.
- * Please be aware there may be times you are asked to wait to enter the building in order to avoid overcrowding in the nursery.
- * 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 & take a PCR test when a child displays symptoms.
- * If your child presents any COVID-19 symptoms in nursery they will be isolated & 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.

Accidents & medication

Please can you ensure that you are reporting any accidents that occur before nursery or if your child has had any medication prior to nursery. It is important that we are recording this information. Feel free to message us this information on family if you feel you may forget to inform staff during handover.

**Wishing you all a wonderful
Christmas & a very happy new year!
Fatima, Sarah & the Aigburth team.**

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