



# Nursery News

## December 2021



### What's Been Happening?

During November, we have been learning about what it is to be kind; the children talked about giving hugs, sharing toys & helping to tidy up as an act of kindness. We also enjoyed world science day; the children made their own volcano & were excited when they made a special concoction to make it erupt! We also visited the story barn, there were many wonderful things to explore & we gained some new favourite books as a result!



We also dressed up in our favourite pyjamas & spotty clothing to raise funds for children in need. We welcomed back Coach Callum who returned after recovering from surgery, the children have loved doing their sessions with him again! We have loved our forest school sessions, making leaf kebabs, fairy doors & fairy wands & going on a nature hunt.



We have also welcomed two new additions to the setting, our very own goldfish, which were kindly donated to us by a Garston parent. The children are fascinated with them & help in looking after them.

### Coming up this Month

- \* 28<sup>th</sup> Nov-6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Hanukkah - Jewish festival
- \* 1<sup>st</sup>: Christingle
- \* 3<sup>rd</sup>: International Day of Persons with disabilities
- \* 6<sup>th</sup>: Story barn on the road - Story barn will be visiting the nursery
- \* 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> - As Christmas jumper day is on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, all children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to nursery for the duration of this week.



- \* 13<sup>th</sup> - Worker Bees Christmas singalong - Please arrive for 2.15pm



- \* 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner Day
- \* 16<sup>th</sup> - Busy Bees Christmas Party from 1-3pm - All children welcome to attend.
- \* 17<sup>th</sup> - Worker Bees Christmas party from 12.30-2.30pm - All children welcome to attend
- \* 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve - Nursery closes at 1pm & reopens the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.

- \*\* Don't forget, all children who attend nursery on a term time only basis & wraparound provision will finish nursery for Christmas on 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- \* Wraparound provision returns w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> January.
- \* Children who attend term time only & are not in receipt of funding & children who attend on an all year round basis return w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> January.
- \* Children in receipt of funding who attend term time only will return w/c 10<sup>th</sup> January



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## Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have been exploring lots of different themed activities in line with their interests, especially animals! They had lots of fun learning animal names & their sounds. They have also enjoyed exploring lots of messy play, learning about different textures, with a focus on mark making skills & emptying & filling skills. They have also showed fascination in building & balancing with different resources such as the blocks, magnetic lego & our sensory shapes. The children have showed great concentration when creating their own towers & structures!

## Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees have had a very busy month yet again! They had lots of fun for world science day where they made their own volcano! The children have enjoyed perfecting their dance moves, exploring dance & music from different countries around the world. They have also enjoyed learning letter sounds, engaging in a letter matching game & a letter hunt! They have also started to explore some Winter & Christmas themed activities including one where they made snow angels & play dough involving Christmas decorations.

## Room News (Wraparound)



Our wraparound children have been very busy over the last month. They have enjoyed Lego competition where there were some fantastic structures created, games of Bingo, art & craft, competitions on the wii & they have enjoyed visits to the park.



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## Birthdays

### Busy Bees:

14<sup>th</sup> - Archie  
31<sup>st</sup> - Christine

### Worker Bees:

18<sup>th</sup> - Felix C  
18<sup>th</sup> - Luna

### Wraparound:

4<sup>th</sup> - Madeleine  
5<sup>th</sup> - Beatrice P  
25<sup>th</sup> - Beatrice S  
30<sup>th</sup> - Mabel

### Holiday Club:

6<sup>th</sup> - Eleanor B  
8<sup>th</sup> - Bobby  
10<sup>th</sup> - Zachary  
10<sup>th</sup> - George C  
13<sup>th</sup> - George J



We hope you all  
have a wonderful  
birthday!!! XXX

## Staff Information

We would like to say a big welcome to Michael who has recently joined the team. Michael has lots of experience in the early years & we are excited to have him as part of the team.

Recently Suzie has stepped up to become assistant manager of the setting. She is already doing a fantastic job as she settles into the role as well as managing the wraparound team & Worker Bees room.

Wraparound parents may be familiar with Sarah who has joined our wraparound team. Sarah is based at our Garston site & will be caring for the wraparound children on Monday & Tuesday.

### Staff Holidays

Jess - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>  
Amy - 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Michelle - 13<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

### Staff Training

Jess continues to study for her level 2 qualification & is almost near completion. Amy & Sarah are just beginning their level 2 qualification. Sarah has recently attended paediatric first aid training

## Employee of the month

Rachel



Rachel returned to working with Honey Pot in October & has settled back in so well. She has really got to grips with the daily routines in the nursery & most importantly of all forming strong relationships with the children in her care. Rachel also takes the time to get to know the parents & is always a brings a huge bundle of positivity to the nursery! Well done!

## Room of the month

### Wraparound

The wraparound team have continued to do a fantastic job of caring for the children. They have worked hard to ensure that all children are able to engage in new experiences every day, including bingo, an outing to the park, Lego building competitions & much more.

Well done to the team.



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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 warm 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 & mud kitchen & we would really appreciate donations of any real items that we could use such as perfume bottles, handbags, old toasters etc. Your junk is our treasure
- \* **Toys in nursery** - Please can we ask that children refrain from bringing toys in to nursery unless it is a comforter or has been brought in for show & tell at the nursery's request. We are finding that this is contributing to a lot of upset amongst the children as well as children being upset if items go missing or get damaged. If children do bring in any items, we cannot be responsible for any loss/damage.

## 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 (unless exempt), when bringing your child to & collecting them from nursery.
- \* Please ensure you are using hand sanitizer stations provided.
- \* Please ensure you are distancing yourself accordingly from other parents/visitors.
- \* Handovers will need to be as brief as possible to prevent other parents/visitors from waiting for a long period.
- \* 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 & collect them & 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, Suzie & the HP Childcare team**

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