



# Nursery News

## February 2022



### What's Been Happening?

The nursery saw a very busy start to the New Year. We welcome many new children to the Honey Pot Aigburth family.

The staff have provided the children with lots of wonderful activities related to our curriculum such as bird watching, aboriginal painting & making didgeridoos when learning about Australia & we explored different ways of mark making for national handwriting day including experimenting with water colours & making patterns in flour.



We have also been very busy enhancing areas around the nursery, in particular our worker bees room, which includes a cosier reading area & a fantastic art room, the children were so excited to explore the new areas!

### Coming up this Month

LGBT+ History month



1<sup>st</sup> - Lunar New Year



3<sup>rd</sup> - Time to talk day



4<sup>th</sup> - Rosa Parks Day

7<sup>th</sup> - Children's mental health week starts

7<sup>th</sup> - Charles Dickens birthday

8<sup>th</sup> - Safer Internet Day

11<sup>th</sup> - International day of women & girls in science

13<sup>th</sup> - World Radio Day

14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day

17<sup>th</sup> - Random Act of Kindness Day

28<sup>th</sup> - Maha shivrati begins

**\* Don't forget, children who attend on a funded hours only basis will finish nursery for half term on the week ending 18<sup>th</sup> February & return the week commencing the 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

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



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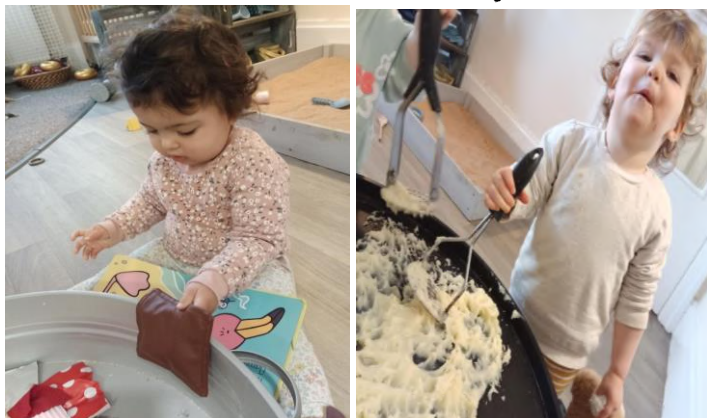


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## Room News (Baby Bees)



The children have really taken an interest in books especially the 'that's not my...' books. We have completed activities based on textures, exploring the different materials & trying to match them to the books. We have also been exploring different textures during messy play such as custard, cereal, playdough & learning new words such as soft, hard & bumpy. We have also been enjoying lots of mark making this month using different materials such as edible paint, crayons & paint sticks.

## Room News (Honey Bees)



Honey bees have had a wonderful start to the new year & we welcomed a few new friends. In celebration of bird watch week, we went for a walk to Sefton park to spot lots of different birds. This month we have been focusing on communication & language & exploring all things messy to encourage single words & sounds! This month's challenge will be based around messy play! We would love to see what messy play activities you do with your children; it could be based on your child's current interests & you can use absolutely anything! We can't wait to see what you do. Send lots of photos!

## Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have been getting very creative. We have been taking part in lots of art sessions including observational painting & ice painting. We also celebrated Australia day & created some paintings of wattle flowers & aboriginal hand painting. We have also enjoyed learning about birds & made some bird feeders to put out in our garden! We also enjoyed our first move & groove session with Maria who taught us some fantastic dance moves!

## Room News (Pre-school)



Worker Bees have been focusing on enhancing their room. The children have showed lots of creativity, so we have created a new 'art room'. The children have been so engaged in using the water colours & creating masterpieces. We have also been focusing on birds as this has been one of our long-term planning topics. We have been bird watching in the garden & ticking off the different birds that we spotted. We also recycled toilet rolls to make bird feeders to hang in the garden! We have also shown a lot of interest in board games & have enjoyed snakes & ladders, pop up pirate & jenga!



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## Birthdays

### Baby Bees:

Thea - 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Busy Bees:

Reuben - 13<sup>th</sup>

Leo - 13<sup>th</sup>

### Honey Bees:

Heidi - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Finley - 5<sup>th</sup>

Evelyn - 10<sup>th</sup>

Alara - 10<sup>th</sup>

Erin - 13<sup>th</sup>

Gabriel - 24<sup>th</sup>



## Staff Information

We sadly said goodbye to Amy recently who has left us to move abroad & follow a new career. We wish her lots of luck!

A big shout out needs to be given to all of the staff team; much like the whole of the early years sector at the moment, it has been difficult times for staffing due to covid. However, the staff have remained positive & continued to work their hardest to provide the children with consistency & wonderful experiences. They are all amazing!



## Staff Holidays

Megan - 15<sup>th</sup>

Chloe - 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Rose - 28<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Sarah-Lou - 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Kelly - 28<sup>th</sup>

## Staff Training

Kelly continues to study for her EYT qualification. Zahra has been attending Makaton training & Chloe is attending early years reading advocate training. Caitlin will soon be coming to the end of her level 2 qualification. Rose & Chelsea continue to study for their level 2 qualification & Sarah-Lou continues to study for her level 5 qualification.

## Employee of the month

### Zahra

Zahra is a very dedicated member of staff. She has excellent communication with parents & ensures she is working with them closely in order to provide the best care & opportunities for their children. She constantly shares new ideas with the parents such as fortnightly challenges & makaton signs that she has learnt. She also shows a lot of passion for her well-being coordinator role & her ENCo role & always provides support to other staff when needed. Well done! x



## Room of the month

### Honey Bees

Honey bees have pulled together exceptionally well as a team to ensure there is consistency for the children despite not having a permanent third member of staff. They do a great job of supporting parents with any concerns/questions they may have & ensure they keep parents updated frequently throughout the day. In addition to this, they are always providing wonderful activities, a stimulating environment & are a positive influence on the children. Well done Zahra & Katie. x



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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 & outstanding work.



Sarah is the Deputy Manager & Room Leader of the pre-school room at Honey Pot Aigburth. She has worked for the company for over 10 years & still has the same enthusiasm & passion for her role. She ensures the nursery runs smoothly on a day-to-day basis, always putting the needs of her team before her own & helping & supporting the other Honey Pot settings. Sarah provides thought provoking activities that ignite awe & wonder in the children & she also ensures that she provides the children within her care with an ambitious curriculum. Sarah works tirelessly to provide an Outstanding provision for all the children attending Honey Pot Aigburth. Well done Sarah, you are a credit to the Honey Pot Team. 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.
- \* **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!!!
- \* **Exclusion periods** - There have been a lot of illnesses in th nursery recently. We have shared our updated policy on exclusion periods on family so that you are aware of the period dependent on the illness.

## Other Information

### **Covid 19 Procedures**

We would appreciate your continued cooperation with the following measures:

- \* Masks must be worn (unless exempt), when dropping off & collecting your child/ren at the nursery entrance.
- \* Please ensure you are using hand sanitizer stations provided.
- \* Please ensure you are using the one way system & ensuring you are distancing from other parents.
- \* 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.

**Fatima, Sarah &  
the Aigburth team.**

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