



# Nursery News

## February 2022



### What's Been Happening?



We had a very busy start to the new year at Honey pot Childcare!!

We have learnt about braille & using our senses to explore the world around us.

We also did a variety of mark making & writing activities for handwriting day.

We worked hard to create a new & improved mud kitchen; the children have had lots of fun cooking up a variety of mud themed recipes.

We held our pre-school committee meeting also. The children enjoyed a drink of hot chocolate & a biscuit whilst we discussed some important nursery issues. We talked about our recent trip to the storybarn & how we would like to thank them for such a fantastic time. We also planned how we can raise money for comic relief & have decided we are going to have a crazy hair day & do a sponsored walk.

### 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 & term time 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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## Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy bees have been focusing on developing secure attachments & implementing a routine into the room for the children to follow. They have also been focusing on fine motor skills & pencil control through a variety of mark making activities including painting on cling film, finger painting & large scale drawing with crayons. The children also enjoyed their first move & groove session with Maria. They explored an animal theme where they learnt new dance moves relating to different animals.

## Room News (Worker Bees)



Worker Bees had a busy January. They have been starting to learn phonics as part of their daily routine. They have been learning about their feelings & how to express them through the book the colour monster. They have enjoyed large scale building with large loose parts to create the buildings of Liverpool & they also enjoyed doing large scale group drawing. They enjoyed painting to music & also explored aboriginal art for Australia day. They also enjoyed doing zumba & learning about the effect it has on our bodies.

## Room News (Wraparound)



Our Gilmour wraparound children have enjoyed exploring the new garden at the Garston site, especially the obstacle course area & they have enjoyed competitions on the Wii. Wraparound children have also enjoyed Lego competitions & art & craft sessions. There were some amazing creations.



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## Birthdays

### \* Busy Bees:

7<sup>th</sup> - Abel  
10<sup>th</sup> - Florence  
10<sup>th</sup> - Isaac  
19<sup>th</sup> - Matthew  
19<sup>th</sup> - Isabelle  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Lucia  
28<sup>th</sup> - Teddy

### \* Worker Bees:

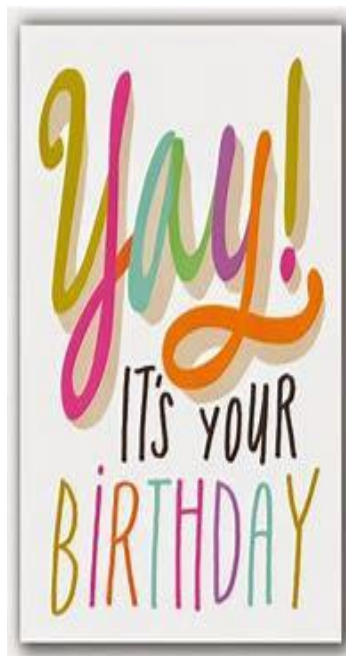
1<sup>st</sup> - Samuel P  
13<sup>th</sup> - Reo  
27<sup>th</sup> - Ellie

### \* Wraparound

12<sup>th</sup> - Emily Mc  
13<sup>th</sup> - Phoebe  
28<sup>th</sup> - Clara

### \* Holiday Club:

2<sup>nd</sup> - Daniel R  
6<sup>th</sup> - Charlie  
19<sup>th</sup> - Kaden  
20<sup>th</sup> - Eva  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Bella



We hope you all have a fantastic day! XX

## Room of the month

### Worker Bees

The staff have been working hard to provide stimulating activities for the children in line with their interests & topics on our curriculum. They have also been doing lots of research for new ideas to improve the room for the children. We have experienced staff shortages recently & the staff have done their best to ensure a positive & consistent environment for the children. Well done, Suzie, Michelle & Jess. 😊

## Staff Information

This month we will welcome Missie to the setting. Missie has previously worked at our Garston site whilst studying for her childcare qualification. Missie will be based in Busy Bees. Michelle will be increasing her hours this month & will be based in our Worker Bees room full time.

### \* Staff Holidays:

Jess - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Michelle - 11<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Linda, Rachel, Carly & Nikita work on a term time only basis so will be absent w/c 21<sup>st</sup>

### \* Staff Training:

Jess and Amy continue to work towards their level 2 qualification in childcare. Chloe continues to work towards her level 3 qualification. Suzie & Fatima attended curriculum training. Michelle will be attending 'Roar' wellbeing training & Fatima attended several webinars including child development 0-2, how children learn & outdoor play & wellbeing.

## Employee of the month

Michelle



Michelle has recently taken on the well-being coordinator role & has shown a lot of initiative & positivity about implementing what she has learnt into the setting. She has also been researching lots of new ideas in her own time to further enhance the room & implement new experiences for the children. She has been very proactive in her role & spread her positivity throughout the setting. Well done!! 😊



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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 Aighurth. 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 Aighurth. Well done Sarah, you are a credit to the Honey Pot Team. x

## Reminders

- \* **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 into 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.

## Covid 19 Procedures

We would appreciate your continued 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. We also must record if your child requires any medicine in nursery & have your signed permission to administer this. 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, Suzie & the  
Childcare team xx**



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