



# Nursery News

## May 2022



### What's Been Happening?



We had such a busy April! From celebrating all things Easter including life cycles of chicks & an egg hunt to releasing our Butterflies! We enjoyed having our parents back in the setting with the return of our stay & play sessions & our parents' evenings in person! The children were so excited to show their parents their wonderful rooms & have them join in activities with them. We were very lucky to have a special visit from one of our parents who wrote a new book called 'The boy who lost his bounce'; Andrea did a special reading of her book & did lovely activities with the children afterwards. We also found out where some of our older children are going to school in September & there has been lots of exciting conversation about their transition to school!



### Coming up this Month

- \* National Walking Month
- \* Local & community history month
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bank holiday - Nursery Closed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eid
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Children's book week, deaf awareness week, sun awareness week & national gardening week



- 4<sup>th</sup> - Firefighters Memorial Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> - International space day
- 8<sup>th</sup> - African world Heritage Day & VE day
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Europe Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Mental health awareness week
- 12<sup>th</sup> - International nurses' day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Wesak & National children's day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Vegetarian Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> - International Museum Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> - National numeracy day
- 20<sup>th</sup> - World Bee Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - French Open
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - World Turtle Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Great British Spring clean begins

\* Please be aware children who attend nursery on a funded hours only basis will not attend nursery the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> May.

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 getting very creative over the last month. We have enjoyed lots of Easter themed activities such as making our own egg shakers & got very messy while making our Easter cards. We have also been enjoying lots of sunshine & water play in the garden this month. Chloe's group took a trip to the park & had a great time going on the slide & swings. We also welcomed back our stay & play sessions & loved having the parents come and play with us.

## Room News (Honey Bees)



We have enjoyed lots of fun Easter activities including, fine motor activities- feeding Mr. bunny, chick themed messy play & many more. Our mummies & daddies came for our stay & play & we loved showing them our room! For children's book day we brought in our favourite book & explored lots of fun tuff tray activities based on them. We have currently been working on our physical skills in the room as the children have showed a great interest in climbing & jumping. We made lots of puddles and splashed lots! We have also been taking advantage of the warmer weather & have been on lots of walks to our local parks where we have played on the playground!



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## Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy Bees have enjoyed exploring all things Easter over the last month. It was amazing to have our parents back in the setting to enjoy our stay & play session for Easter. We have enjoyed learning about butterflies & their life cycle. We loved watching our butterflies emerge from their cocoons. We have also been learning about superheroes & how they use their powers for good.

## Room News (Pre-school)



Worker bees have continued with their fascination of nature related topics. They have been learning a lot about pollination & this has led to their interest in bees! The children have done many bee related activities, learning about their life cycles & how they play a part in pollination. The children have enjoyed the return of flowerpot Sue & have loved planting seeds & caring for them, encouraging their growth. They have especially joined the snail races with Sue's special snails! We were very lucky to see our butterflies hatch! We cared for them as they grew strong & we then released them on a wonderful sunny day!

## Birthdays

### Baby Bees

Matilda - 13th

### Honey Bees:

Theo - 1<sup>st</sup>

Maya - 25<sup>th</sup>

George - 17<sup>th</sup>

### Busy Bees:

Sefton - 21<sup>st</sup>

Charlotte M - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Leonard - 27<sup>th</sup>

### Worker Bees

Isabelle - 18<sup>th</sup>

Gene - 27<sup>th</sup>

### Staff:

Nicole - 21<sup>st</sup>

Sarah - 28<sup>th</sup>



## Staff Information

We have welcomed a new apprentice to the Aigburth team, Lydia. She will be studying for her childcare qualification with us & I am sure you will join us in making her feel welcome!



### Staff Holidays

\* Zahra 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

\* Jen - 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

\* Nicole - 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

\* Sarah - 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

\* Chelsea - 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

\* Kelly - 30<sup>th</sup> May - 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Staff Training

Kelly continues to study for her EYT qualification.

We are going to be accessing online training provided by Alice Sharp to provide us with lots of wonderful new ideas to help improve staff practice.

Rose, Chelsea, Aimee & Alex continue to study for their level 2 qualification & Lydia will be starting to study for her level 2 qualification very soon!



## Employee of the month

### Emma

Emma is our nursery assistant. Since joining the team she has been a cheerful & positive influence around the nursery. She has instantly bonded with the children in all rooms & has a fantastic manner with them. The children are all always happy to see her! She is extremely helpful & no job is too small for her. Thanks Emma for being amazing!



## Room of the month

### Baby Bees

Chloe has recently taken on the role of room leader in Baby Bees & has been working really well together with Rose to make changes to the room to benefit the children & provide lovely experiences for them. They both have a lovely gentle & caring manner with the children in their care. They maintain great relationships with parents & have excellent communication with them, keeping them up to date on their children's day in nursery. Well done both!



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## Special Recognition



Danielle has recently taken on the role of Deputy Manager at Honey Pot Garston. She has done incredibly well in this new role and the staff feel very supported by her. She is dedicated and committed to her role and the company. Danielle has a genuine passion for Early Years, and this shines through every day making her the perfect role model to all her staff team. We can't wait to see you continue to thrive in your management role, Danielle.

## Congratulations



Well done to Chloe & Nicole on their recent promotions! Chloe has taken on the role of room leader in our Baby Bees room & Nicole will be taking on the role of EYT (Early years teacher) at our Garston site.

## Reminders & Information

\* **Stay & play sessions** - We will be holding our next stay & play sessions at the end of May on the dates as follows.

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Busy Bees 2.30 - 3.30

24<sup>th</sup> May - Baby Bees & Pre-school 2.30 - 3.30

25<sup>th</sup> May - Honey Bees 2.30 - 3.30

This is for children in attendance on the day of the session.

We will of course continue to plan these each month so that no one misses out!

\* **Parents entering the setting** - I am sure that you are all very pleased about the news that parents will be able to enter the setting to collect your children. Please can we remind you all to bear with us & wait outside the room if parents are already in your children's room having a handover & staff will be with you as quick as possible.

If you need to register your fingerprint, please speak to staff to arrange a suitable time to pop in to do so.

\* **Accidents & medication** - Please can you continue to ensure that you are reporting any accidents that occur before nursery or if your child has had any medication prior to nursery. Feel free to message us this information on family if you feel you may forget to inform staff during handover.

\* **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 continuing to revamp 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!!!

\* **Parents book swap** - Just a reminder that we have a book swap library for parents in our porch area. Feel free to donate & swap books as you please.

**Fatima, Sarah & the Aighurth team. xxx**



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