



Nursery News

May 2022



What's Been Happening?

This month the children have been taking part in a range of Easter themed and spring activities. They have also been learning about healthy eating and some of the pre school children made some delicious fruit smoothies.



Some of the children have also been exploring shadows outdoors and talked about how the light shines down to create shadows.



Coming up this Month

This month we will be celebrating and learning about:

1st May - Local & Community history month

2nd May - Eid al-Fitr

3rd May - Deaf Awareness Week

3rd May- National Sun Awareness Week

3rd May - Children's Book Week

5th May - African World Heritage Week

6th May - Space Day

8th May - VE Day

9th May - Mental Health Awareness Week

10th May - Foster Care Fortnight

12th May- Florence Nightingale's Birthday & International Nurses Day

15th May - International Day of Families

16th May - Vesak

17th May- National Smile Month

19th May - National Numeracy Day

20th May - World Bee Day

22nd May - 5th June - French Open

23rd May- World Turtle Day

30th May - Bike Week

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 celebrating spring. We have been enjoying flowers. We have been making potions and perfumes with them. The children enjoyed some easter activities they have been hunting for easter eggs, making marks using the chicks and sheep. The children have really taken an interest in playdough at the moment, they like making it themselves adding different herbs, scents and colours. We have been cooking and baking recently the children decide what we should make and like adding the ingredients and tasting their final products.



Room News (Worker Bees)

Worker Bees have been focusing on spring and Easter themed activities this month to celebrate Easter. They have also been focusing on letter sounds and formation, forming their names and sound out the correct phonetic sounds. Pre school have also been focusing on managing their feelings and emotions. Pre-school have been showing great interest in potion making and have been making potions around different feelings and emotions.



Room News (Breakfast and After School Club)

Afterschool have been playing outdoors enjoying the lovely weather and using the new outdoor resources they particularly enjoy playing football and joining in with chasing games outdoors. Afterschool have also spent time playing chess and using the computer completing some age-appropriate games.

Holiday Club

Holiday club have had lots of fun during the 2 week half term. They took part in a range of fun activities such as sports day, games day using the nintendo wii, mark making with paints and exploring the mud kitchen and also took part in a talent show.



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Birthdays

Busy Bees:

Elijah 2nd May
Erin 26th May
Alfie 12th May

Worker bees:

Samuel 26th May

Breakfast and After School Club:

James 5th May
Jacob 4th May
Freya 8th May
Emily 14th May
Thomas 21st May
Joshua 21st May
Oliver - 22nd May
Joni- 30th May

Holiday Club:

Maya 9th May
Dillon 1st May
Rosie 30th May

Staff:

Suzie-28th May
Abbie 28th May
Tom- 10th May



Staff Information

Staff Holidays:

Suzie - 18/05-2022 - 27/05/2022
Abbie - 20/05/2022, 23/05/2022

Staff Training:

Amy is continuing to work towards her Level 2 childcare qualification and is having regular meetings and training with her tutor.

Chloe working towards her level 3 and will be qualified at the end of the month.

All staff have attended Alice sharp training around enabling environments, they have also attended Safeguarding and Behaviour Management training.

Staff Updates:

Jess has recently qualified for her level 2 in childcare, we would like to congratulate her for all her hard work with completing her qualification. Well done, Jess

Room of the month

Worker bee's have been awarded room of this month. This is because they have been carrying out some lovely stimulating activities for the children this month and done a brilliant job in running holiday club for 2 weeks half term. Well done Jess and Aron.



Employee of the month

Tom has been awarded Employee of the month, Tom works at our Gilmour afterschool, He has settled into the nursery well and has been helping where needed with Holiday club and also working extra for helping out within the nursery too. Well done, Tom.



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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 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.



Other Information

- * **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.
- * **Late collection** – Please be aware that morning sessions finish at 1pm and afternoon and full day sessions finish by 6pm. Please ensure you are collecting your children on time, or you may be likely to incur a late collection charge.
- * **Accident & 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. 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. Also, if all parents can check their child's profile to acknowledge any accidents that would be great.
- * **Child's sickness/days off-** Please can we remind all parents to report their child's absence using the family app. This helps the staff us with monitoring children's attendance in nursery and also helps with collecting children from afterschool ensuring there are no missed communications. If your child has not been marked off, we will collect you child from school and bring them back to the allocated site. (Gilmour Garston site, Springwood bridge chapel site.)

Thank you for you continued support.

Reminders

*If your child has recently turned 3, they may be eligible for 30 hours funding from January. Visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for more information & to see if you are eligible. Please also remember that it is important to renew your code if you are already receiving funding. If you are not eligible for 30 hours, your child will still receive 15 hours funding.

If you have any queries in regard to how funding works, then please do not hesitate to contact Suzie or Sarah-Lou.

Suzie, Sarah-Lou and
the Childcare team xx



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