



Nursery News

August 2022



What's Been Happening?



We started the month celebrating Canada day; the children enjoyed learning facts about Canada & we enjoyed Putaine for tea. We celebrated American Independence Day with themed activities relating to the colours of the flag & learnt what Independence day means. For the NHS birthday we made some lovely pictures & cards & delivered them to local hospitals for all of the staff. We learnt about the anniversary of the landing on the moon, the children were fascinated to watch the very first 'moon walk' & explored space themed tuff trays. July brought some warmer weather & we enjoyed lots of water play & splashing in the paddling pools & enjoying delicious, iced smoothies that the children made themselves. We also had our school leavers graduation ceremony; it was a day full of smiles & also tears as we bid farewell to our children going on their new adventure to school.

We also successfully gained our communication friendly 2-4's status!!



Coming up this Month

- 1st: Love parks week
- 3rd: National play day
- 5th: International traffic light day
- 7th: National lighthouse day
- 8th: Afternoon tea week
- 8th: International cat day
- 9th: National book lovers day
- 10th: World Lion Day



- 11th: Enid Blyton
- 12th: World elephant day



- 16th: National tell a joke day
- 19th: World photo day
- 26th: National dog day

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 started the month by making some lovely pictures for NHS staff for their 74th birthday which we sent out to local hospitals. We also celebrated "ice cream day" where we practiced using different types of scoops to make our own ice cream cone. We have especially been enjoying the outdoors this month with the warmer weather and have loved splashing in the paddling pool.

Room News (Honey Bees)



Honey Bees have shown lots of interest in animals & construction themed activities over the past month. They have also enjoyed exploring another one of their favourite places, the home corner; we have recently revamped it & added lots of real life resources such as food, dress up items such as hats, scarves & shoes. The children love pretending to look after the baby dolls & make tea for their friends. The children have been going to their new room for settle days & have absolutely loved their time up there so far! We have also welcomed some new friends to the room, Grace, Maeve and Lucy, we hope they have lots of fun with us.

Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy bees have been helping the younger children settle into their room, getting them used to the new room and building bonds with their new key person and friends. Busy bee's have been focusing on their fine motor skills in particular using a tripod grip, exploring mark making with sand and paint brushes, using writing aids and enjoying lots of dough disco! The children have loved taking advantage of the lovely weather and exploring the great outdoors, we have had lots of fun doing nature painting with resources that they had collected on their outings and lots of water play in the sunshine too!

Room News (Pre-school)



This month preschool have been learning all about space! We watched videos of rockets taking off, created our own star constellations & made our own space themed area in the room. We also celebrated the end of term with a talent show, teddy bears picnic & Spa day. We enjoyed lots of dancing, pampering & celebrating our final week altogether before the children start to leave for school. For International Friendship Day we created some pictures & cards for one another, drawing what we love about our friends & made some delicious treats to enjoy together! Preschool sadly said goodbye to Sarah this month who has moved to our Heath road site, however we have agreed to visit her at her new nursery very soon!



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Birthdays

Baby Bees

Stevie - 1st
Zoey - 24th

Worker Bees

Henry - 8th
Ben - 11th

Honey Bees:

Leah - 24th

Staff:

Kelly - 2nd
Jemma - 8th

Busy Bees:

Aden - 4th
Louis - 27th



Staff Information

We have recently welcomed Sarah-Louise back to the Aigburth team, it is lovely to have her back with us. Congratulations were in order for Kelly who has taken on the deputy manager role & to Zahra who is now room leader of Busy Bees & the nursery SENCo.

Sadly we said goodbye to Sarah who has gained a promotion to jointly manage our Honey Pot Childcare site. We know she will be amazing there but we will definitely miss her cheerful self at Aigburth.

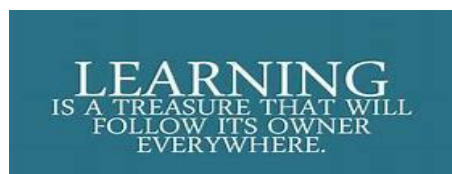
Staff Holidays

- * Kelly wc 1st
 - * Sarah-Lou 1st & wc 22nd
 - * Jemma 8th
 - * Aimee 8th
 - * Megan 11th to 18th
 - * Ahinara 12th - 15th
 - * Zahra 22nd - 23rd
 - * Alex 24th - 30th
 - * Fatima wc 29th
 - * Caitlin 30th - 8th Sept
- Zahra will also be absent from the setting for holiday club from 1st August

Staff Training

Kelly successfully gained her early years teacher status after lots of hard work!

All staff have recently attended observation training. Rose, Chelsea, Aimee, Alex & Ahinara continue to study for their level 2 qualification.



Employee of the month

Katie

Katie has really stepped up in her role since Zahra has moved to Busy Bees & supported Sarah-Lou on her return to Aigburth & in getting used to Honey Bees room. Katie has also done a fantastic job of settling in new children & reassuring parents about their child/ren's time in nursery.

Katie has continued to grow in confidence in her role. Well done!



Star Apprentice

Ahinara

Ahinara has made a fantastic start in just a short time of joining the Honey Pot team.

She does lots of research to provide lovely activities with the children & has such a lovely, fun & caring manner with all of the children throughout the nursery. She always uses her initiative well & already has a great rapport with parents. She is always positive & cheerful around the nursery & has a great attitude to work.

Well done Ahinara, we are so glad to have you!



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Special Recognition



"Amy Williams is our Worker Bees Room Leader at HP Wavertree. She always works extremely hard to make sure her room runs smoothly & that all the children get the best possible outcome out of Nursery. Amy always plans lovely outings for her children that are based on the children's interests & current next steps. Amy, has also ensured that all the children in her room have a smooth transition to school & supported her staff in carrying out their school transition reports. Amy worked tirelessly on the graduation ensuring it was an event to remember for all parents and children. Amy will always go above & beyond for management & the rest of the staff team & ensures that no staff struggle. Amy, you are a fantastic room leader & you are a credit to us. We are so lucky to have you!"

Honey Pot 15 Year Party

Just a reminder that our Honey Pot 15-year celebrations are taking place on Sunday 7th August at Cheshire lines club in Garston. This will run from 11am until 3pm.

We hope you can all join us to celebrate & enjoy a fun filled day!



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Reminders & Information

* **Parents in the setting** - Please can we remind you that parents are able to come into the setting at collection times only, we are still operating our door drop off system when coming into the setting. Can we also 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 prior to arriving at nursery**- 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.

* **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.

* **Toys in nursery** - Please can we ask that children refrain from bringing toys to nursery unless this has been requested. Unfortunately, we cannot be responsible for any toys that may go missing or get broken.

* **Parental involvement** - We would love to have a different person come to read a story with the children each month & in the lead up to this we can discuss with the children who they think it might be! We would also love for parents who may have a special skill or job to come into the setting & do a session with the children for them to learn about this. If you would be interested in participating in this, please speak to Fatima or Kelly.

Fatima, Kelly & the Aighurth team. xxx

