



Nursery News

August 2022



What's Been Happening

Throughout July our big focus has been supporting children with their transitions, whether this be to a new room, preparing for school or settling in as a brand new starter at Honey Pot.



The children have been so welcoming to the new children joining our setting, offering them a helping hand and introducing them to the new space.



Our school leavers have also enjoyed their graduation, they all did so well and it was lovely to have the children together for a final goodbye to Honey Pot.

Coming up this Month

- ❖ **Month of August** – International Pirate Month – Over the month of August we will be joining in with lots of pirate themed activities, from treasure hunts to constructing our own pirate ships!
- ❖ **1st (Running until September 16th)** – The Ashes – We will be celebrating the test cricket series between Australia and England with our own mini cricket competitions. Preschool will also have the opportunity to view some of the matches on our interactive board.
- ❖ **4th August** – International Owl Awareness Day – We will be learning all about owls, their habitats and looking at what it means to be 'nocturnal'. Our younger children will also be enjoying activities based on the story 'Owl Babies'.
- ❖ **6th August** – Alexander Fleming's Birthday – We will be celebrating the birthday of Alexander Fleming, a bacteriologist who discovered penicillin. The children will be learning all about different bacteria and conducting their own experiments.
- ❖ **7th August** – **Honey Pot 15 Year Celebration Party!** – We invite all parents and children to attend our 15 Year Anniversary party, 11-3 at the Cheshire Lines Club in Garston. We are looking forward to seeing you all for a fun filled day!
- ❖ **10th August** - World Lion Day – The children across all rooms will have the opportunity to explore the topic of lions through our small room resources, stories and invitations to play set up by our staff.
- ❖ **11th August** – Raksha Bandhan – Raksha Bandhan is a celebration of brotherhood and love between siblings in Hinduism. We will be thinking about people we love and what it means to have a sibling.
- ❖ **12th August**– World Elephant Day & Perseid Meteors – The children will be given the opportunity to discover new facts about elephants and join in activities themed around the creatures or the fictional elephant Elmer. We will also take a look at the Perseid Meteors on an online webcast!
- ❖ **19th August** – International Orangutan Day – We will be looking at how we can take part in safeguarding these rare creatures by making ethical and ecological choices.
- ❖ **19th August** – World Humanitarian Day – The hash tag for this years World Humanitarian Day is #RealLifeHeroes. This year's campaign wants to share inspiring personal stories of the humanitarians that have been heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ **26th August** – International Dog Day – The children will be celebrating dogs and we would love to see all of your family pets if you would like to send photos in to us through Family.
- ❖ **27th August** – International Bat Night/Weekend – We will be learning all about bats, asking questions such as "How do they see in the dark?" and "Why do they hang upside down?".

❖ [Check our blog and social media pages for our latest pictures of our events](#)



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Room News

Bumble/Honey Bees



Bumbles have been very interested in stories and in particularly enjoy the 'That's not my..' stories where they can explore the different textures and practice simple sounds.



The Honey Bees children have shown a big interest in filling and emptying, using different utensils to transport oats and sliding them down guttering.

Room News (Busy Bees)

Busy Bees have been using our new lower outdoor tap independently to fill up the watering cans to tend to our plants and vegetables. They have been keeping a close eye on our tomatoes which are slowly ripening.



Room News (Worker Bees)

Preschool enjoyed their final forest school session of the academic year, as well as working on a range of outdoor skills they went searching for the Gruffalo and to find the clothes from the Smartest Giant in Town.



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Staff Information

Upcoming Staff Holidays

- W/C 1/08/2022 – Moe, Michaela & Nic (All week)
- W/C 8/08/2022 – Moe, Rhea (All Week) and Amy (Thur & Fri)
- W/C 15/08/2022 – Amy (Mon-Thur), Michaela (All Week) and Danielle (All Week)
- W/C 22/08/2022 – Donna and Chloe (All Week) and Georgie (Thur afternoon)
- 29/08/2022 – Bank Holiday



Apprentice of the month

Our Apprentice of the Month is Lizzie!
Lizzie has showed a really positive attitude towards her new role, showing a good knowledge of the children and a caring nature. She has also shown lots of dedication to her new role, helping out with enhancements to our garden.



Employee of the month

Niamh



Niamh always puts 100% into her job role and knows her children and how to support their learning. She writes detailed observations and assessments which demonstrate this care she has for her children and the enthusiasm she has for her role. Niamh is always a friendly face the children can go to and a valuable member of the Honey Pot Team.

A Special Recognition

Each Month the Core Management team will be choosing a member of staff to give a special recognition to for their consistent and outstanding work.

“Amy Williams is our Worker Bees Room Leader at HP Wavertree. She always works extremely hard to make sure her room runs smoothly and 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 and current next steps. Amy, has also ensured that all the children in her room have a smooth transition to school and 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 and beyond for management and the rest of the staff team and ensures that no staff struggle. Amy, you are a fantastic room leader and you are a credit to us. We are so lucky to have you!”



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The NHS Birthday!



The UEFA Women's Euros!



Children's Art Week



Staff Changes/Updates

We would like to Welcome Robyn and Lizzie our two newest apprentices!



Lizzie has joined our Honey Bees room this month and has shown great enthusiasm towards her new role and a kind and caring attitude with the children.



Robyn has joined the Bumbles team and has begun building great relationships with the babies.

- **Reminder: The nursery will be closed on the 29th August for the August Bank Holiday.**

Many Thanks
Alison, Danielle and the
Garston team x



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