



Nursery News

August 2022



What's Been Happening?



This month we were getting ready to say goodbye to our school leavers, we have been focusing on getting the children ready for their next big adventure. The preschool children really enjoyed their graduation ceremony.

Busy bee's have been getting ready for their move into the preschool room, they have had settling in sessions and have been getting themselves familiar with the preschool staff.

We have been enhancing areas of the nursery and have created a fantastic new technology area with a touch screen board which we can explore nursery rhymes and age appropriate games on, we have been investigating the walkie talkies and love taking pictures on our new instant camera.

As we have had lovely weather recently we have been keeping ourselves cool with lots of ice and water play, splashing in the pool and enjoying a frozen treat or two!

Coming up this Month

This month we will be celebrating and learning about:

1st- 5th - Love parks week

6th- Alexander Flemming's Birthday- the children will engage in science experiments in celebration

7th - National light house day

8th -Afternoon tea week

8th - International Cat Day

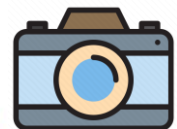
10th- World Lion day

11th- Enid Blyton's birthday

12th- World Elephant day

16th- National tell a joke day

19th -World photo day



Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at <http://blog.honeypotnursery.co.uk>



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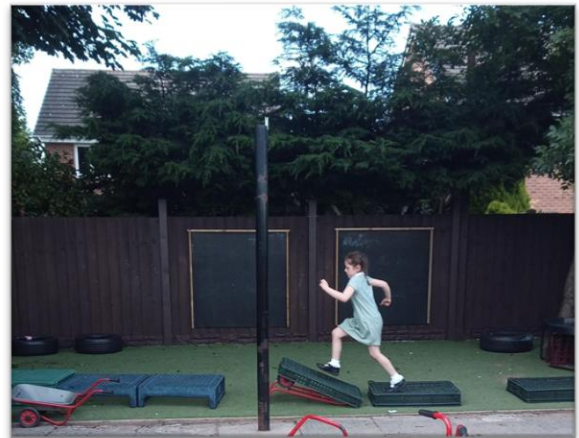
Room News (Busy Bees)

Busy bee's have been working very hard this past month to enhance their room and garden, in preparation for the new children who will be joining their room. The staff have been adapting the room, ensuring it displays the childrens interest; such as a fantatsic play dough station and sensory area.



Room News (Breakfast and After School Club)

Breakfast & After school club have been getting really excited for the end of term this month. They have been taking part in lots of creative activities and making our own obstacle courses to challenge our physical skills.



Room News (Worker Bees)

This month we said goodbye to some of our school leavers. Preschool worked really hard preparing for their graduation ceremony, the children were amazing singing their songs and receiving their awards.

This month preschool have also been doing lots of cooking, arts and crafts and creating self-portraits too.



Holiday Club

Our Holiday club started at the end of the month for the summer holidays. We have got lots of exciting activities and trips planned over the next few weeks such as going to the museum, a woodwork workshop and doing lots of science experiments. Holiday club have just taken part in a first aid class, learning how to put someone in the recovery position, knowing to contact 999 for help and understanding the important questions the operator might ask you.



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Birthdays

Breakfast and After School Club:

James- 7th
Annabelle- 15th
Tilly- 24th

Holiday Club:

Jessica- 8th
Darcey-10th
Cian- 11th
Daniel- 11th
Erin- 23rd
Nylah- 31st

Staff:

Gabrielle- 8th
Chloe- 12th
Jess- 16th



Staff Information

Staff Holidays:

Abbie- 5th, 8th August
Aron- 30th August
Chloe- 12th August
Gabrielle- 8th-10th August
Sarah- 22nd August
Suzie- 15-19th August

Staff Training:

- *All staff recently attended 'Planning in the moment' training this month.
- *Sarah went on Welcomm training this month which is a great new tool that will help develop the children's communication skills and help in her role as Language lead. Sarah will be rolling out this training to staff in the coming weeks.
- *All staff attending the annual Safeguarding training this month too.

Employee of the month

This month Chloe receives employee of the month, Chloe has been a great asset to the busy bee's room and the entire nursery, settling in new children and taking the lead in enhancing the room and the garden to help meet the children's interests. Chloe has been great in supporting management and goes above and beyond for others.

Well done Chloe!



Staff Updates:

At the end of the month we welcomed Sarah A to our team. Sarah has been working for Honey Pot for nearly 11 years and has previously worked in our Garston and Aigburth site. Sarah will be co-managing the nursery alongside Suzie and in September will work part time in our Worker bee's room.



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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 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!



Reminders

*If your child has recently turned 3, they may be eligible for 30 hours funding from September. 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.

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/ 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.

We will be doing medication forms electronically on our Family app, if you could inform staff if your child has had any medication before nursery/ requires medication during nursery hours then we can get the relevant forms completed for you to acknowledge on family.

* **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 your continued support,

Suzie, Sarah and the
Childcare team xx



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