



# Nursery News

## October 2022



### What's Been Happening?

### Coming up this Month



We have had a wonderful time this past month, we have all been settling into our new rooms and making lots of new friends. Our Honey Pot family has grown by welcoming lots of new faces in September.

The children have been exploring the changes that comes with the Autumn season, we have been doing leaf printing and lots of fun with conkers.

We have had mini first aid lessons, our forest school sessions started again and we also held a bake sale at the end of the month to raise money for Macmillan coffee morning.

This month we will be celebrating and learning about:

**Down syndrome awareness month, Black history month, The big draw-**

- 1<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>- Harvest festival
- 1<sup>st</sup>- International Astronomy day
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- National Grandparents day
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- World Habitat day
- 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>- World space week
- 6<sup>th</sup>-National poetry day
- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>- Al-Mawlid Al-Nabawi
- 7<sup>th</sup>- World smile day
- 8<sup>th</sup>- World Octopus day
- 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>-Sukkot
- 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>- Early Years Wellbeing week
- 11<sup>th</sup>- International day of the girl child
- 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Photo shoot
- 16<sup>th</sup>-World food day
- 17<sup>th</sup>- Recycle Week
- 21<sup>st</sup>- Visit from Author Jude Lennon
- 24<sup>th</sup>- Diwali
- 31<sup>st</sup>- Halloween

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



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## Room News (Busy Bees)

This month we have had quite a few new Busy Bees join our room, they have enjoyed the sensory area, investigating the loose parts and exploring the garden; the tunnel has been a huge hit with our new children.



## Room News (Worker Bees)

Worker Bees have really enjoyed exploring the start of Autumn. We set a challenge and our parents and grandparents have been great at collecting conkers for us, we collected a lot of conkers and were able to make a 'Conker Cafe'

Our forest school sessions started again this month, the children have been investigating the changes to the leaves during this season, making dens and going on a Gruffalo hunt in the woods.



## Mini first aid sessions

This month Worker Bees have had mini first aid sessions with Claire and her bear. We have been learning how to dial 999 for an emergency and we were role playing what things we need to say to the paramedic on the phone, The children have been learning their address and we have been encouraging them to take notice of what buildings/places are around them incase they need to tell someone where they are when they need help.

The children have been practising putting someone in the recovery position too.

We also had a 'Sit, chop, chew' session. Understanding the importance of sitting down and staying still whilst eat, how we should be cutting out food up into small bits and how important our teeth are at chewing up our food to make sure we swallow it safely.



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## Birthdays

### Worker's:

- \* Isla- 8<sup>th</sup>
- \*Henry- 14<sup>th</sup>

### Breakfast and After School Club:

- \*Lily-20<sup>th</sup>
- \*Belle- 21<sup>st</sup>
- \*David- 26<sup>th</sup>
- \*Leo- 28<sup>th</sup>
- \*Nia- 29<sup>th</sup>



## Employee of the month:

Jess has been awarded for Employee of this month this month for settling into Busy Bees well and building lovely bonds with her key children and their families. Jess has also had lovely feedback from parents, Well done Jess and thankyou for your continued hard work.



## Staff Information

### Staff Holidays:

- Sarah- 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
- Suzie-10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>
- Jess-25<sup>th</sup>



### Staff Training:

- \*Gabrielle and Amy have been working hard on their Early years NVQ level 2 this month, Amy passed her maths exam too!
- \*Sarah started early years emotional and wellbeing accreditation course.
- \*All the staff have attended environmental training this month too.
- \*Suzie completed her Wellcomm training this month and will be rolling out the wellcomm toolkit to staff this month.



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## Special Recognition



Zahra is the room leader of the busy bee room at HP Aigburth. She is also the well-being coordinator and has recently been promoted to Nursery SENCo. Zahra is committed to her own professional development and regularly attends external and internal training to build her knowledge on certain areas so she can provide the children with the best opportunities and progress in her career at Honey Pot. Zahra will also provide feedback to other colleagues about what she has learnt at training, inspiring them to implement this too. Zahra always goes above and beyond for the staff, children and families at Honey Pot Aigburth. Recently, she planned a meet up for all parents and families who were either starting the nursery or their child was moving rooms, she organised this impeccably and we had lovely feedback from all parents who were able to attend. Well done Zahra we are lucky to have you and we can't wait to see you thrive in your new role as Nursery SENCo.

## 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.

Just a reminder that we cannot make any changes to funded out mid term.

If you have any queries in regard's 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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