



Nursery News

October 2022



What's Been Happening

We've had lots of new starters over the month of September and so our big focus has been getting to know our new children!



Family books are a great tool for supporting the children during the settling in period and they love getting to see some familiar faces.



The staff have been building bonds with their new key children and finding out their interests.

Coming up this Month

- ❖ **1st- 23rd October – Harvest Festival** – During Harvest Festival we will be honoring those who grow and reap crops by learning all about where our crops come from. We will also be taking a trip to a local market to purchase some local produce to make our own warming autumn soup.
- ❖ **1st October -International Astronomy Day** – This special day is all about celebrating all things space! The children will take part in lots of space themed activities and take a look at clips from the moon landing.
- ❖ **All Month - Black History Month** – Preschooler's will be learning all about important historic figures such as Rosa Parks and the positive impact they have had on the worlds.
- ❖ **All Month - The Big Draw-** The children across all rooms will be letting their creativity flow with lots of opportunities to mark make and express themselves.
- ❖ **2nd October – Grandparent's day**– The children will have the opportunity to celebrate their Grandparent's by thinking about and sharing all the things they do for us.
- ❖ **2nd October -London Marathon** – We will be promoting healthy choices and the importance of physical fitness as the children take part in their own mini marathon as they race around our garden track together.
- ❖ **3rd October – World Habitat Day** – We will be setting up invitations to learn throughout the setting, theming tuff trays around their favourite animal's homes.
- ❖ **Week of the 4th October – World Space Week** –We will be investigating all things space! From creating our own rockets to learning all about the different planets.
- ❖ **6th October – National Poetry Day**– The children will be looking at different poetry including rhymes and tongue twisters!
- ❖ **9th October - Sukkot** -Sukkot is a Jewish holiday of thanksgiving. Traditionally when celebrating this holiday people will build huts with a roof made from branches and leaves which they will then have meals in for the duration of the holiday. The children could build their own huts and discuss what they are thankful for.
- ❖ **10th October – World Mental Health Day** – We strive to focus on our children's mental health every day, however we will focus on prompting discussions about the importance of looking after ourselves and others.
- ❖ **11th October- Ada Lovelace Day** – Ada Lovelace was a mathematician and writer, she helped come up with the idea of the first programable computer. The day aims to raise the profile of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).
- ❖ **15th October -Global Handwashing Day** – We will be discussing the importance of washing our hands and how it prevents us from spreading germs.
- ❖ **17th October – Recycle Week** – We will be looking at how we can make changes to protect our planet.
- ❖ **24th October – Diwali** – We will be celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights, and learning all about the festival with a range of activities, from exploring rangoli patterns to preparing a meal together.
- ❖ **29th October – Big Mountain Cleanup** - As part of our environmental commitment as an Eco School, Staff from Childwall nursery have arranged for staff from across the Honey Pot nurseries to walk up Moel Famau., the aim is to promote awareness of The Big Mountain Cleanup, a campaign which aims to remove waste from mountain left behind by climbers.
- ❖ **31st October – Halloween** – All children are invited to wear the Halloween costume and we will be celebrating with a range of Halloween themed activities in the run up to Halloween.
- ❖ **Check our blog and social media pages for our latest pictures of our events**



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Room News Bumble/Honey Bees



Bumble's have enjoyed exploring sensory books and especially love being read the "That's not my.." books. While settling in they love a cuddle and a good story.



Honey Bees enjoyed a trip out in the pram to the local charity shops, they picked up some new resources for the room following the children's interests.

Room News (Busy Bees)

Over September Busy Bees have been creating lots of artwork inspired by Vincent van Gogh. They have enjoyed getting creative and have shown a big interest in painting using different media.



Room News (Worker Bees)

Preschool have been learning some important first aid skills with Claire from Mini First aid including how to prevent choking by cutting up our food properly.



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Staff Information

Upcoming Staff Holidays

- W/C 3rd October – Michaela (All week)
- W/C 10th October – Nic (All Week)
- W/C 17th October – Nicole B (All Week)
- W/C 24th October – Rhea (All Week), Sasha (All Week), Chloe (Thur & Fri)
- W/C 31st – Chloe (All Week)



Apprentice of the month

Our apprentice of the month is Amy! Amy has been providing wonderful activities for her children themed around autumn as well as challenging them to understand new skills such as size and capacity. Amy always has a kind and gentle nature with the children and has built lovely relationships with her key group! Well done Amy!



Well done and Thank You.

Room of the month

Honey Bees!

The Honey Bees staff have been working hard supporting their children to settle in, the more established staff have welcomed two new members of staff to the room and have been supporting them to learn the Honey Pot routine. With lots of new children to support through the settling in process all the staff have pulled together to ensure the children and families receive the much-needed reassurance.

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.

“This month’s special recognition is Zahra. 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 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



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We've been welcoming in Autumn!



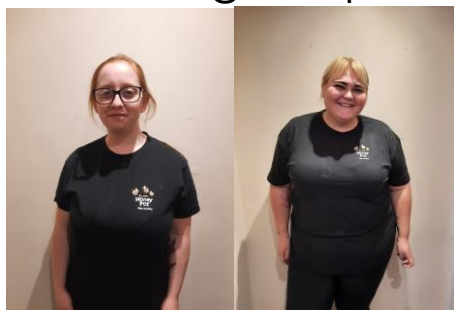
We've explore natural autumn objects.



We've learned all about the different creatures that may come out during autumn.



Staff Changes/Updates



We would like to give a warm welcome to Kirsty, Laura, Caitlin and Gabriella who have joined the Honey Pot team this September!



The girls have all been working closely with the Room Leaders in each room while they settle into their new roles.

Many Thanks
Alison, Danielle and the
Garston team x



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