



Nursery News

December 2022



What's Been Happening?



This month has been a very exciting one at Honey Pot Childcare, we have also welcomed some new faces to our nursery family too.

At the beginning of the month we celebrated story book week and nursery rhyme week, the children engaged in some wonderful activities such as 'We're going on a bear hunt' tuff tray and using tongs to rescue a incy wincy spider from the web. This month we also held two charity days, we had a pj day to raise money for a local charity called Crackerjacks who help care for children with disabilities and then we raised money for Children in need and had Pudsey themed activities and wore spotty and colourful clothing too.

At the end of the month we began decorating the nursery in preparation for christmas, and preschool have began practising their christmas soongs too!

Coming up this Month

This month we will be celebrating and learning about:

26th Nov-25th Dec- Christingle

27th Nov-24th Dec - Advert starts

6th-12th -Computer science education week

8th- Christmas Jumper day

9th -Story time with Santa (for the children that are in that day)

12th -**Busy bees Christmas party 2.30-4pm all children welcome**

14th- **Preschool Christmas Party 2.30-4pm all children welcome**

15th- **Preschool Christmas Singalong 2.15pm-3pm**

18th-26th- Hanukkah

21st -Winter begins

23rd- **Nursery closes for Christmas**

24th- Christmas eve

25th- Christmas day

26th- Boxing day

31st- New year's eve

3rd January 2023- **Nursery reopens**



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Room News (Busy Bees)

Busy bee's have had a wonderful month, they have welcomed a few new faces to their room recently.

We investigated healthy foods and chopped up different fruit to create some delicious smoothies, We investigated lots of different songs and rhymes for Nursery rhyme week and we explored a very exciting tuff tray based on 'We're going on a bear hunt' for National book week. Towards the end of the month we had a charity day raising money for Children in need, we wore colour, spotty clothes and really enjoyed our pudsey bear themed messy play.



Room News (Worker Bees)

This month preschool have been focusing on the theme 'Artists', they have been learning all about artists such as Frida Kahlo and Vincent Van Gogh, we have painted self portraits and created our own adaptation of the some of the most famous painting such as 'Starry night'.

We had a den building competition this month, we had two teams and used whatever resources we could find around the nursery, the children wanted to name our teams 'Team Liverpool' and 'Team Everton' The children really enjoyed combining the different tools together and exploring each other's den's. We enjoyed our pj day when we raised money for Cracker jacks and loved making Pudsey biscuits for Children in need.



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Birthdays

Busys:

Archer- 20th

Miles-29th



Worker's:

Archie-14th

Luna-18th

Breakfast and After School Club:

Beatrice P- 5th

Holly-13th

Felix- 18th

Beatrice S - 25th

Leo- 28th

Mabel- 30th

Staff

Shana- 1st

Employee of the month:

Abbie

Abbie has been fantastic in her new role as one to one this month. Abbie is constantly researching and setting up exciting and interesting activities for the children to explore. Abbie is a valued member of the nursery team and will always help others without being asked.

Well done Abbie!



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Staff Information

Staff Holidays:

Shana- 1st-4th December

Gabrielle- 5th- 7th December

Jess- 8th-9th December

Sarah- 20th -23rd December



Staff Training:

This month the whole team had refresher training for an Ofsted inspection. We discussed our curriculum in detail and some of changes we are going to make to our observation system.

Sarah continued to attend her wellbeing course and will finished and be qualified at the end of the year.

Suzie and Sarah attended bridge to management training.

Amy and Gabrielle attended behaviour training and Shana went on 'Ready to write' training.

Suzie attended a SENCO meeting with our area senco and all HP senco's to discuss.

Amy and Gabrielle have been continuing to work through their NVQ level 2.



Special Recognition

This month's special recognition is Kirsty.

Kirsty is our room leader of the busy bee room in Honey Pot Wavertree. Kirsty has worked for the company for 10 years and is committed to Honey Pot. Kirsty goes the extra mile for the nursery and always supports the management team. She has recently taken over the role of health and safety officer and has excelled in this role and ensures she always puts 100% effort into this. Also, Kirsty has gained a promotion to deputy manager at our Honey Pot Huyton site due to her showing her leadership and management skills. Well done, Kirsty, we are lucky to have you and we can't wait to see you excel in your new role



Reminders

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

*Acknowledgement of accident/medication forms-

Could all parents please ensure they are acknowledging the accident and medication form son family please. You will receive a notification if any forms are written up for your child.

* **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. We will be posting what availability we have for the new few weeks.

* **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 are 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.)

Suzie, Sarah and the
Childcare team xx



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