BROUSSA ELMSCOT HALE WOODLANDS

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Elmscot Group acquires Broussa Nursery School

September 2015

Stephanie Molnar & Dee Cross, Elmscot Group owners

We are proud to announce that Broussa Nursery School in Hale has been acquired by the Elmscot Group. During September 2015, it will become Broussa Day Nursery and Nursery School, and joins Elmscot, Hale and Woodlands as our fourth nursery setting, bringing our established and uncompromising commitment to outstanding, flexible childcare and education to more local parents.

Broussa is our 12th setting in 14 years including our 8 School's Out Clubs at local schools. Elmscot was first opened in 2001 by two local working mums, Steph Molnar and Dee Cross, a biologist and accountant respectively, who were struggling to find a homely nursery offering outstanding childcare, nutrition and education for their own children. Steph and Dee continue to work full time in the organisation with their 168 colleagues, and are now responsible for over 1400 local children. Of our settings, 7 have been found 'Outstanding' in every area by Ofsted in unannounced inspections, with the remainder Outstanding in many areas with overall ratings of 'Good'. This is an exceptionally high standard, one of the highest in the country. Parents will know that we have won several quality awards over the years, including national educational sector awards, National Day Nursery Association Awards, Trafford 'Healthy Setting Award', quality assurance schemes such as the NDNA Quality Counts Award (at the highest level), Trafford's Inclusion Award and Investors in People. We are very excited about Broussa joining our local Group, where every child's needs are considered individually in an environment which promotes their happiness, well-being and optimum development.

Our teams at Broussa, Elmscot, Hale, Woodlands and School's Out work very hard to meet the needs of parents and lead the way in best practice, working closely with experts to develop and implement new strategies. Consequently places at our nurseries have always been very much in demand, and the acquisition of Broussa will ease the pressure on our current waiting lists, improving flexibility for parents and offering exciting career opportunities for staff. For all enquiries, please contact your setting manager or the main office directly on 0161 980 0003.

forthcoming events

- **Preschool New Parent Evenings**
  7 Sept (Woodlands), 10 Sept (Hale), 22 Sept (Broussa), 15 Oct (Elmscot)
- **Parent Workshop: EYFS (Prime Areas)**
  10 Sept, all Nurseries
- **Rosh Hashanah**
  14 September, all Nurseries
  We celebrate Jewish New Year by baking round bread, apple printing & making paper doves
- **Harvest Festival**
  21 September, all Nurseries
  We will be talking about this in Preschool this month. Please donate tinned & dried foods to be distributed to local food banks
- **Wear dots, raise lots!**
  28 Sept, Elmscot only
  Activities throughout the week to raise funds for the RNIB
- **World Animal Day**
  5 Oct, all Nurseries
  Please bring in pictures of pets or (please check with us first!) bring your pet in
- **Parent Workshop: EYFS (Specific Areas)**
  6 Oct, all Nurseries
- **Grandparents Day Tea Party**
  4-5pm, 18 Sept (Broussa), 7 Oct (Elmscot), 14 Sept (Hale) & 12 Oct (Woodlands)
  Grandparents are warmly invited to Afternoon Tea but due to limited space, 2 grandparents per child only and please pre-book at nursery, thank you
- **Muharram**
  14 Oct, all Nurseries
  Learning about Islamic culture at Islamic New Year
- **Halloween**
  30 Oct, all Nurseries
  Pumpkin soup and Ghostly Ghoulash on the menu along with lots of arts & crafts
- **Bonfire Night**
  5 November, all Nurseries
  Paper plate Catherine Wheels, mulled apple juice, paper rockets and blow painting
- **Remembrance Day**
  6 November, all Nurseries
  Making poppies, with discussions in Preschool about why the day is important
- **Diwali**
  11 November, all Nurseries
  Making clay lamps & candle holders, listening to Indian Music and making flower garlands
- **Children in Need**
  13 November, all Nurseries
  See notices in Nursery for events

WHAT IS AN EYT?

Across the Elmscot Group we provide opportunities for all children to access learning experiences which support and encourage continued learning and development. Early Years Teachers (EYTs) are graduate level practitioners, key to raising the quality of Early Years provisions. Within the Group there are 11 qualified Early Years Teachers who have strong child development knowledge and who keep their skills up-to-date with current legislation and initiatives.

EYTs lead practice across the Early Years Foundation Stage, support and mentor other practitioners and model the skills and behaviours that safeguard and support children. Our EYTs make the education and care of babies and young children paramount and their first concern. They are accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in their professional practice and contribute to shaping future developments.

Early Years Teachers attend regular network meetings both in-house and with other professionals across Trafford and the North West area. One of our EYTs is an active member of the Trafford Early Years Teacher committee, which involves organising development days and taking part in research projects. This enables our group of EYTs to share good practice as well as discuss and reflect upon current ideas.

All of our EYTs are the 'change agents,' who inspire, motivate, and challenge others and offer mentoring to the staff and support in their continual professional development. The EYTs have been involved in various Elmscot projects e.g. setting up Schematic Play bags, Learning Enhancement Boxes and developing a Resource/Activity Reference Folder. All of these projects aim to inspire learning ideas and to help understand how to introduce them in practice. These resources also include an explanation to the theory behind the activity and the links to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We recognise parents as their child's first educators and value their contribution to their learning and development. The EYTs have been developing the 'home to nursery' links and incorporating parents' feedback to research areas which would be helpful for parents to enable their child's learning at home by providing fun, stimulating activities, with some guidance, instruction and benefits.

All of the EYTs strive to achieve outstanding provisions and early excellence for our children to access on a daily basis.

Our Nursery Gallery...

Lewis from Elmscot and his daddy enjoy Forest School

George helps to chop chives to add to his cheese dip for snack at Elmscot

Charlie from Rabbits at Woodlands enjoys making lots of noise with hand-made musical instruments

Zak developing IT skills using recordable pegs at Hale

Lincoln from the Squirrels room at Woodlands uses a variety of means to learn to write his name

Sophie enjoys making marks in paint at Elmscot

The children from Elmscot's Oak Room were excited to receive a letter from the Queen thanking them for her birthday cards

Philippa from Elmscot uses skewers and a selection of fruit to make fruit kebabs

Nansi and Jess watch the Penguins on Elmscot's trip to Blackpool Zoo

Jess, Jasmine, Zachary, Dylan and Ben serve icecream in Elmscot's Beech's Icecream Parlour

NURSERY Development

Laith, Maddox, Sophia and Alice from Otters at Woodlands explore our small world camping site

At Hale, following the completion of the new car park during Spring, a further £20k investment has allowed the installation of the new NoMow play area surfacing. A subsequent rearrangement of the outside specific play areas has also improved access to the chickens, mud kitchen and allotment areas.

At Elmscot, we have installed new skylight blinds in Beech and blackout blinds in Willow Room, which is being developed as a sensory room. New resources include soft furnishings, a new bubble tube as well as light projectors and new mirrors. We are very much looking forward to having it redecorated and ready to explore during September. Willow have also created a variety of activity bags for parents to take home and enjoy fun activities - so please ask about these if you would like more information. Finally, to improve awareness during mealtimes of individual dietary requirements, we have new colour coded plates and bowls.

After discovering the world of Pinterest, the team at Woodlands have been inspired by like-minded professionals with a whole range of fabulous activities ranging from sensory to mathematical to physical on both a small and large scale and children have been thoroughly engrossed in their experiences. During Autumn, the team will be developing the currently unused side of the building to introduce Loose Parts learning (see September 2014 Diary).

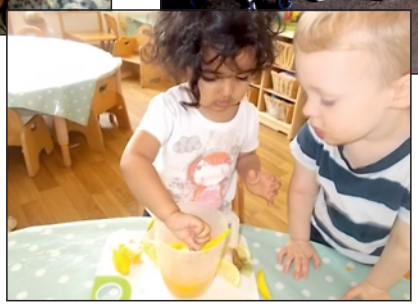
Evie explores different foods and utensils in Owl's home corner at Hale

Monty experiments with ice at Hale, watching what happens when warm water is added

Dr Ryan looks after his patient Taylor in Oak room at Elmscot

Hale's Hedgehogs visit Stockley Farm

Oliver enjoys meeting Branston the guinea pig at Elmscot



Tiya enjoys making homemade fruit juice at Elmscot with oranges and lemons

Hale's Hedgehogs do some healthy cooking

SCHOOL'S OUT
Holiday Clubs
Outstanding Childcare for children aged 3-11
"what do you enjoy..?"
Autumn Half-term 2015: 19-31 October
There is so much to do!
Altrincham Preparatory School
Bollin Primary School
Cloverlea Primary School
Ofsted Outstanding 2011|2012
QUALITY COUNTS
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PARENTS TRY FOREST SCHOOL

During recent weekend and mid-week sessions especially arranged free of charge for families, adults witnessed that Forest School is about so much more than children just 'running around the woods' and

were able to observe just how much the children learn in the outdoors.

The children showed great confidence when exploring the forest, overcoming challenges and knowing the correct code of behaviour in this environment. They were able to demonstrate their full awareness of the importance of working in partnerships and supporting each other, lending a helping hand when needed and looking out for one another.

On the other hand, the adults were able to re-live their own childhood whilst building dens, creating smelly potions and perfumes, making a campfire and going on nature trails. They left reassured that although the children are faced with assessing and taking risks, learning about safety and danger, and using real tools, children are taught and are able to practise this safely within a secure and managed environment. Assessing risk is a necessary life skill for children.

One thing to remember is that above all, 'Given a chance, a child will bring the confusion of the world to the woods, wash it in the creek, and turn it over to see what lives on the unseen side of that confusion. In nature, a child finds freedom, fantasy, and privacy: a place distant from the adult world, a separate peace...'

EXTRA curricular EXTRA value EXTRA ordinary

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals

Choose from Italian or Spanish	Woodlands, Fri (Owls)	Children develop their knowledge and understanding of the world as they become aware of other languages.
JittaBugs Baby Sign & Play	Elmscot, Tues (Maple) Elmscot, Mon (Willow) Woodlands, Tues (0-2s) Hale, Thurs PM (0-2s)	Jittabugs explore the baby's senses including touch, vision, sound and smell using bubbles, mirrors, scarves, feathers, parachutes, balls, fabrics, puppets, musical instruments & more.
Drama 4 Tots	Woodlands, Thurs (2-3s)	Drama4Tots provides fun and creative drama sessions inspiring young imaginations.
Stretch 'n' Grow	Broussa, Thurs PM (2-5s) Hale, Fri AM (2-5s) Woodlands, Mon (2-5s) Elmscot, Thurs (Beech)	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun physical activities.
Little SuperStars	Elmscot, Wed (Oak)	Little SuperStars' fun and active sports sessions to develop coordination, flexibility and balance.
Forest School	Broussa, Tues PM (3-5s) Elmscot, Thurs AM(3-5s) Hale, Mon AM (3-5s) Woodlands, Tues AM (3-5s)	Hands-on learning outside the classroom in a wild natural environment promotes healthy child development including confidence and self-esteem; communication and language; physical development; motivation and concentration; citizenship and creativity.

team training

Members of the Nursery teams have attended the following training since June:

☺**Safer Working Practices**: Sadie, Justyna, Clair, Jade, Sinead, Lalitha, Chloe, Antonia , Holly

☺**Behaviour Management Training:** whole Elmscot team

☺**Early Years Pupil Premium:** Justyna, Rachael, Kelly

☺**Early Years Foundation Stage:** Jenny, Chloe, Holly, Antonia, Heather

☺**Food Allergy & Intolerance:** Chloe, Jenny, Holly, Lisa , Janty, Joanne, Becky, Mia, Ashleigh, Cipriana, Emilia, Claudia

☺**Working with Babies:** Chloe, Jenny

☺**Inspirational Ideas (3-4yrs):** Saraya, Amanda

☺**Active Play:** Amanda

☺**SEN:** Amanda

☺**Autistic and Asperger's Training:** Nicola and Amanda

☺**Phonics for under 3s:** Saraya, Amanda

☺**Common Assessment Framework:** Stacey, Natalie , Nicola , Lucy

☺**Mathematics in the Early Years:** Stacey, Alison, Chloe

☺**Supporting children with Speech and Language difficulties:** whole Woodlands team

☺**Level 2 Food Hygiene:** Jess, Claudia, Emilia

☺**Promoting Positive Behaviour** : Jess, Claudia

☺**Expressive Arts & Design (Imagination and Creativity):** Jess.

Thank you to all the team members who work so hard to keep their training up to this high standard.

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