SUPPORTING **CHARITY**

Red Nose Day is always a popular event at Nursery; in March, the Elmscot Group raised a phenomenal £1245 for Comic Relief. Thank you for supporting our initiatives.

Elmscot will be donating £40 in June to the Dental Playbox Scheme as it is National Smile Month. For Hale parents, there is an upcoming event for your diaries: AFTERNOON TEA, 17th June, in aid of Genesis Breast Cancer Prevention. Posters are up in Nursery with more details.

Elmscot Group leads Best Practice

Parents may be aware that we have several specialist teams across the Group where staff from different settings with similar responsibilities work as a team to develop and lead practice in areas such as Special Educational Needs & Disabilities, H&S, Behaviour Management etc. Elmscot Group's EYT team of 11 Early Years Teachers attend many conferences and training courses to ensure we offer children the best possible early years education. Recently, the EYT team have attended:

Be Inspirational - Ideas for supporting partnership with parents held by MMU

Early Years Conference Trafford - working with other professionals to improve provision across Trafford

Early Years Conference North West – we operate 3 working parties focusing on Enabling Environments, Wellbeing and Music in the Early Years

Our teaching team have also created our own Elmscot Group working party to develop Maths & Schema provision across Elmscot settings by developing training and resources.

team training

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

©Equality & Diversity: Jenny, Emma, Jess C, Amy Holly, Justyna,

@Paediatric First Aid: Jenny, Claire, Rachel, Jess, Amanda, Emily, Heather, Antonia, Steph, Dee, Mia, Clair, Laura

©ICT: Lucy, Saraya, Emily, Amanda, Nicola

©Safeguarding Level 1: Greg

©Safeguarding Level 2: Jess, Francesca, Jenna, Justyna, Jess C, Chloe, Becky D, Lea

Nursery Development

At Hale, after some to-ing and fro-ing, we finally have a muchneeded new surface for the 12 space car park. The children have also welcomed two new Guinea Pigs. Lola & Spikev.

Getting prepared for the summer, Woodlands have been concentrating on their garden, looking at all the areas and what the children really enjoy doing whilst outside. They have moved the Mud Kitchen and Dinosaur Area to create bigger, more suitable and better equipped spaces. The Writing Area has moved into the outdoor classroom under the awning where there is also a new Water Play Area. In the main garden, Woodlands are currently developing a new Music Area and Investigation Area for the children to enjoy.

Elmscot is currently developing activity bags that can be shared between nursery and home for you to complete with your child. These have interesting resources and come with activity suggestions. Lots of parents have already enjoyed using them and we look forward to sharing more activities.

Elmscot have also recently purchased new ICT resources which the children are having great fun using. This includes a light panel - with accessories such real x-rays, colour changing board, recordable devices and listening station. You may have seen the photos on Facebook!



Advanced Safeguarding (NDNA): Rachael

@Active Play: Amanda

©Food Safety & Hygiene: Antonia, Jenny, Chloe, Rachael,

Emma, Kelly D. Vicky, Claire, Joy, Fehmida ©Let's Look at Schemas: Jess C, Becky D

©Leadership & Management in Early Years Level 2: Frances,

@SEND Training: Jenna, Amy, Ami, Frances, Chloe, Kelly

©CAF: Jenna, Justyna, Amy, Holly, Ivana, Jess Thank you to all the team members for their outstanding

commitment in keeping their training up to this high standard.











concentration: citizenship and creativity

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Elmscot recognised in NDNA Nursery of the Year Award





George and April from Elmscot's Oak room organise colours on the light panel: ongoing investment is key for Elmscot Nurseries

The last 12 months has been a year of many achievements for Elmscot Day Nursery in Altrincham, being finalists and winning awards nationally, locally and within the Elmscot Group of childcare settings itself, as well as achieving the OUTSTANDING grade in their latest Ofsted inspection. Elmscot Day Nursery was recently considered, along with 176 top Day Nurseries from around England, Scotland and Wales, for the National Day Nursery Association (NDNA) Nursery of the Year 2015 awards, nominations for which rely solely on parent testimonials.

As Elmscot was then shortlisted as a finalist, the NDNA paid Elmscot Day Nursery an unannounced visit to inspect their setting 'through the eyes of a parent.' The panel of judges were very impressed with Elmscot's high standards, their involvement in NDNA's quality improvement scheme and how they engage parents and grandparents.

Even though Elmscot wasn't chosen as the regional winner for North of England, it was such a tight decision that the judges decided to present Elmscot with a specially created 'Highly Commended' certificate as congratulations for their hard work. Elmscot will be the only nursery across all categories nationally to receive this new

Elmscot's Manager, Justyna Ogrodniczek, was delighted with the recognition from the NDNA, stating "We are not going to stop here - we continue to develop and improve our already outstanding practice and are already sharing our expertise and good practice within the broader early years sector, benefitting even more families. We would like to thank the NDNA for creating the 'Highly Commended' certificate for us and recognising how important excellent childcare is to

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Child Nutrition Parent Workshop

Places are limited so please register in advance.

Queen's Birthday

Making crowns and enjoying a Tea Party!

Genesis Afternoon Tea

17 June, Hale

Nums are invited to join us for a fundraising treat.

Father's Day

19 June, Hale & Elmscot; 22 June,

Dads are invited to join us for cooked breakfast/afternoon tea...see nursery for details

Summer is Official

A full day of activities (including lunch) in the garden.

Wimbledon

Baking scones, making lemonade and trying tennis!

School Uniform Day

2 July, Hale; 8 July, Elmscot; 16 July,

Reception Starters show off their new uniform.

Preschool Graduation, School

Leavers' Party & Photographs **Dates displayed at nurseries**

For children starting Reception in September: all are invited to attend, even if not your regular session. A commemorative group photo will be taken. See Nurser for more details

Parents' Evenings 14 & 15 July, Hale; 21 & 22 July, Elmscot; 27 & 28 July, Woodlands

For all parents. More details at Nursery.

Eid al Fitr

For a traditional sweet breakfast, we'll be celebrating with pancakes today

National Friendship Day

Making friendship bracelets.

Edinburgh Festival

7 August

A day of musical and dramatic activities.

Sports Day

13 August, Hale; 29 July, Elmscot; 17 August, Woodlands

Children & parents are invited to celebrate our porting achievements! See Nursery for more details.

National Beach Day

A beach party and sand play (so remember to bring

Nottinghill Carnival

joying a carnival atmosphere, with salsa dancing and

Quarterly update for parents at Elmscot, Hale and Woodlands

Transitiongetting ready for 'big school'



Preschoolers with their grown-up book bags, all thoroughly excited and ready for their primary school debut.

Transition describes a period of change for a child when moving from one set of circumstances or environment to another. At this time of year, it is used particularly in relation to getting pre-school children ready for primary school.

Of course, for many children, this is not a managed process – it simply happens. So why do Elmscot nurseries put so much effort into managing this change? Firstly, it helps a child (and their family!) to settle better into their new environment because they have become familiar with it. It also helps the new teacher to seamlessly pick up where we left off, offering children a continuous learning experience. A good relationship between nursery and school promotes communication post-September if necessary.

In June, once we know the schools our preschoolers are attending in September, we invite those Reception teachers to visit the nurseries to meet the children in their own environment or, if more convenient, then our teachers visit the schools. In this case, we photograph the classroom and the new teacher to show the child back here at nursery.

These privileged detailed hand-overs are opportunities rarely afforded to parents: with prior written parental permission, our teachers discuss your child's development and discuss each child's development file. We discuss any particular habits, medical or allergy information, their likes/dislikes, their friendships and siblings. Just prior to your child starting Reception, the new school is sent a final copy your child's Transition Report and Tracking Sheet. If there is anything parents want us to tell school to help their child we do this during these visits – such as a new baby/family illness.

Our managed transition process builds strong links between local schools and Elmscot nurseries, making the process a smooth partnership, with the goal being the wellbeing of the child in question.

Managing Transition at Elmscot

Pictures of new schools/teachers Pictures of the children linking to their new schoo**l**s

To practice changing independently and quickly into PE Kit Parents are notified of dates/times

children to show their new uniforms Parents are notified of dates/times

To fulfil specific 🧖 school requests for what children need to be able Reception

The same system as primary school so children learn to use their bags arents are put in the bags

Our Nursery Gallery...



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Sophie draws her family for **Families Day at Elmscot**

Maddox, Noah, Anna and Isaac rom Otters at Woodlands are aving lots of fun navigating



Owl children make the most of a rainy day at Hale

Alfie painting with the animals outdoors at Hale





As part of

Minibeast:

Aidan from Sauirrels is creatina his very own

worms out

of noodle

about

Charlotte and Sophia explore our growing vegetables with Jean at Elmscot

eo enjoying his homemade

Noah, Annabelle and Eleanor from Hedgehogs at Woodlands are being 'snowed' on from the blossom trees



Children from Elmscot's Oak Room went to choose our new guinea pigs from the pet shop



The children from Squirrel room at Hale are planting vegetables in the



Rabbits at is enjoying obiects in shredded paper and then hiding them agai



Ben proudly showing off his shield on

St. George's Day, Hale

Ted and Dan sail away in the pirate ship they built at



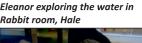
William and Sarassa makina healthy ice lollies at Hale



Summer 2015: 13 July-28 August

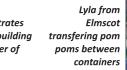
Holiday Clubs located at: Altrincham Preparatory School Bollin Primary School Cloverlea Primary School Worthington Primary School

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concentrates whilst building his tower of





Ollie fixing the tricycle in the 'garage' that



Jack makes interesting marks with different transport resources



The children from Owls at Woodlands in the park on a Teddy Bears' Picnic



