

SUPPORTING A CHILD'S LEARNING

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Children thrive with loving and secure relationships. Attachments, which are the emotional bonds that young children develop with parents and carers, are crucial for the child's healthy development and their well-being. Children with strong early attachments are less distressed when separated, they are happy and confident to engage in play activities and sustain their attention for longer. From secure attachments children develop a sense of who they are and build their confidence to express their ideas and feelings and feel good about themselves. Secure attachment influences a child's immediate all-round development and future relationships.

In nursery this secure relationship is provided by a key person, who responds sensitively to children's feelings and behaviours and meets emotional needs by giving reassurance and individual attention to the child, 'tuning into' their play and conversations to really get to know the child well. When children feel settled and happy they become confident and capable learners.

At Elmscot Group we recognise that for babies and young children who spend much of their early life out of their home settings, the relationship between them and their key person is of a significant importance. It is also a welfare requirement of the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) statutory framework to have a key person.

Each member of the Elmscot team has a specific group of children for whom they are the key person. Each key person works closely with another named staff member creating a 'buddy group.' This is to ensure that each child receives a consistent care and education during their key person's absence and that all their needs are met by a caring practitioner who knows the child well.

The key person's role is to make sure that each child feels special, is cherished, and also to promote a close and affectionate relationship from which children can build their trust and confidence to explore the world around them.

Here, this key relationship starts during settling in sessions, thus offering parents a point of contact. Each key person also has a crucial role during transition between rooms when handing over to a new key person, ensuring a smooth path for growing up.



September 2016

forthcoming events

Roald Dahl Day - 13th September

The children will be celebrating the well known author on this day by dressing up as their favourite character and taking part in Roald Dahl activities including making magic potions and story telling.

London Fashion Week - 16th - 20th September

Children will be decorating t-shirts to model on the cat walk. Babies will have a bib to decorate.

Pre School Transition Meetings - 22nd September - All Nurseries

Parents are invited to a meeting to discuss the preschool curriculum for the following term, see the routine of the room and have any questions answered.

Harvest Festival - End of September

The children will visit the local church to pass on the harvest festival donations and enjoy a story all about the Harvest Festival. Look out for posters at nursery for information on the date and time.

Grandparents Day - 2nd October

Grandparents are invited to nursery to enjoy afternoon tea and card making with their grandchildren. Posters will be in nursery with more details.

Halloween- 31st October

Come to nursery dressed up. Children will be making potions, chocolate apples and enjoy a Halloween-themed tea. Children will also be taking a trip to pick their own pumpkins to carve.

Bonfire Night - 5th November

Children will be creating firework and bonfire pictures using various craft resources. The older children will looking at safety around fires and fireworks.

Remembrance Day - 11th October

Children will be marking this important day by creating poppies to take home. Pre-school children will talk about the day and what it means.

Diwali - 30th November

Children can have a go at making salt dough tea light holders to celebrate the festival of light. We will also be reading the story of Rama and Sita.

St Andrew's Day - 30th November

Children will be decorating Scottish flags, making traditional shortbread biscuits and enjoy a Scottish pudding of Cranachan after lunch.

Nursery Nativities - Woodlands (7th Dec) Hale (5th Dec) Broussa (8th Dec) Elmscot (8th Dec)

Parents are invited to come and watch the pre-school children perform in the nursery nativity. Please see posters in nursery nearer the time for venues and timings.

Quarterly update for parents at Broussa, Elmscot, Hale and Woodlands

Our Nursery Gallery...



The Owl Room children at Woodlands sent a birthday card to the Queen. She sent them a Thank You letter back!



Shahd is congratulated by Mrs Naylor at Woodland's graduation ceremony.



Jessica at Elmscot creates a tie dye pattern on some fabric. She describes it as "beautiful".



The children from Badger Room at Broussa take a trip to the local green grocers to buy fruits and vegetables to make some art work.



Jake from Broussa is exploring patterns and marks by printing using various fruits and vegetables



Alex (above) and Noah (right) from Broussa enjoy a trip to the local park. The children call it Pirate Park!



Olly enjoys getting messy during a sensory activity at Woodlands using paint, tools and his body to make marks.



Nel and Emilia practice using pipettes. This was part of an experiment whilst learning about the weather.



The children at Hale have been growing their own potatoes. Monty has been busy digging up lots of potatoes.

Oscar is pleased with his potato.



Here, Sienna and some of the other children from Badger Room at Hale harvesting their potatoes.



Arthur has found a huge potato!!



Olivia and Chloe of Woodlands celebrate National Friendship Day. They painted each others hands to create a friendship flower card.



Ella explores fruit frozen within ice cubes at Elmscot.

NURSERY Development

Broussa's garden redevelopment is almost complete with new impact artificial grass, baby garden, safety surface tarmac and a fantastic new climbing frame. As you can see it looks fantastic and the children are enjoying their exciting new space. Over the coming weeks there will be the addition of a waterfall, a miners shelter and the chickens will be arriving!



Woodlands have developed their sensory area by adding a new bubble tube and heuristic resources to extend learning opportunities for the children.

The mud kitchen at Elmscot has received some TLC and now has a brand new roof and some new equipment.



Holiday Clubs

Imagine,
create,
explore!

October Half-Term 17th - 28th October
 APS, West Road, Bowdon
 Bollin Primary School, Bowdon
 Cloverlea Primary School, Timperley

Outstanding childcare for children aged 3-11

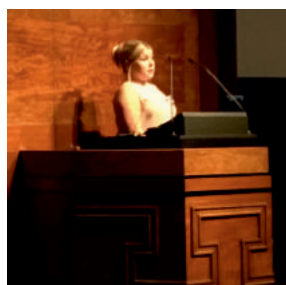







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ELMSCOT GROUP SHARES PRACTICE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AT NATIONAL SEND CONFERENCE IN LONDON








In June, Ami Mahon from Elmscot Day Nursery represented us at a SEND conference in London. She was asked to share Elmscot Group's practice, explain how we support children with additional needs and what strategies we use to identify this from an early age.

Ami's presentation, the first one she has ever given in front of a large audience of professionals from around the country, was very well received and the events' coordinator said, "It was great to work with Ami on this conference and I sincerely appreciate all the work that she did to make the event a success! I spoke to many delegates throughout the day and they all sincerely enjoyed the event". Additionally, we've had great feedback from delegates on Twitter "Well done Ami! It is a real achievement to be recognised on a wider scale within the SEND field." A testament to the fantastic job that Ami did during her session.

EXTRA curricular EXTRA value EXTRA ordinary

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals

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|  | Woodlands, Weds AM (Otters) | Raven yoga is run by a specialist in child yoga. Children will enjoy a warm up, time to practice yoga postures through music or a story, yoga games, breathing exercises and have time to relax! |
|  | Woodlands, Thurs AM (0-2s) Hale, Tues AM (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. |
|  | Elmscot, Weds AM (Maple, Willow & Oak) | Pyjama Drama provides unique drama based classes for babies, toddlers and young children. |
|  | Broussa, Weds AM (2-5s) Hale, Weds PM (2-5s) Elmscot, Fri PM (2-5s) Woodlands, Mon PM | At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun physical activities. |
|  | Broussa, Tues PM (3-5s) Elmscot, Fri PM (3-5s) Hale, Tues AM (3-5s) Woodlands, Fri 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. |

Nursery Fee Invoices

From October 1st, we are implementing a new email system for invoices. Paper copies will still be available on request. To test the new system, in September, we will run a dual email and paper system so parents will receive both copies. Please can all parents ensure that your nursery has your current email contact details so no late payment fees are incurred through lost emails. Thank you.

team training

Members of the Nursery teams have attended the following training since March 2016:

- ☺ **Equality & Diversity:** Becky C, Janis, Nancy, Antonia, Hayley A, Hannah M, Amanda G, Louise T, Sophie M, Sandra, Jess B, Louise M, Nicola, Sarah M, and Hannah G
- ☺ **Working With 2 Year Olds:** Emilia and Nicolle.
- ☺ **First Aid:** Steph C, Kirsty, Julie, Miriam, Frances, Stephanie, Emilia, Nicola, Amy and Sarah M.
- ☺ **Food Hygiene:** Sinead, Katherine, Jenny, Clair and Sam.
- ☺ **Health, Safety & Hygiene:** Sandra, Janis, Hannah M, Steph C, Nancy, Kirsty, Margriet, Charlotte, Jess B, Louise M, Nicola, Sarah M, and Hannah G.
- ☺ **Safer Working Practices:** Steph C, Hayley A, Janis,

Nancy, Amanda Gough, Amanda Grogan, Louise T, Sophie M, Sandra, Harriet, Jessica B, Emilia, and Stephanie.

☺ **Schema Training:** Jessica Brobbin, Marina, Stephanie, Claudia, Sam and Jean.

☺ **Adoption:** Nicolle.

☺ **EYFS Training:** Ewelina, Ami and Jenny.

☺ **Supporting Visually Impaired Children:** Ami, Katherine, Kerry, Jenny, Joy and Jade.

☺ **Promoting Positive Behaviour:** Katherine.

☺ **Prevent Duty:** Jenny.

All Elmscot staff are committed to attending the most current training available and regularly participate in refresher training. This ensures our nursery practitioners are highly skilled and allows us to provide outstanding childcare and education.



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