



In September 2015, Ofsted introduced a new common inspection framework for all Early Years Settings, maintained schools, after school providers (such as School's Out), academies, independent schools, further education and skills providers. It is an attempt by Ofsted to ensure that parents, employers and children can compare providers that cater for similar age ranges against the same judgements. The new inspection system places an emphasis on the notion of 'British Values' which include 'tolerance', 'respect' and a requirement to keep children safe from relevant risks such as exploitation or extremism, including when using the internet. Around our settings parents may now notice small descriptions on display boards linking learning activities to the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with difference faiths and beliefs. These values are already embedded in what we do, but we are now also required to ensure that parents understand that we are teaching children about British values as part of our day to day activities.

It all becomes clear when seeing how we have always promoted British values in practice at our School's Out Clubs: teaching democratic values for example, is implicit in how we encourage children to make decisions together, valuing each other's views, allowing them to talk about personal feelings and ensuring they know that their view counts. Through the open forum of School's Out Clubs' Children's Councils we see these British values in practice: these involve the children meeting regularly with the setting staff to discuss activity and planning ideas. This ensures the children's voice is heard; their ideas/opinions/critique is taken on board and implemented - it demonstrates democracy, liberty and respect for each other's views. Another example is how we encourage children to manage their own behaviour and that of their peers by following their own 'Behaviour Rules' - this promotes an understanding of the rule of law, and why it is important.



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## Forthcoming Events

### St Patrick's Day - 17th March

Children can dress up, listen to traditional Irish music and take part in St Patrick's themed craft activities.

### Sports Relief - 18th March

Children will be participating in fundraising events to raise money for the charity. Including cake sales and guess the number of sweets in the jar. Please see individual club for more information.

### Easter - 21st - 24th March

Children can enjoy lots of Easter crafts and games this week.

### Easter Holiday Club - 29th March - 15th April

Holiday clubs at Cloverlea and Bollin Primary Schools. Registration forms now available. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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### St George's Day - 23rd April

Fun activities for all. Knights, dragons and princesses and a themed tea party.

### May Day - 3rd May

Have a go at maypole dancing and outdoor games.

### Whit Holiday Club - 23rd May - 10th June

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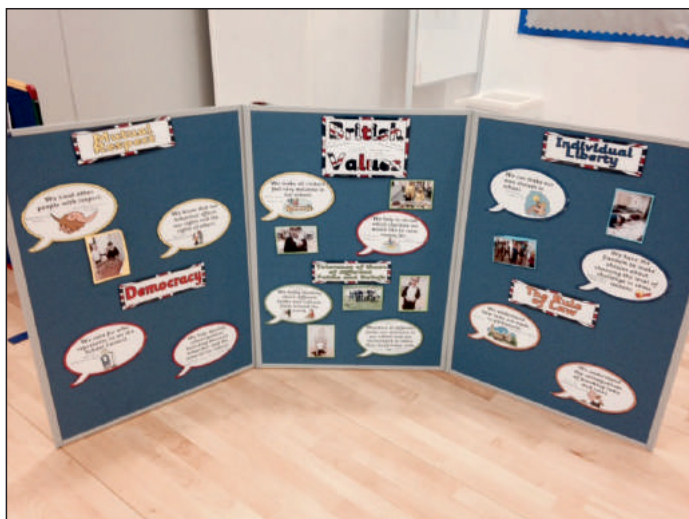
Understanding that rules (law) count is learned through understanding that behaviour has its consequences, codes of behaviour can be discussed and children supported to distinguish right from wrong.

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Further, to promote the children's safety online, all children attending sign a 'contract' agreeing the boundaries/rules which apply to using any ICT equipment and the use of safe websites. Staff have also completed training to alert them to signs of radicalisation.

Individual liberty is promoted by offering children opportunities to develop self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence and by encouraging activities that allow children to explore the feelings and language of responsibility.



We also celebrate the many diverse faiths/religions/festivals of all the children who attend our Clubs. We encourage parents to come into Club to talk about their culture to the children - at the same time we are mindful that not all working parents are able to visit in this way so we encourage their involvement and feedback in a variety of ways: parent comment books, surveys, and day-to-day communication. Through mutual respect and tolerance we create an ethos of inclusivity with an appreciation and respect for all cultures, opinions and abilities, promoting diverse attitudes and challenging stereotypes.

At School's Out, we welcome Ofsted's 'formalisation' of embedding British culture as it is the basis for democracy and a respectful, diverse community. We want to encourage children attending our Clubs to appreciate these issues and grow up understanding their value.



Striking a super hero pose! The newly made capes are being put to good use at



At Worthington children made cracker spiders during Super Hero Week. The children really enjoy food orientated



Rosie and Jess at Navigation playing with the dolls.



Zac, Giyan George, Nathan and Oliver worked together as a team to create this junk model castle at APS. It looks fab!



Scarlet at Heyes Lane helps herself to a drink of water at the snack





# What have we been up to?



In History Week at APS, Oscar used sand and glue to represent pyramids and hieroglyphics from ancient Egypt.

Children at Bowdon are getting messy in the shaving foam.



The children at Bollin have been busy making a complex train track working together as a team.



Here the children at Bowdon have made edible paint from Greek yogurt and food colouring.



The children at Cloverlea look great in their super hero masks!



Getting to grips with chopsticks at Well Green. A great way to practice fine motor skills.



Dressing up fun at Bollin to celebrate Chinese New Year.



Joshua of Cloverlea makes Gandalf's Sword with Lego.

## SCHOOL'S OUT

### Holiday Clubs

Outstanding childcare for children aged 3-11

"Busy kids, happy kids!"

**Easter 2016: 29 March - 15 April**  
**Whit Half-term 2016: 23 May - 10 June**

**Holiday Clubs located at:**  
 Bollin Primary School, Bowdon  
 Cloverlea Primary School, Timperley

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# Community Matters

School's Out have become the proud sponsors of the Unicorn Athletic's Under 9's football team. As you can see they look great in their kits!



Towards the end of last year, the Elmscot Group as a whole ran a joint outreach scheme with the Children's Adventure farm Trust: their practitioner came into our nurseries and clubs to talk to the children about how they support children with disabilities or who are disadvantaged by giving them a holiday of a lifetime - assisted by the new CAFT Dinky Duck storybook! This benefited our children as they learned about inclusion and diversity and the world around them, and in return we raised £790 for CAFT. Thank you so much to parents who supported this activity.

## FREE WORKSHOPS

School's Out run free workshops every half term for children to try out new skills and experiences. Last half term the children enjoyed a dance workshop led by one of our very own team members; the children learnt some basic steps and put together their own dance piece to the Lion King classic "I Just Can't Wait To Be King".

Children this half term will be enjoying a Yoga workshop provided by Studio One Yoga. Children will be able to learn breathing techniques, stretches and poses.



Please see your individual clubs for more information as these workshops will continue into the next term.

## TEAM TRAINING UPDATE

Congratulations to everyone who has successfully completed the following courses since December 2015:

### Coaching and Mentoring:

Hannah (Group Manager) & Carla (Deputy Group Manager)

### Food Hygiene:

Rebecca (Navigation) & Francesca (Bowdon)

**Channel Training:** Training that informs staff of radicalisation in regard to young children an/or their families.

Whole School's Out Team.

### First Aid:

Lynne (APS), Daniel (Well Green), Rebecca J (Bowdon), Rebecca (Navigation), Yinglin (Bollin), Lisa H (Cloverlea), Leah (Heyes Lane), Julie (Heyes Lane) & Sally (Bollin).

### Equality & Diversity:

Rebecca E (Navigation), Julie (Heyes Lane), Sally Bollin, Ritsuko (Bollin) & Lisa R (APS)

### Safeguarding Level 1:

Jade (Cloverlea), Laura (Bowdon), Daniel (Well Green), Tracy (Bowdon), Yinglin (Bollin), Kelly (Navigation), Lisa H (Cloverlea), Leah (Heyes Lane), Monika (Bowdon), Michelle (Bollin), Carol (Navigation), Rachel D (Worthington), Lisa R (APS), Rebecca E (Navigation) & Ritsuko (Bollin).

Congratulations to Hannah Reeves and Marie Jones who have completed their BA Hons in Early Years Childhood Studies. We look forward to seeing their photos from their graduation this coming Summer!

A huge thank you to the team for your ongoing commitment to training.

# Best Wishes from the School's Out team!



**Trafford**  
Healthy Club Award



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