

## Settling Babies into Nursery

A positive introduction into a new setting for a baby is crucial for their development, ensuring that they feel secure and establishing a good foundation for learning. Elmscot Group parents are offered settling in sessions free of charge; these are just as important for parents as they are for new babies.

During the first session, parents are introduced to their child's key person; a routine is established as they go through a welcome pack together in the room whilst the baby explores their new surroundings. This is the first opportunity for the key person, baby and parents to bond and ask any questions. Subsequent sessions, when parents are encouraged to leave their baby with us, are arranged at different times of the day so they can experience the routine. The key person can add additional settle sessions if they feel they will be beneficial.

On some occasions the baby will naturally make a connection with a different carer within the room other than their allocated key person, in which case the key person may be changed after a conversation with parents. At Elmscot we are dedicated to ensuring that every child's experience is a happy one, and settle in sessions create a strong foundation for babies to start their journey with us.

## Community Matters

### The Children's Adventure Farm Trust

The children and staff across all 4 Day Nurseries and 8 Out-of-School Clubs organised raffles, tombolas, competitions such as 'Guess how many sweets in the jar?', Lucky Dips, cake sales, 'Dress-up Week', Pyjama Parties, a sponsored 'Toddle Waddle' and even a 'Wacky Hair Day'! It was weeks in the planning and CAFT's mascot, 'Bobby', came to visit the children at their nurseries and clubs to explain why their efforts were so important for the children accessing the facilities at the farm. The total raised by the clubs was £2,701.61. Hannah Reeves, Kids Collective Group Manager said "We are delighted that we have managed to raise such a substantial amount of money for a charity that is so close to our hearts. A huge thank you to all our parents and children for getting involved and supporting a very worthy cause." Rob Bashforth, of CAFT explained "The money raised by the Elmscot Group Nurseries and Kids Collective will provide a sensory ball pool for our children to enjoy, which will help with physical stimulation and recreational therapy."



## EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals

	Elmscot, Oak (preschool) Thurs AM Hale, Owls (preschool) Fri AM Woodlands, Owls (preschool) Weds AM Broussa, Tues AM	Children, parents and staff walk to the designated woodland site where they will get creative with mud, get to grips with puddles, creepy crawlies and the great outdoors
	Broussa, Rabbits & Squirrels (0-2) Tues AM	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, Willow (0-18 months) Mon PM & Maple (18-24 months) Weds AM Hale, Squirrel (2 years) Fri AM	Pyjama Drama provides unique drama based classes for babies, toddlers and young children.
	Elmscot, Beech (2-3) Mon PM Hale, Badger & Owl Weds AM Woodlands, Owls (3+) Tues am Broussa, Fri AM	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun physical activities.
	Elmscot, Oak (preschool) Tues PM	Tricks & Flicks sessions are aimed to develop children's co-ordination, awareness and skills such as dribbling, control passing and shooting
	Woodlands, Otters (2-3) Weds PM	At Diddi Dance we encourage endless enthusiasm and energy in an action packed 45 minute dance class
	Hale, Rabbit & Hedgehog Weds AM Woodlands, Rabbits & Hedgehog (9-24m) Fri AM	Boogie Babies is a fun and interactive musical journey group for babies and toddlers.

# WOODLANDS HALE ELMSCOT BROUSSA

## SUPPORTING A CHILD'S LEARNING



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 2017 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.
- Meet the Teachers - 13th September**  
 Group-wide evening hosted by our Early Years Education Manager Alex at St Peters Veranda Room at 7pm. An opportunity for all our pre school parents to meet and talk with our teachers.
- 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.
- Zoo Lab - 17th October**  
 Children will have the opportunity to touch and look at various creepy crawlies in the run up to Halloween! Hale 9.30am, Broussa 10.55am, Woodlands 1.45pm, Elmscot 3.15pm
- 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 - Friday 3rd 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 - Friday 10th November.**  
 Children will be marking this important day by making poppies to take home. Pre-school children will talk about the day and what it means.
- Diwali - 30th November**  
 Children will make salt dough tea lights to celebrate the festival of light. We will also be reading the story of Rama and Sita.
- St Andrews Day - 30th November**  
 Children will be decorating Scottish flags, making traditional shortbread biscuits and enjoy a traditional pudding of Cranachan after lunch.
- Nursery Nativities - Broussa, Elmscot & Woodlands W/C 4th December, Hale 12th December**  
 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.

## team training

Members of the Nursery teams have attended the following training since June 2017:

- Equality & Diversity:** Chloe C, Olivia B, Jade, Sam H, Michelle Mc, Jenny S, Nicola G, Joanna R, Jess B, Sara Mc, Laura M
- First Aid:** Lisa T, Alicja P, Robyn C, Holly R, Chelsea T, Michelle Mc, Nicola G, Ami M, Justyna O, Gosia O
- Food Hygiene:** Jade G, Maria G, Reece M, Sophie K, Danielle N, Robyn C, Charlie J, Lisa T, Rebecca E, Olivia B, Jenni B, Rebecca H, Patricia C-B, Jenni B
- Health, Safety & Hygiene:** Lyndsey B, Danielle N
- Safer Working Practices:** Danielle R, Lauren O, Gohar O, Robyn C, Alicja P, Patricia, Joanna R, Katherine H, Olivia B, Claire, H, Patricia C-B
- EYFS Training:** Jenni B, Rebecca E, Olivia B
- Prevent Duty:** Charlie J, Lisa T, Sophie K, Jade G, Maria G, Danielle N, Olivia B, Patricia C-B, Jenni B
- Phonics Training:** Joy H, Danielle W, Kerry L, Katherine H & Chloe C
- FGM:** Danielle R, Lucy Y

- Health & Nutrition:** Terri G
- Supporting S&L Development Needs:** Ami M, Jean C
- Safeguarding:** Lauren O, Gohar O, Joy H, Danielle W, Jean C, Patricia C-B, Jenni B
- Outdoor Training:** Ami M, Justyna O, Sadie H, Claire H, Claire J, Ewelina P, Sam H, Dan G, Danielle W, Joy H, Katie C, Fehmida I, Michelle Mc, Jean C, Joanna R, Emma B
- Safer Allergy Awareness Level 2:** Laura J, Rebecca H
- Visual Impairment Training:** Joy H, Danielle W, Jenni B, Dan G, Ami M, Jenny S, Katie C, Patricia C-B, Gosia O

We are delighted to announce that we now have two internal First Aid Trainer & Assessors in our very own Lucy Yarnell, Deputy Manager for Woodlands & Gemma Stott, Deputy Group Manager for Kids Collective. Which means from September we can run our very own First Aid courses.

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

# Our Nursery Gallery...



The babies in Rabbits explore the sensory play using their hands and feet at Hale

At Woodlands Seb is making a cup of tea with real tea bags



Sophia and Tamaya making bracelets to celebrate Friendship Day at Woodlands



William uses different materials to make a large structure at Hale



Anna from Woodlands, with her dad at the Forest School session, where they toasted marshmallows and made their own fire



Grace and Oliver are being hairdressers, washing with shampoo at Elmscot

The pre-school Owls practised their estimation skills by guessing how many of their own shoes fit into a T-Rex footprint over at Broussa



Here the children are enjoying Stetch 'N' Grow Sports Day at Broussa



Gethin engages in role play at Hale Nursery looking after the toy babies



At Elmscot Elodie is creating a firework picture for the 4th of July



Over at Woodlands, here is George taking part in games during sports day.



Jake planting in the garden at Elmscot Nursery



Alice, Maddox and Anna developing their creative side using the paints outdoors at Woodlands



Talia enjoying playing in the playdough exploring her senses using different herbs at Broussa



Lizzy investigating filling and emptying containers at Broussa Nursery



At Hale, Harry & Joshua make a camp fire using orange & red tissue paper and wood



## NURSERY Development

Elmscot already holds a Trafford "Healthy Setting" Accreditation, and in July 2017 it was due for a bi-annual review - thanks to the hard work from the whole team - Elmscot are proud to say that we passed once again.

At Elmscot, based on observations, and as part of the nursery development plan, Ami, Justyna and the Willow team have been working hard to create a separate sensory 'baby garden' for the children in the Willow Room. This area includes soft play, posting pies, natural world area, heuristic toys and so much more - the children love this new area.

Ami Mahon who is the Group SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) at Elmscot, has undertaken training in a course called "SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) Champions" in 2016. Based on the work Ami has done within the group since completing the training, she was nominated for 'SEND Champion' at the annual NDNA Champions awards which were held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Ami came runner up in this category - well done Ami!

Broussa Day Nursery recently had their first OFSTED inspection and was found to be Good with Outstanding Features. The inspector praised the high quality of the teaching given and the excellent activities provided for the children leading them to be enthusiastic and eager to learn. It was noted that all the children are making excellent progress in the EYFS and that the children are learning about different cultures, languages and the world around them.

Over at Hale, the Hedgehog room are busy developing the milk kitchen into a cosy area for the children.

At Woodlands their newly surfaced garden with rearranged play areas is now complete. The children love to be outside and there have also been lots of positive comments from parents!

At Broussa, Harry is baking on the floor practising using tools and equipment as well as hand-eye co-ordination



### KIDS COLLECTIVE HOLIDAY CLUBS

Outstanding childcare for children aged 3-11

**Autumn 2017: 16th - 27th October**

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