

Elmscot is Ofsted Outstanding!



Our Elmscot Day Nursery and Nursery School is 'outstanding in all areas' according to Ofsted Inspectors. In an unannounced, routine inspection, the team received praise for the "very highly quality" of its teaching from the government's inspectors.

The report stated: "The quality of teaching is consistently of a very high quality. Educational programmes are challenging, inspirational and focused to meet the individual needs and interests of all children. As a result, children are provided with rich, varied and imaginative learning experiences. Children make exceptional progress in their learning and development in this vibrant and welcoming nursery."

Manager of Elmscot and one of its Early Years Teachers, Justyna Ogrodniczek said: "I believe that the quality of care and education in the early years is paramount for setting sound foundations for future learning for all children. As a setting we strive to provide the best possible learning experiences and care where each individual child's learning potential is met to a high standard."

The inspector took the opportunity to speak to some parents on the day and in the report stated: "Partnerships with parents, schools and other agencies are excellent. As a result, children's individual needs are quickly identified and exceptionally well met."

Ofsted felt that "The management team set high expectations for the quality of the provision, practitioners' performance and children's achievements," and, in delivering the inspection outcome, the inspector stated that she had never seen so many examples of outstanding practice in one setting in one inspection. Elmscot feel that this is the exceptional service that any parent would hope for and that all their registered families deserve.

forthcoming events

ST. DAVID'S DAY

2 Mar: Celebrating on the closest day, we will be painting daffodils & enjoying leek soup!

LIVING EGGS LIFE CYCLE PROJECT

2 Mar: At all Preschools, a delivery of eggs & an incubator for the children to see chicks hatch and care for them.

WORLD BOOK DAY

5 Mar: Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character

FAMILY SAFETY WEEK

From 7 Mar: Learning about the Emergency Services and dressing up as people who help us.

RED NOSE DAY

13 Mar: Everyone is invited to wear red today!

MOTHER'S DAY

16 Mar: Mums are invited to join us for Afternoon Tea!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

17 Mar: Children will be enjoying leprechaun dancing, wearing masks and making wands!

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

20 Mar: Nature walks and planting flowers

PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PARENTS

23 Mar: Our annual free training course for parents to learn life-saving skills. Must be pre-booked.

CHILDREN'S POETRY DAY

23 Mar: We will be listening to and writing our own poetry

ZOOLAB

1 April: A chance for children >2yrs at each nursery to get hands-on with a variety of cuddly and unusual animals...

EASTER PARADE & EGG HUNT

2 Apr: Bring in those bonnets, it's time for an Easter Egg Hunt, face-painting and party!

PET OWNER'S DAY

19 Apr: Please bring in photos of your pets

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

23 Apr: Children will be making dragons and enjoying the story of St. George.

WORLD PENGUIN DAY

27 April: Please bring in any toy penguins for our arctic activities today!

MAY DAY

1 May: May pole dancing and festivities in the garden

INTERNATIONAL FAMILIES DAY

15 May: We will be painting self-portraits today.

NATIONAL SMILE DAY

18 May: Learning about good dental hygiene.

Our Nursery Gallery...



Olivia, Harrison, Amber, Aiden, Lincoln (from Squirrels at Woodlands) excited to see snow



Noah and Sophie having a go making pizzas at Hale, which they thoroughly enjoyed eating for tea.

Sama (from Otters at Woodlands) chilling at Chill Factor



Babies in hedgehogs at Hale making apple pie's for National Pie Day.



Lisa, Hale's chef, shared her cookery skills with the children in Owl room on National Pie Day, where all the children made pies to take home and bake



Cayde enjoying playing and exploring the heuristic objects in the Rabbit room, Hale



Phoebe, Amelia and Bradley enjoyed caring for and feeding their babies at Hale whilst developing their understanding of the world around them.



Alice (from Elmscot) enjoys write dance, making marks in paint with her fingers and even wrote an A for Alice



Noah from Woodland s painting the Australian flag



The children from Squirrel at Hale walked to the train station in the village, looking for numbers, shapes and letters in the environment on their journey

SCHOOL'S OUT

Holiday Clubs

Outstanding childcare for children aged 3-14

"Busy kids, happy kids!"

Easter 2015: 30 Mar-17 April
Whit Half-term 2015: 26 May- 5 June

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

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Eva using the hammer and nails at Hale to make patterns and explore risk, actively learning and developing her hand-eye



Ella, Charlie and Imogen show off their blanket they have made at Hale, inspired by the book 'Immy', about a little girl who lives in the Arctic.



Jack from Elmscot enjoying a trip to the local park.



Lincoln from the Squirrels room drawing a picture of a dog when learning about different animals



Sophie and Maggie enjoy a banquet at the Chinese Restaurant in Beech room (Elmscot)

DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS

At Hale, the Squirrel and Otter rooms have recently had a make over. The rooms have both been decorated and have had new flooring put down and additional displays boards have been put up around the room to display more of the children's work. The team have also developed a Construction area for the children in the Squirrel room following the children's current interests.

Work is due to start on the car park at Hale to resurface the whole area and improve access to the nursery. E bulletins will be sent to parents prior to the work starting to keep everyone updated of progress.

At Woodlands, we have been working very hard to get our garden prepared for the spring. We have revamped our Outdoor Classrooms under the awning – including our Book Area and Mark Marking Area. With the weather getting better now we are looking forward to using our Woodwork area and Writing Shed to its full potential again. Furthermore, we have had brand new trellises put up in our Allotment area where the children will plant peas and beans, as well as other vegetables and herbs in our planting tubs. In our rooms, the team have been working on introducing lots of new initiatives for the children to take part in such as Star of the Week, Interests boards, Parent information boards, Treasure boxes and loads more.

At Elmscot we have developed a meeting room in the basement, which provides us with an additional welcoming space for any meetings with our parents and visitors.

We are also in a process of developing some new activity boxes for the garden area, to further extend children's learning opportunities while they are outdoors.



Children from Oak room at Elmscot enjoy reading stories to their reading bears

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Hale raised £83.15 for Save the Children by having a Christmas Jumper Day, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Hale have also received their certificate for Mission Christmas for the donation of toys from parents which went towards 36,257 helping underprivileged children at Christmas time.

Elmscot have raised £229 for Key103 Operation Christmas Child.

Elmscot raised £60 towards the Francis House Festival of Christmas trees.

EXTRA curricular EXTRA value EXTRA ordinary

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals

Italian Language & Culture	Woodlands, Wed (Owls)	Children develop their knowledge and understanding of the world as they become aware of other languages.
JittaBugs Baby Sign & Play	Elmscot, Mon (Maple) Elmscot, Tues (Willow & Chestnut) Woodlands, Tues (0-2s) Hale, Wed (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	Hale, Tues (2-5s) Woodlands, Mon (2-5s) Elmscot, Fri (Beech)	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun physical activities.
Little SuperStars	Elmscot, Mon (Oak)	Little SuperStars' fun and active sports sessions to develop coordination, flexibility and balance.
FOREST SCHOOL	Elmscot, Tues (4-5s) Hale, Thurs (4-5s) Woodlands, Mon (4-5s)	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.

I CAN Early Talk Programme

Elmscot Day Nursery has decided to take part in the I CAN Early Talk programme which supports the early years practitioners in developing their skills in the vital area of children's communication and language through training packages, mentoring and service development, which includes accreditation.

I CAN is the children's communication charity which want to ensure that no child is left behind because of their difficulty in speaking or understanding language. Their mission is to raise an awareness of the importance of communication in children's lives and to upskill the early years practitioners in meeting all children's needs in communication and language development.

Children with communication difficulties may, in the future, find it hard to read, write and make friends. This is why supporting every child in their communication and language development is a crucial part of our daily activities and learning opportunities we offer to all children.

I CAN Early Talk accreditation recognises good practice in promoting speech, language and communication development in line with expectations for children's age. It also recognises good practice in the early identification and referral of children to Speech and Language therapy.

Elmscot will pilot the scheme prior to it being rolled out across all nursery setting.

team training

Since December, team members have attended the following training courses:

- ☺ **Food Hygiene:** Emilia and Jo L
- ☺ **Safer working practices:** Emily C and Laura W
- ☺ **First Aid:** Jo L, Nicola S, Lisa L and Emilia
- ☺ **Safeguarding (Level 1):** Sandra M, Jo L, Greg, Amy O'Toole, Justyna O, Chelsea T, Caroline M, Stacey C, Rachael L and Jess L.
- ☺ **Behaviour Management:** Lucy, Amanda, Nicola S., Natalie, Marina, Frances, Jess B and Vicky

☺ **Supporting Children with Aspergers:** Ivana and Jess C.

We would like to congratulate Jessica Berry (Elmscot), Amanda Grogan and Stacey Child (Hale) has just completed their Foundation Degree in Early Years.



Congratulations and a big 'thank you' is deserved by all the team members who work so hard to keep their training up to this high standard.