

## National Awards Success!

The Elmscot Group was shortlisted for 3 categories in the annual national Nursery World Awards, held on the 23rd of September at the Brewery in London: Inclusive Practice, Practitioner of the Year and Early Years Teacher of the Year.

Elmscot Day Nursery won the Inclusive Practice Award, recognized for how every child is treated as an individual. The setting SENCO, Ami Mahon, said: "I work closely with all practitioners, for example, supporting them with specific areas of child development or ensuring cultural diversity is represented." Elmscot currently looks after several children with additional educational needs and has developed strong relationships with external professionals such as speech and language therapists, physiotherapists and sensory support services.

Alex Chiorando – Early years education manager for the Elmscot Group, was one of two finalists for Early Years Teacher of the Year and Ami Mahon was runner-up in Practitioner of the Year. Congratulations to our colleagues on their success.

## Elmscot in China

In September, Elmscot was invited to be part of a Department for International Trade visit to Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. The purpose was to represent British Values and discuss our superb EYFS with Chinese schools, nurseries, educational sector developers and statutory bodies.

Stephanie Molnar, one of Elmscot's Directors, took part in the initiative along with 15 other UK providers. The week-long event was hosted by the British Embassy in Beijing and Stephanie was able to discuss how the UK (and Elmscot in particular) could work with Chinese colleagues to improve Early Years Education provision in China with Antonia Romeo, Permanent Secretary of the DIT. Since then, we have welcomed 16 primary age students from Beijing to Kids Collective October Holiday Club this half-term...word of our service has spread far and wide!

## EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals

	Woodlands, Weds PM	At diddi dance we realise and encourage endless enthusiasm and energy in an action packed, full of fun 45 minute dance class.
	Broussa - Tues AM (Rabbits & Squirrels)	Jittabugs explore the baby's senses including touch, vision, sound and smell using bubbles, mirrors, scarves, feathers, parachutes and more.
	Elmscot Altrincham - Fri PM (Oak - Preschool)	Playmakers is a unique Football and Multisports programme for children aged 18 months to 5 years. Our professional coaches enable children to learn their ABCs through play!
	Broussa - Weds AM (Badgers & Owls) Elmscot Altrincham - Weds PM (Willow 0-18m) Hale - Fri PM Woodlands - Tues AM	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun physical activities.
	Hale - Weds AM Woodlands - Fri AM	Boogie Babies is a fun and interactive musical journey group for babies and toddlers.
	Elmscot Altrincham - Tues PM (Willow 0-18m), Fri PM (Maple - 18-24m) Hale - Mon AM	Pyjama Drama provides unique drama based classes for babies, toddlers and young children.
	Broussa - Thurs AM (Owls) Elmscot Altrincham - Tues AM (Oak - preschool) Hale - Weds (AM) Woodlands - Fri (AM)	Children, parents and staff walk to the designated woodland site where they will get creative with mud, puddles, creepy crawlies and the great outdoors.
	Elmscot Nantwich - Weds AM	A fun introduction to French for toddlers
	Elmscot Nantwich Thurs PM - (Under 2's)	A music class that provides fun, progressive and age-appropriate music classes for the under 5s



- ©Autism Awareness: Amy O'T, Charlie J, Sophie K, Emma P, Alicja P
- ©Prevent: Debbie B, Hannah E
- ©Intro into EYFS: Debbie B, Louise S, Hannah E
- ©Safeguarding Level 1: Gosia O, Tricia CB, Jenni B, Hannah E, Debbie B
- ©Safeguarding Level 2: Ami M, Chelsea T, Sadie H, Clair J, Gosia O, Amanda G, Laura S, Stacey C, Becky W, Hannah B
- ©Communications Champion Training: Ami M
- ©EYFS: Tricia CB, Jenni B, Hannah E, Debbie B, Josie B, Olivia B

All Elmscot Group staff are committed to a 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.



## Teachers at Elmscot



The Elmscot Group are proud to employ qualified early years teachers across all of our nursery settings. Across the group we currently have 13 working directly with the children and an additional 2 Early Years teachers supporting best practise across the group.

We know that during the early years a child's brain is developing at its quickest rate - and that language and communication skills are the building blocks for everything else they will learn, including subjects like maths and sciences. Our teachers are specially trained to facilitate this, using many different methods to support all children's differing learning styles. We don't waste a second in nursery, every little routine enables the children to expand their vocabulary and enquiry skills.

Crucially, the Early Years teachers provide the children with the tools they need to build their self-esteem and confidence, and develop positive relationships with everyone around them. They also work closely with the practitioners to develop their skills in these areas, thus providing highly skilled teams.

In Preschool, our teachers are supernumerary and work alongside the highly qualified practitioner teams. The teachers work closely with the team to assess and plan for the children's interests. They use the EYFS framework and the government phonics strategy Letters and Sounds to deliver focused maths, literacy and phonics sessions. They are highly qualified and deliver learning intentions through children's play and interests. This ensures that the children are focused and therefore absorb more.

All of our Early Years Specialists are kept up to date with the latest research and advice in the field. They regularly attend training provided externally or by our EYFS designated Manager who is a qualified teacher and early years specialist.

We are very honoured to be currently working with the Early Years and Childhood Studies Team at MMU. Lyndsey Schofield, Level 4 Lead Lecturer will be working with the teams as part of a research project for a Doctorate in Education. We are very excited about working with the experts in the Early Years sector.



## forthcoming events

- ©Nursery Nativities:
  - 6th December (Woodlands)
  - 7th December (Broussa)
  - 12th December (Hale & Nantwich)
  - 8th December (Elmscot)
 A traditionally themed Christmas show for parents and families to enjoy. Please see your individual nursery for venues and times.
- ©Nursery Christmas Parties:
  - 11th December (Broussa)
  - 13th December (Woodlands)
  - 14th December (Hale & Nantwich)
  - 15th December (Elmscot)
 A fun packed day for the children to enjoy a Christmas tea and party games.
- ©World Religion Day:
  - 18th January - All Nurseries
 We will be looking at all festival celebrated by children. If any parents would like to volunteer to come and talk to the children regarding the festival they celebrate at home, please contact your nursery manager.
- ©Australia Day - 26th January
  - The national day of Australia celebrates the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788. It is a day to celebrate all the things that people love about the country of Australia. The children will be creating Aboriginal art, looking at some Australian animals and musical instruments such as a Didgeridoo. A musical instrument made and played by Australian Aborigines using various craft resources.
- ©Mardi Gras - 13th February - All Nurseries
  - There will be lots of dancing and colourful masks made by the children.
- ©Chinese New Year - Year of the Dog
  - 16th February - All Nurseries
  - Learning about the Chinese celebration, taking part in a Dragon Dance and tasting some Chinese food.
- ©National Polar Bear Day - 19th February - All Nurseries
  - Looking at Arctic animals and learning about weather around the world.
- ©St David's Day - 1st March - All Nurseries
  - Talking about the Welsh celebration and creating daffodil pictures.
- ©Holi Celebrations - 2nd March - All Nurseries
  - The children will celebrate this Hindu festival of colour which marks the arrival of Spring with a variety of colourful activities including throwing home-made Holi powder in the garden.
- ©Mother's Day Tea - 12th March - (please see posters in individual settings nearer to the time)
- ©St Patrick's Day - 17th March - All Nurseries
  - We will be talking about the story behind the Irish celebration, children are invited to come to nursery wearing Green.
- ©World Water Day - 22nd March
  - We will be raising money for Water Aid by inviting all children to attend nursery wearing blue for a donation of £1.00. We will also hold many water-themed learning opportunities throughout the day for the children to enjoy.

## team training

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

- ©Equality & Diversity: Danielle R, Lauren O, Karen W
- ©Paediatric First Aid: Jenna H, Clare O'H, Jade G, Melissa Mc, Nancy C, Lisa L, Kate W, Alyson H
- ©Food Allergy & Tolerance Awareness: Danielle R, Michele S, Steph G, Marina F, Leah L, Nicolle P, Katie D, Laura M, Karen W, Denver K, Mya B, Lucy Y, Danielle N, Lisa T, Cahrlie J, Lyndsey B, Maria JG, Melissa Mc, Alicja P, Nicola G, Sophie K, Tricia CB, Debbie B, Hannah E, Ewelina P, Fehmidia I, Jenni B, Michelle Mc, Sam H
- ©FGM: Emma B, Jeannie C, Debbie B, Katherine H, Holly R, Laura J, Jean C, Katie C, Tricia CB, Marina F, Stephanie G
- ©Food Hygiene: Debbie B, Michele S,
- ©Equality & Diversity: Rebecca H
- ©Understanding Nutrition & Health: Clare O'Hara



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BROUSSA ELMSCOT HALE WOODLANDS

Quarterly update for parents at Broussa, Elmscot (Altrincham), Elmscot (Nantwich), Hale and Woodlands

# Our Nursery Gallery...



Callum at Woodlands is taking part in our 'play with pensioners' scheme, making some lovely Autumn pictures to decorate their home



Over at Broussa, Sophia makes flower perfume in the water tray



Oscar from Hale Nursery had lots of fun going down the slide at the local park



Reggie from Broussa made a face with natural materials at Forest School

Harriette from Woodlands Hedgehogs deep in concentration using her fine motor skills to thread



## NURSERY Development



The Elmscot Group is proud to welcome Elmscot Nursery (Nantwich) to the Elmscot Group, taking us to 5 nursery schools. The new nursery, formerly known as Nyehome, joined the Group at the end of October and is located in Nantwich town centre. It is purpose-built, offering over 80 places, with large rooms and large outdoor play area, and is full of potential. We are very excited to have expanded out of Trafford for the first time, and take this opportunity to take our outstanding childcare to more families within another borough. We would like to welcome all the new families and new members of Elmscot's Team!

Eddie uses the wooden blocks in the construction area to form structures and arrangements at Hale



Alfie and Seb in Oak room making 'geo pumpkins' over at Elmscot Altrincham



Isabelle having fun in the water at Elmscot Nantwich



Outside Hale, Annabel squeezes paint onto the floor, she uses a sweeping brush to mix the colours together and discuss what colours she has made.

Katie and Cassie explore the texture of a pumpkin at Broussa



At Elmscot some children are washing the babies in the Maple Room



Myla practicing her mark making skills during write dance in Willow room at Elmscot Altrincham

At Broussa, Katie enjoys a sensory walk using her feet to explore different media



At Broussa, James paints Alicja's face observing her features



Pre-school at Elmscot Nantwich enjoyed a French class with Andy



Carmen is using the light to make shadow pictures of animals for the rest of the children at Woodlands



At Elmscot Altrincham, Finn creates an autumn masterpiece with foraged leaves and natural playdough



Bethan practicing her hairdressing skills at Elmscot Altrincham



## KIDS COLLECTIVE Kids Collective launches franchise opportunity



With the continued success of our Kids Collective before & after-school care and holiday clubs and growing demand for its services, we feel that now is the right time to explore franchising. Kids Collective has been operating for over 14 years and has all the core ingredients for a great franchise system. We are excited about looking for the most suitable and dedicated franchisees to kick-start the next phase in the Kids Collective business.

We've got an extremely strong offering and all future franchisees will have the support of a friendly, hard-working and very dedicated team. They will also have the tools and autonomy to grow a profitable and fulfilling business. We're looking for the highest calibre of franchisees who will ideally have a qualification in childcare; a passion for working with children aged 3-11 years; and great business acumen. The business model offers terrific flexibility and potential for a great work-life balance.

A Kids Collective Franchise currently starts from £7000\* rising to £13,250\* after the initial launch promotion. (\*exclusive of VAT)

Potential franchisees should visit <http://kids-collective.co.uk/franchise> for details or call Kirsty Jackson on 0161 980 0003

