

Throughout the nurseries we are currently in the process of launching of Tapestry, an online learning journal individual to every child. Tapestry is easily accessible to all parents via the free Tapestry app.

The journal records all the teaching and learning aspects of each child's education here at Nursery. Parents are also encouraged to add to their individual child's journal regularly and this information is used by keyworkers to inform daily planning.

Tapestry allows the practitioners to easily capture the learning experiences of the children and share observations online with the parents.

Tapestry is used by hundreds of nurseries, schools and early year's educators throughout the UK and is a very popular way to monitor and observe children, not only within the EYFS but in Key Stage 1 and 2. Elmscot staff, who have undergone training over the last few months, feel the system demonstrates an excellent all-round picture of the children's progress for parents to view. We are aiming to have the journals live for parents by the end of February. Watch out for the email to activate your child's journal and do let us have any feedback



## team training

Members of the Nursery teams have attended the following training since January 2018:

- ☉ **Equality & Diversity:** Stacie D, Denver K
- ☉ **First Aid:** Lowri J, Hannah E, Eleanor B,
- ☉ **Allergy Awareness:** All staff at Elmscot Nantwich
- ☉ **Food Hygiene:** Susan B, Denver K, Kate W, Georgia H
- ☉ **Understanding Behaviour:** Lorraine S, Michele S
- ☉ **Prevent:** Jennifer B, Lorraine S, Stephanie B, Eleanor B, Kate W, Lisa L, Danielle R, Georgia H,
- ☉ **Safeguarding Level 1:** Jennifer B, Stephanie B, Denver K

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curricular value ordinary  
Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals

	Woodlands - Weds PM (otter)	At diddi dance we realise and encourage endless enthusiasm and energy in an action packed, full of fun 45 minute dance class.
	Elmscot Nantwich Thurs PM - (Under 2's)	A music class that provides fun, progressive and age-appropriate music classes for the under 5s
	Elmscot Altrincham - Tues 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 - Tues PM (Badgers & Owls) Elmscot Altrincham - Fri PM (Beech) Hale - Mon AM Woodlands - Weds PM (Rabbit & Hedgehog)	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun physical activities.
	Hale - Weds AM	Boogie Babies is a fun and interactive musical journey group for babies and toddlers.
	Broussa - Fri AM (Rabbits & Squirrels) Elmscot Altrincham - Thurs AM (Willow & Maple) Hale - Tues PM	Pyjama Drama provides unique drama based classes for babies, toddlers and young children.
	Broussa - Weds AM Elmscot Altrincham - Fri AM Hale - Thurs (AM) Woodlands - Tues (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

## Play Time With Pensioners

Play Time with Pensioners is our scheme where the children reach out within the community to meet with older people, build relationships, learn through play and encourage the children to learn about the community around us. The children have the opportunity to meet lots of the residents and look at favourite stories, play games and jigsaws and even create pictures together using felt tips. Each nursery enjoys a play day every other month.



## Bringing First Aid Training In-House



In March 2016, Lucy Yarnell (Deputy Manager, Elmscot Altrincham) and Gemma Stott (Deputy Manager, Kids Collective) became our first in-house First Aid Trainers, able to train and certify our own First Aiders – prior to this all staff training in First Aid was delivered by third-party training companies. The Elmscot Group has always insisted 100% of the team are certified First Aiders as, although expensive, it seemed like common sense (Ofsted only requires one First Aider to be present). With nursery teams growing and First Aid training needing to be renewed every 3 years, it made sense for the company to have in house trainers to meet the training needs of the group. Lucy and Gemma undertook a full ECAT Level 2 Assessor qualification specialising in First Aid and although it was a challenge working full time whilst completing the training course, they did it!

They were given in-depth assignments assessing different learning styles and practices for an overall insight into teaching, followed by a week-long intensive course to update their own existing First Aid qualification to become First Aid Trainers. During this week, Lucy and Gemma extended their understanding of CPR, bandaging and common illnesses and finally gave their own PowerPoint training presentations to the rest of the class! The two colleagues passed with flying colours and have been training Elmscot Group staff since September last year. From 2018, they will also take over delivering short First Aid workshops to parents and carers as part of our free Parent Workshop scheme, which has been part of our Partnership with Parents policy for several years now, enabling us to reach out and support more families using the Elmscot Group's service.

Lucy stated "It was a challenge going from teaching children, to teaching adults and at first it was quite daunting but I feel after detailed preparation and practice delivering the courses to our teams, I have a wealth of knowledge, I am more self-assured and definitely find running the courses rewarding knowing the teams are enjoying the training sessions!" Gemma added.

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

## MARCH 2018

### Forthcoming events

☉ **Children's Disco 2nd March - 5-7pm - Nantwich**  
Limited spaces available - please see staff for more details.

☉ **Mother's Day Tea 12th March - All Nurseries**  
Tea party and celebrations. Please see posters in individual settings for details.

☉ **Commonwealth Day 12th March - All Nurseries**  
The Commonwealth comprises 52 large and small countries around the world. We will be decorating flags, looking at the map to find all the countries in the Commonwealth and comparing different homes, clothes and celebrations.

☉ **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 - All Nurseries**  
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.

☉ **Living Eggs 19th - 29th March - All Nurseries**  
A fantastic opportunity to experience real chicks hatching in front of our very eyes.

☉ **Easter Bingo 26th March - 6.30pm - Nantwich**  
6 games of bingo playing for a line and house! Prizes will all be Easter-themed and refreshments will be available.

☉ **First Aid Training 10th April 6.30-8.30pm - Altrincham**  
Workshop for parents, see posters in settings for details

☉ **National Sibling Day: 10th April - Broussa, Hale, Elmscot & Woodlands, 19th April - Nantwich**  
Older siblings are invited to nursery to join in with fun activities. This is for the pre-school room only.

☉ **The Queen's Birthday: 21st April - All Nurseries**  
The children will learn about The Royal Family, make crowns and decorate flags.

☉ **St George's Day/Shakespeare Day: 23rd April - All Nurseries**  
A great reason to learn and enjoy some of England's customs and traditions, and also to think about knights, castles and dragons!

☉ **May Day: 4th May - All Nurseries**  
Children will take part in ribbon dancing in the garden and discuss why we celebrate May Day.

☉ **Sun Awareness Week: 7th May - All Nurseries**  
The children will be looking at planets and the solar system. We will also be talking about safety in the sun, looking at weather around the world and looking at appropriate clothing.

☉ **International Families Day: 15th May - All Nurseries**  
The children will be asked to bring in a family picture which we can look at and talk about at group time. The children will draw or paint a family portrait and make a family tree.

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Summer is improving her hand/eye coordination skill by threading various materials onto the pasta at Nantwich

At Broussa, Georgia practises her hammering skills at the woodwork bench



Ayah from Woodlands Owls engaging in a fruit guessing blindfold game.

Hudson and friends enjoy exploring a real Didgeridoo for Australia Day at Broussa

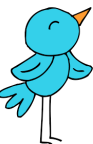


# Our Nursery Gallery...



The children in Badger room at Hale enjoyed some Role Play using flavoured tea bags, water and real cups. Annabel said 'I think I'll have a babycino'.

The children in Rabbit at Hale enjoyed ice play, they used the hammers to chip away at the ice to free the sea animals, cars and shells!



Joe at Broussa explores paint and textures using cars and balls to roll and make marks



Beau enjoying making different marks in the sensory tray at Elmscot



Alice at Nantwich painting a Didgeridoo on Australia Day



At Hale Harry enjoyed listening to the story 'Handa's Surprise' and acting out his favourite part of the story, carrying the fruit on his head like Handa!

Eva Rose and Amelia looking after the babies at Nantwich



Sophia from Otters at Woodlands having a go at flipping a pancake!



Alfie, Ted, Gabriel and Hugh in the water tray at Elmscot Altrincham



The children at Woodlands have been creating transient art using coloured petals

Francesca helps to add ingredients to make coloured gloop at Broussa



## NURSERY Development

At Hale the Hedgehog Bathroom is currently under development and we are looking forward to seeing the finished result!!

Over at Nantwich the team are continuing to develop the outdoor area.

Broussa has been developing the environment in the Owls room enhancing it with new furniture and it is looking lovely! Also the nursery have just enrolled onto a Quality Assurance programme called the Leading Parent Partnerships Award which looks at developing our parent partnerships.

At Woodlands The children in Hedgehogs explore the flowers in coloured water.



The children in Owl room at Hale made their own houses like the ones in Handa's Surprise using various materials such as spaghetti and sticks.



At Elmscot Altrincham, Lucia and Elodie are having fun at the Play Time with Pensioners session



Kaden taking part in the barefoot walk as part of their 'We're going on a bear hunt' topic at Nantwich



### HOLIDAY CLUBS

Outstanding childcare for 3-11

Easter: 3rd—13th April  
Whit: 21st May—8th June

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