

Forest School Sessions



Across the settings we offer weekly forest school classes delivered by 'We are Adventurers', qualified forest school practitioners. Forest School is about so much more than children just 'running around the woods'. We are able to observe just how much the children learn in the outdoors; children benefit emotionally, intellectually and physically by time spent outside exploring nature. The children show great confidence when exploring the forest, overcoming challenges and knowing the correct code of behaviour in this environment. They are able to demonstrate their full awareness of the importance of working in partnerships and supporting each other, lending a helping hand when needed and looking out for one another. At the end of each term we invite parents to join us for our last session; the adults are able to re-live their own childhood whilst building dens, creating smelly potions and perfumes, making a campfire and going on nature trails. They leave reassured that although the children are faced with assessing and taking risks, learning about safety and danger, and using real tools, children are taught and are able to practise this safely within a secure and managed environment. Assessing risk is a necessary life skill for children. We want to inspire every child to learn through adventure and give every parent the opportunity to be part of the experience.

team training

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

- ©**Equality & Diversity:** Mia H, Fidelma McC, Olivia B, Kerry L, Carolyn C, Leann B, Laura H, Emma W, Chrissie W, Cheryl B, Karen P, Lindsay F
- ©**Prevent Duty:** Rosie M, Mia H, Fidelma McC, Katie C
- ©**Supporting Speech, Language & Communication Needs:**
- ©**Food Hygiene:** Daisy F,
- ©**Food Safety & Hygiene Level 2:** Chelsea T, Layla N, Fidelma McC
- ©**Safeguarding:** Rosie M, Lucy J, Louise G, Mia H, Natalie M, Alex P, Lisa L, Fidelma McC, Michelle McC, Holly R, Colette W, Layla N, Chelsea T
- ©**Safer Working Practices:** Jenna H, Danielle N, Joanne K, Jennifer Bamber, Chloe C, Claire R, Sophie K, Jade G, Dawn L, Katherine B, Melissa McD, Stacie D, Stephanie B, Cassandra W, Clair J, Aneta D
- ©**Risk Assessment:** Amanda G, Rosie M

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA curricular value ordinary Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals		
	Woodlands - Thurs AM (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 - Weds AM (Badger & Owl) Elmscot Altrincham - Mon AM (Beech) Hale - Fri AM (Badger & Owl) Woodlands - Tues AM (Rabbit & Hedgehog) and Little Wrigglers	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun physical activities.
	Hale - Fri AM (Rabbit & Hedgehog)	Boogie Babies is a fun and interactive musical journey group for babies and toddlers.
	Broussa - Fri AM (Rabbit & Squirrel) Elmscot Altrincham - Weds AM (Willow & Maple) Hale - Thurs AM (Squirrel)	Pyjama Drama provides unique drama based classes for babies, toddlers and young children.
	Broussa - Mon PM Elmscot Altrincham - Tues AM Hale - Mon AM (Owl) Woodlands - Thurs 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



Transitioning to School



Transitioning to school is a significant milestone for a child, a new experience that can create feelings of excitement but also apprehension and uncertainty. Starting school brings not only a new environment but also new rules, relationships and new ways to learn. The transition to school affects the whole family - parents can also be very nervous. A strong partnership between your child, family, nursery and new school will ensure a smooth, positive experience. From your child's experiences both at home and at nursery, your child will already have learnt a large range of skills. At Elmscot we begin the process of supporting the move to school months beforehand so children are prepared to be independent happy learners with strong social and emotional skills who are secure and ready to adjust to environments. Throughout their day at Elmscot, children are encouraged to be independent, making choices and taking the initiative in their own learning. When they participate in circle time activities, go on outings, serve themselves at lunch, change their own clothes, build their confidence to ask for help when they need it - they are preparing for this transition. 'School readiness' focused activities during their final few months at nursery are embraced by staff, who plan fun and positive approaches. We invite the children to 'wear their new uniforms to nursery' for the day, partake in P.E. sessions, read fictional books about starting school and carry their lunch to the table just like they will expected to do at school. We work closely with each school by ensuring they have the information they need and liaising with teachers to ensure a smooth transition for each child. These are just some of the ways we help children feel secure and ready for this important change in their life.

Summer 2018

forthcoming events

- ©**The Queen's Birthday 8th June - All Nurseries**
We will be talking about the Royal Family, making birthday cards and flags, and having a garden party.
- ©**The World Cup 14th June - All Nurseries**
Come to Nursery wearing your favourite team's football top. We will be in the garden practising our ball skills and scoring goals!
- ©**Father's Day Breakfast 18th June - All Nurseries**
Dads are invited for a bacon sandwich at drop off with their child (see your setting for timings).
- ©**International Mud Day 29th June - All Nurseries**
We will be spending lots of time outside in our mud kitchens getting messy! We will be creating some muddy art and making 'mud cakes' to take home.
- ©**The Fourth of July - All Nurseries**
Children are invited to wear red, white & blue to Nursery.
- ©**Pre-School PE Day - All Nurseries**
The children are invited to bring their PE kits into Nursery to practise dressing and undressing and taking part in small physical activities. See posters in individual settings for dates.
- ©**School Uniform Day - Broussa 12th & 17th July, Elmscot, Hale 16th & 18th, Nantwich 9 & 12th July, Woodlands 16th & 18th July**
Children are invited to Nursery to show off their new school uniform.
- ©**Graduation Class Photo - Broussa 9th July, Elmscot 4th July, Hale 11th July, Nantwich 21st June, Woodlands 10th July**
School leavers are invited to Nursery to take part in the leavers class photograph. Times to be confirmed.
- ©**Graduation Ceremony - Broussa 18th July, Elmscot 19th July, Hale 25th July, Nantwich 6th July, Woodlands 29th July** See posters in individual settings for venues and times.
- ©**National Friendship Day 30th July - All Nurseries**
Children will draw portraits of their friends and make friendship bracelets.
- ©**Sports Day - Broussa 10th Aug, Elmscot 7th Aug, Hale 8th Aug, Nantwich 23rd Aug, Woodlands 9th Aug.** Times to be confirmed.
- ©**Beach Day 16th August - All Nurseries**
Children can come to nursery with their swimwear to enjoy a day in the paddling pool and lots of outdoor activities.
- ©**Eid 22nd August - All Nurseries**
We will be learning all about the Muslim festival - Parents and Grandparents who celebrate are welcome to come into nursery to talk about the celebrations.
- ©**Notting Hill Carnival 27th August - All Nurseries**
come into Nursery in your brightest clothes ready for lots of music and dancing! The children will be making sparkly masks and taking part in ribbon dancing.



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





Our Nursery Gallery...



Cooling down at Woodlands by exploring ice playing outside in the tuff tray



At Broussa the children from Owls have been digging and planting in the allotment



The pre-school children at Elmscot Altrincham took a trip to the Post Office



Willow room enjoying Pyjama Drama at Elmscot Altrincham



The children having fun in the farmyard tuff tray at Elmscot Nantwich



Over at Hale the children have been planting seeds, watering them each day and watching them grow



The children at Woodlands used loose parts and potatoes to create a 'Supertato' based on the book



At Elmscot Altrincham there was fun to be had exploring the bug hotel



Digging in the sand pit at Broussa



Children at Hale read 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' story in small groups and made their own tea parties



On a Spring walk some children from Hale used cameras to take pictures of the environment around them



Superhero Day at Hale. The children came in their favourite Superhero costumes and Spiderman came to visit



At Broussa the children are using their physical skills to transfer and measure the water



The children at Woodlands tasting and feeling the fruits from the 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'



Nursery News

All our settings have been very busy over the last couple of months helping to raise money for charity. The knitted chicks we sell in April on behalf of Francis House raised a whopping **£915.40!!**

Then in May we had Superhero Day which raised over **£200** for the Teenage Cancer Trust, and all the children enjoyed being heroes.

At Woodlands there have recently been some staff starting their maternity leave, which means we are welcoming new staff members. They have been spending lots of time with the Early Years Teacher and getting to know the children and through careful planning and observations we are making sure that our outstanding standards and practices are upheld.

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Outstanding childcare for 3-11

Summer: 16th July to 27th August



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