

Elmscot Woodlands Achieves Millie’s Mark

Elmscot Woodlands has been awarded the highly-acclaimed Millie’s Mark accreditation.

After the 6 months process, Elmscot Woodlands became the 400th setting to gain the Millie’s Mark accreditation for paediatric first aid.

Millie’s Mark endorses childcare settings that go above and beyond the minimum first aid requirements. It is the highest achievement early years settings can gain in paediatric first aid.

The accreditation was founded by Dan and Joanne Thompson, whose 9 month-old daughter Millie tragically died after choking on food at a nursery in 2012.

On achieving Millie’s Mark, Danielle Riley, Nursery Manager at Elmscot Woodlands said: “The best part of the process was realising how well our first aid policies and procedures already fitted in with the Millie’s Mark accreditation criteria. This just proves how important it is that we have all members of staff first aid trained within the first three months of starting employment at Elmscot Woodlands – then attend refresher courses every three years.”

All members of staff were involved in the accreditation process. This included carrying out a self-confidence assessment in applying paediatric first aid. During this assessment, each member of the team had to score how confident they were within different areas of first aid. Those who scored below a certain level were provided with additional mentoring sessions to further strengthen their knowledge base.

Danielle said: “Already having high expectations at Elmscot Woodlands made the process of achieving the accreditation quite straightforward, but even still highlighted to us areas for challenge and improvement. Furthermore we are so proud to get the formal recognition that shows children’s safety is at the forefront of our daily practice.

“We constantly strive for outstanding provision and outcomes for all the children that attend our setting. Achieving Millie’s Mark proves just how dedicated the team is towards all areas of care that we provide, including first aid and the safety of all children.”

Dee McKenzie, Director of Elmscot Group added: “I’m very proud of the Elmscot Woodlands team for achieving Millie’s Mark. I know it’s something the team is very passionate about and they all work closely with health, safety and first aid regulations to ensure children in their care are kept safe. It’s great that the team have been recognised for all their hard work.”

Jo and Dan Thompson with Millie Giraffe

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals.

	At diddi dance, we realise and encourage endless enthusiasm and energy in an action-packed, full of fun, 45 minute dance class.	Woodlands Mon AM (Otter)
	A music class that provides fun, progressive and age-appropriate music classes for the under 5s.	Nantwich Thu PM (Under 2s)
	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun, physical activities.	Hale Tue AM (Badger & Owl) Little Wrigglers Class (Rabbit & Hedgehog) Woodlands Mon PM (Rabbit & Hedgehog) Thu PM (Owl) Altrincham Mon (Maple & Beech) Broussa Tue PM (Badger & Owl)
	A fun introduction to football for toddlers.	Nantwich Thu AM
	Pyjama Drama provides unique drama-based classes for babies, toddlers and young children.	Hale Thu AM (Squirrel) Altrincham Thu (Willow & Oak) Broussa Wed 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.	Altrincham Tue AM (Oak) Broussa Mon AM Woodlands Fri AM (Owl) Hale Thu AM Chester Wed AM
	French Learn to speak French in early years.	Chester Thu AM

Team Training

Nursery staff have attended the following training since December 2018:

A Child's Perspective - Nantwich Team
Allergy Awareness - Chelsea T, Emma B
Autism & Communication - Lauren O'B
Baby Training - Rachel M
Boys Just Want to Have Fun - Alex P, Kate W
Characteristics of Effective Learning - Laura S, Becky W, Sofina C
Children & Young People's Workforce L2 - Melissa McD
Children & Young People's Workforce L3 - Lorna H
Developing Confident Leadership - Nicky C, Emily D
Early Childhood Studies (Post-Graduate) - Jasmin D
E-Coli - Karen P
Early Years Leadership & Management Part 1 - Sophie M, Jess B (Hale)
Exemplary Practice with Toddlers - Jean C, Michele McC
EYFS: Perspective of a Child - Stacey T (Chester), Emily D, Ashley M, Jenny F, Nikki D
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) - Christina O, Amber W, Lashaune G-S
Fire Safety - Holly R, Siobhan L, Claire C, Jess B (Hale), Stacey T (Hale), Sofina C, Nancy C, Emma C, Sue C, Becky G, Mia H, Rachel M, Natalie McL, Sophie M, Bianca P, Satveer S, Laura S, Lucy S, Kate W
First Aid - Emma H, Chloe C, Jennifer B, Sarah M, Laura S, Alex P, Sofina C, Sarah S
Food Hygiene - Siobhan L
GDPR - Emily D, Nicky C, Jenny F, Alison C, Laura U, Anne-Marie B, Amy C, Nikki D, Zoe B, Tracey B, Kerry P, Sinead McL, Rachael C
Health & Safety - Emily D, Nicky C, Jenny F, Alison C, Laura U, Anne-Marie B, Amy C, Nikki D, Zoe B, Tracey B, Kerry P, Sinead McL, Rachael C
How Boys Learn - Laura H
How to Support Language Development - Sofina C
'It Takes Two': Hanen Speech & Language - Lauren O'B
Nursery Talk - Gina C, Marina F, Stephanie G
One Child, Every Child Conference - Danielle R
Pathway to Inspection Briefing - Emily D
Prevent Duty - Chelsea T, Hale Team
Risk Assessments - Emily D, Nicky C, Jenny F, Alison C, Laura U, Anne-Marie B, Amy C, Nikki D, Zoe B, Tracey B, Kerry P, Sinead McL, Rachael C, Marina F, Lauren O'B, Stephanie G
Safeguarding - Emily D, Nicky C, Jenny F, Alison C, Laura U, Anne-Marie B, Amy C, Nikki D, Zoe B, Tracey B, Kerry P, Sinead McL, Rachael C
Safer Working Practices - Emma B, Shannon C, Andrea McL, Jess P
Supporting Children's Development 0-4 years (Down Syndrome) - Nancy C
Supporting 2 year-olds - Jean C, Michele McC
Toxic Trio - Stacey T (Hale)
Understanding Autism - Rebecca H
Wellcomm - Danielle R, Amanda D, Stephanie G, Marina F, Michele S, Faye B, Katie D, Gina C, Georgia H, Rosie M, Karen W, Denver K, Catherine G, Jessica B (Woodlands), Louise G

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Spring 2019

Lord Mayor Officially Reopens Elmscot Chester

Elmscot Chester was honoured to welcome the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Chester to the Grand Opening of the nursery.

The event saw the official reopening of Elmscot Group’s latest acquisition, formerly Little Friends Day Nursery in Chester.



Lord Mayor of Chester enjoying a story with one of the Elmscot Chester children

The nursery is now the sixth in the Group. Our established and uncompromising commitment to outstanding, flexible childcare and education has now been introduced to even more Cheshire parents.

Dee McKenzie,
Director of Elmscot

Group stated: “We are delighted to welcome Chester families to the Elmscot Group and we’re looking forward to delivering our service in such a beautiful Grade II listed building in the city centre.

“We have an ethos of exceptional early years education provision across the Group and a commitment to supporting families with outstanding childcare. We are excited to get to know everyone and get to know Chester.

“The teams in the Elmscot Group work very hard to meet the needs of parents and lead the way in best practice, working closely with educational and childcare experts to develop and implement new strategies. Consequently, places at Elmscot Group nurseries have always been very much in demand and the acquisition of Chester will offer parents a superb facility, delivering exciting career opportunities in the area.”

Forthcoming Events

- **St. David's Day - Friday 1st March**
Children will learn about the story of St. David and take part in daffodil printing and drawing.
- **Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday 5th March**
We will be making pancakes with our favourite fillings. There will also be a Tapestry challenge for families to take part in.
- **Mardi Gras - Wednesday 6th March**
Children will decorate and make colourful masks. Come dressed to nursery in your brightest party clothes!
- **World Book Day - Thursday 7th March**
Come to nursery dressed as your favourite character and bring along the book for us all to read at group time!
- **British Science Week - Monday 11th March- Friday 15th March**
We will be taking part in lots of experiments and all things scientific!
- **St. Patrick's Day - Monday 18th March**
Children will learn the story of St. Patrick. Come to nursery wearing green!
- **Purim (Jewish Festival) - Wednesday 20th March**
- **Holi (Hindu Festival) - Thursday 21st March**
Children will learn about the Hindu festival of colour! We will be doing lots of bright artwork using special powder paints.
- **Mother's Day - Friday 29th March**
- **World Health Day - Monday 8th April**
- **Easter Bonnet Parade - Wednesday 17th April**
Children will take part in an Easter Bonnet Parade to show off their homemade bonnets. They will also have the opportunity to take part in a selection of Easter games including an egg hunt.
- **The Queen's Birthday - Tuesday 23rd April**
Children will learn about the Royal Family, the Queen and where she lives. They will also make their own Royal Birthday cake.
- **St. George's Day - Tuesday 23rd April**
We will be looking at all things British. The children will enjoy a traditional roast dinner
- **Teacher Appreciation Day - Tuesday 7th May**
- **International Family Day - Wednesday 15th May**

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Our Nursery Gallery

Nursery Community News

New Nursery website pages and official video live!

Our brand-new nursery website pages are now live. Changes to each of the six nursery pages include:

- new heading design
- a 360-tour of each nursery building
- photos of activities, buildings and children
- nursery awards and accreditations

We hope these new designs will showcase each nursery's individuality and enhance the user experience when people visit the website.

To help more Cheshire families discover the incredible service and facilities we have to offer, we have created a video to give a perfect snapshot into Elmscot nursery life. Check it out on YouTube or on our Facebook page @ElmscotGrp.

Elmscot Nantwich launches cookery workshops

Elmscot Nantwich will be running new cookery workshops throughout March. They are aiming to provide support to parents so they can teach how to cook some of our favourite nursery recipes and provide children with an all-round balanced diet. Nursery Deputy, Leann and Nantwich Cook, Karen are going to be hosting weekly sessions throughout the month.

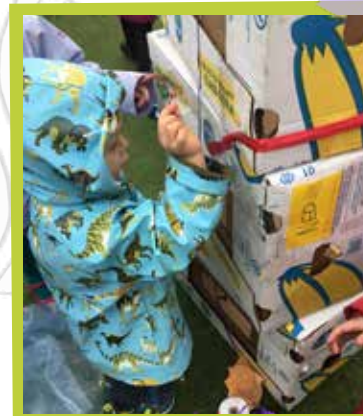


Willow room at Nantwich were very intrigued by the frozen sea animals! Sensory activities are loved by the babies and we love coming up with new ideas.



At Chester, Penguin children have been using sounds in play, looking at the farm animals and the noises they make.

Willow room at Elmscot Altrincham invited parents in for a creative morning. This gave parents a chance to interact and meet other parents, whilst having fun with their babies.



Oak room at Altrincham have been making giant robots using a range of materials - a great way to re-use cardboard boxes!



Children in Hedgehog room at Woodlands have been exploring the spaghetti to facilitate their interest in emergency vehicles.



Broussa children explored Chinese New Year traditions by using chopsticks. In the Chinese restaurant they set up, they enjoyed placing orders and serving.



Children at Hale have been exploring flowers. They used them in new ways by making marks in paint.

Elmscot Hale raised a total of £79 for Save the Children during their Christmas Jumper Day!



Badger room at Broussa set up a green grocers following a child's interests in shopping. They used real money, fruit and vegetables to shop with their friends.



School Leavers at Hale made a cake for our rabbit Ace's birthday, grating and chopping the different fruits and vegetables with the help of Lisa and Janty from our kitchen.



Rabbit room at Broussa invited parents to join them on a trip to the park, following feedback that they enjoyed visiting the park with their families at the weekend.



The children in Otters at Woodlands have been outside enjoying some den making activities.



We've been discovering all about multicultural celebrations at Altrincham. Maple and Beech rooms have been celebrating Chinese New Year - playing with noodles and learning to use chopsticks.



Pre-school at Chester used different materials to build walls, such as damp sand and shaving foam and looked at how many blocks they could stick together.



Oak room at Nantwich worked as a team to build animal shelters in the woodland area, talking about caring for wildlife in winter.



Badger room children at Hale set up their room to hold their own puppet show which was very funny!

Elmscot Woodlands children have been out and about on lots of trips in the local community. This included visits to the pet shop, post office and walks around the community looking at vehicle logos and creating tally charts. The children in Owls have been showing an interest in vehicles and were fortunate enough to welcome into nursery one of the children's Dads with his HGV truck and one of the children's Grandads with his tractor.

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HOLIDAY CLUBS

Outstanding childcare for 3-11

Easter 2019: 1st -18th April

Whit 2019: 27th May-7th June



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