

Spring 2020

Baking for Bushfires - Thank You for Helping Us Raise Over £3000!

With the help of Elmscot families, Elmscot Group Nurseries and Kids Collective Clubs have become local charity heroes by raising a staggering £3,092.49 to help support the charities tackling the Australian bushfires.

Baking for Bushfires was the main campaign that ran across all settings. The children baked cakes to sell in order to raise the much needed funds and we were overwhelmed by everyone's generosity.

In addition to their Baking for Bushfires cake sale, Elmscot Hale also organised a Sponsored Bounce, where the children made their own kangaroo ears and bounced around the nursery grounds to raise money.



The delicious and beautifully decorated bake sale at Elmscot Broussa

The total raised across all settings are as follows:

- Elmscot Altrincham: £260 for the WWF Bushfire Appeal
- Elmscot Broussa: £436.33 for the Australian Red Cross
- Elmscot Chester: £52 for the WWF Bushfire Appeal
- Elmscot Hale: £1,487.20 for WIRES Wildfire Rescue
- Kids Collective Clubs: £500 for the Australian Red Cross
- Elmscot Nantwich: £127.16 for WIRES Wildfire Rescue
- Elmscot Woodlands: £230 for St. Vincent De Paul Society

Rachael Lyons, Group Operations Manager of Elmscot Group said: "We're equally astounded and grateful that we were able to reach this grand total to donate to Australia. We were so moved by this tragedy, so being able to donate such an amazing amount of money makes us all very proud."

Forthcoming Events

Please see your individual setting for more details

- ♀ March: Women's History Month
- 🇬🇧 St David's Day - Monday 2nd March
- 📖 World Book Day - Thursday 5th March
- 🌐 International Women's Day - Friday 6th March
- 🇬🇧 Commonwealth Day - Monday 9th March
- 🏆 Sport Relief - Monday 9th March
- 🎨 Holi, Hindu Festival of Colour - Tuesday 10th March
- 🍀 St Patrick's Day - Tuesday 17th March
- 🇮🇷 Nowruz, Persian New Year - Friday 20th March
- 🌸 Mother's Day - Friday 20th & Monday 23rd March
- 🐰 April: National Pet Month
- 🌿 Passover, Jewish Festival - 8th-16th April
- 🐣 Easter - Thursday 9th April
- 🇮🇳 Vaisakhi, Sikh New Year - Monday 13th April
- 👑 The Queen's Birthday - Tuesday 21st April
- 🌍 Earth Day - Wednesday 22nd April
- ✝️ St George's Day - Thursday 23rd April
- 🇦🇺 Anzac Day - Friday 24th April
- 🐧 World Penguin Day - Friday 24th April
- 🚀 International Space Day - Friday 1st May
- 👨👩👧👦 International Day of Families - Friday 15th May
- 🐝 World Bee Day - Wednesday 20th May
- 🕌 Eid al-Fitr, Muslim festival - Friday 22nd May

Our Nursery Gallery



The children in Owl room at Broussa asked for a swing in their forest area. It looks like it's been a swinging success!



Chester had a visit from the local firefighters to support their learning about 'People who help us' theme.



Hale ran a sponsored bounce to raise money for an animal charity in Australia affected by the bush fires. These two superstars raised the most money, and here they are with their prizes!



The children in Otters at Woodlands had a wonderful time in the sunshine taking part in ring games in the garden, engaging well with each other.



The children at Poppies have been planting beans for Jack and the Beanstalk. Let's hope there isn't a giant at the top when it's grown!



Over at Nantwich, a visit from the police raised lots of smiles for the Oak children, who then listened to a talk about staying safe and looking after others.



Broussa's Rabbit room have been using different textures to create wonderful colourful collages.



The children at Elmscot Altrincham walked all the way to the post office in order to each post a letter to a child at Chester for 'Send a Letter to a Friend' Day!





Chester's Giraffe room children had a trip to the supermarket to buy some fruit and vegetables for their 'Healthy Foods' week. It looks like apples were the firm favourite!




In the home area at Woodlands, the children developed their safety awareness when playing with items like the juicer.

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At Elmscot Altrincham, a parent very kindly came to read a story in Chinese and talk about celebrating Chinese new year.



Happiness at Poppies is feeling the texture of the crazy foam!!



At Nantwich the children had shown a great interest in colours, so Mulberry room used balloons to mix colours and create wonderful marks.

Nursery Community News

Eco Updates

Following on from our Winter newsletter when we covered about how Elmscot Group is becoming more eco-friendly - we have some updates! We've gradually been removing all water coolers from each setting and are now using tap water in all rooms. To facilitate this, we have supplied each room with their own reusable cups and beakers that the children can use while at nursery. We will be looking at more ways we can expand these efforts to become kinder to the environment.



Elmscot Woodlands

We are so proud to share with you all that we have recently achieved Gold Level in Trafford's Giving Voice award. Speech and language is both a national and local priority for the under 5s and this is a key area of work that will be undertaken across the early years sector. Pictured is Lauren, our communication champion who is proudly holding the certificate.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our continued defibrillator fundraising. We have now been able to purchase our own defibrillator and are awaiting its arrival. This will provide extra reassurance for the families attending Woodlands and is a great addition to our Millie's Mark accreditation.

Elmscot Broussa

After raising money for the bush fire appeal we decided to set up pen pals with a nursery in Australia. We are looking forward to receiving letters from them very soon.

Elmscot Altrincham

We are continuing to decorate around the nursery and are revamping our garden area ready for summer.

Poppies

We are moving forward with our plans to relocate the under 2s into the coach house.

Happitots

Our local MP Mike Kane found time in his busy schedule to come and play the bagpipes for us at our Burns Night celebration. They were very loud, but the children loved it! We did some fantastic Chinese New Year activities and pre-school's dragon dance through the nursery was great fun for all!

Elmscot Hale

During the Baking for Bushfires fundraising, the children got really involved in learning about what was happening in Australia and showed care and concern for the animals we were raising money for. Many parents commented that the children had been asking them questions at home and telling them about what they had learnt at nursery.



HOLIDAY CLUBS

Outstanding childcare for 3-11

Easter 2020: 30th March-9th April
Whit 2020: 26th May-5th June

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Elmscot Group Has Grown!

We're delighted to welcome two new settings to the Elmscot Group family.



Happitots Day Nursery in Sale

Happitots was founded in 1990 by parents local to Sale. Sara, the Nursery Manager leads a team of enthusiastic and highly trained staff, some who have worked at the nursery across two decades! The bright and spacious rooms provide the ideal environment for providing quality childcare.

Poppies has had a long running history within the Knutsford community. The poppy is a symbol within Knutsford and commemorates those who had fought in World War 1 and had been part of the local community. The Red Cross previously owned the nursery and chose to call the setting Poppies to pay homage to the local history of the poppy. Helen, the Nursery Manager has worked at Poppies for many years so has seen the nursery thrive over the years.

In January 2020, we welcomed Poppies Day Nursery in Knutsford and Happitots Day Nursery in Sale into the Elmscot Group. We truly see them as being the perfect new additions to our growing family.

Both nurseries were family run and we are looking to continue their home-from-home ethos, as this is just how our other settings are run. Poppies and Happitots are also located in beautiful converted buildings with lots of original features, just like other Elmscot Nurseries.

Both of the settings are in communities that are new to Elmscot Group, so we're looking forward to bringing our exceptional early years childcare and education to even more families in Cheshire.



Poppies Day Nursery in Knutsford

Extra-Curricular Activities

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals.

	Progressive Sports supports settings to inspire and encourage children to be physically active.	Woodlands Fri AM (Otters & Owls)
	A music class that provides fun, progressive and age-appropriate music classes for the under 5s.	Nantwich Thurs PM (Under 2s)
	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work whilst joining in with fun, physical activities.	Hale Tues PM Little Wrigglers Class (Rabbit & Hedgehog) Woodlands Mon AM (Rabbit & Hedgehog) Altrincham Wed PM (Maple) Broussa Mon PM (Badger & Owl) Happitots Wed PM (Rainbow & Barn Owl)
	Pyjama Drama provides unique drama-based classes for babies, toddlers and young children.	Altrincham Mon AM (Willow) Broussa Tues AM (Rabbit & Squirrel)
	Fizzytots is an exciting physical activity programme specifically designed for early years that compliments EYFS guidelines.	Poppies Weds 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 Mon AM (Oak) Broussa Fri AM (Owl) Hale Thurs AM (Owl) Woodlands Tues AM (Owl) Chester Weds AM
	At diddi dance we realise and encourage endless enthusiasm and energy in an action packed, full of fun 45-minute dance class	Hale Mon AM (Squirrels)
	Fun, interactive yoga sessions for children. Helping them to take time to reconnect, refocus and recharge.	Altrincham Fri AM (Beech & Oak) Hale Weds AM (Badger & Owls)
	Boogie Babies offers weekly interactive classes suitable for babies and toddlers using nursery rhymes, songs, props and instruments.	Happitots Fri PM (Rainbow & Barn Owls)

Team Training

Nursery staff have attended the following training since December 2019:

Allergy & Intolerance Awareness - Danielle W, Chloe P
Behaviour Management - Danielle W, Chloe P
Boys Just Want to Have Fun - Jenny, Chrissie
Developing Vocabulary in the Early Years - Joy
Difficult Conversations - Emma E
Equality & Diversity - Danielle W, Chloe P
Elmscot Curriculum - Lauren O, Michelle S, Louise G, Shauna C, Ciara B, Gina C, Katie D, Rosie M, Faye B, Marina F, Lucy J, Aaron T, Denver K, Molly B
Exemplary Practice with Babies & Toddlers - Courtney, Rachel
EYFS - Hale team, Chloe P
FGM - Danielle W, Danielle W, Chloe D
Fire Safety - Chloe P
First Aid - Danielle W, Katherine H, Jennie P, Lashaune G-S, Joanna R, Jessica, Georgina S, Teresa G, Shauna C, Rosie M, Louise G
Food Hygiene - Danielle W, Chloe P
Food Hygiene Level 2 - Teresa G, Nicole P
Safeguarding Level 1 - Joanna R, Danielle W, Claire P-W, Kim T, Bex
Safer Working Practice & Customer Service - Elmscot team
Health & Safety Level 1 - Jaonna R
Health & Safety Level 2 - Teresa G, Danielle W, Chloe P
Understanding Babies - Megan D
Introduction to Autism - Megan D, Rebecca H, Nancy C, Jennifer B
Prevent Duty - Danielle W, Danielle W, Chloe P
Professional Love - Laura S, Sophie M
Toxic Trio - Laura Smith, Eleanor B
Safer Recruitment, Selection & Induction - Danielle R

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