

Easter Chicks and the Emergency Services!



During March for the past few years at each of our settings, we have sold the lovely knitted Easter chicks and bunnies to raise funds for the Children's Hospice - Francis House. With the pandemic and lockdown in March came a halt in our fundraising. We decided we still wanted to help if we could - even if it meant being more creative, so we set up a Just Giving page for Francis House and for each donation to the page we sent a knitted friend to local NHS hospitals and their Emergency Service teams.



The fundraising was a wonderful success and we raised just over £700 in total. Elmscot group would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped us reach our target.

The NHS teams were kind enough to send us pictures and messages of the

chicks and bunnies in their new homes, and they sent us the following messages:

"Dear Nursery. The doctors and nurses on Intensive Care at Stockport are very grateful for the presents and pictures. Thank you very much for thinking of us. We love the picture and the chicks. Love from Dr Liz xxx"



Team Training

Nursery staff have attended the following training since April 2020:
ABC does Effective Provision – Water Play - Danielle R, Stephanie G, Marina F, Molly B, Denver K, Shauna C, Aaron T, Michele S, Catherine G, Leah L, Nicolle P
Advanced Safeguarding and Designated Safeguarding Lead – Sara S
Allergy and Intolerances – Chris S, Sara S, Kayleigh R, Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Chloe M, Rebecca N, Sharon T, Stacey T, Jess B, Sue C, Becky G, Alex P, Laura S, Natalie M, Emma C, Bianca P, Sofina C, Eleanor B, Maz I, Emma E, Hayley B, Emily B, Michelle L
Autism Awareness – Shauna C
Behaviour Management – Chris S, Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Chloe M, Emma M, Helen M, Rebecca N, Sharon T
Biting in Early Years – Joy H, Chris S, Karla W, Lisa M, Chloe M, Rebecca N, Sharon T
Breast Ironing – Joy H, Chris S, Karla W, Courtney B, Lisa M, Chloe M, Rebecca N
Children's Mental Health – Karla Worsley
COVID-19 Awareness – Sara S, Courtney B, Claire H, Helen M, Lucy R, Hale Team, Woodlands Team, Elmscot Team, Chester Team, Broussa Team
Designated Fire Safety Officer – Sara S
Effective Communication with Children and families – Jessica W, Stacey T, Laura S, Alex P, Hayley B, Maz I, Eleanor B, Emma C, Emma E, Hayley B, Sue C, Michelle L, Aaron T, Shauna C
Encouraging Positive Behaviour - Chloe Moore, Clare Raynes
Equality and Diversity – Chris S, Karla W, Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Chloe M, Helen M, Rebecca N, Sharon T, Alex P, Laura S, Maz I, Emily B, Michelle L, Lauren W
EYFS - Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Emma M, Helen M, Sharon T
FGM – Joy H, Jenny J, Chris S, Karla W, Sara S, Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Chloe M, Rebecca N, Clare R, Sharon T, Charlotte J, Emily B, Michelle L
Fire Officer - Helen M
Fire Safety - Courtney B, Claire H, Chloe M, Emma M, Rebecca N, Sharon T, Emily, Michelle L, Annette D, Gemma B
Food Hygiene – Chris S, Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Chloe M, Helen M, Rebecca N, Sharon T, Sue C, Laura S, Alex P, Becky G, Emily B, Michelle L, Laura W
GDPR in Early Years – Helen M, Shauna C, Aaron T, Jessica B
Handling Difficult Conversations with Parents – Joy H, Chris S, Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Chloe M, Rebecca N, Sharon T
Health and Safety – Jenny J, Chris S, Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Chloe M, Helen M, Rebecca N, Sharon T, Sue C, Becky G, Alex P, Laura S, Natalie M, Emma C, Bianca P, Sofina C, Eleanor B, Maz I, Emma E, Hayley B, Kate H, Emily B, Michelle L
Inclusion, Equality & Diversity - Clare R
Introduction to the EYFS, Planning, Outcomes and Cohort Tracking – Chris S, Chloe M
Legionella Awareness - Marina F, Danielle R, Emily D
Manual Handling - Aaron T
Outdoor Provision – Chris S, Chloe M, Helen M
Paediatric First Aid - Lisa M
Physical Development – Joy H, Chris S, Lisa M, Chloe M, Rebecca N
Prevent Duty – Joy H, Chris S, Sara S, Courtney B, Claire H, Lisa M, Chloe M, Rebecca N, Clare R, Sharon T, Carole T, Emily B, Michelle L, Jennifer B, Yvonne N, Gemma B, Jessica A
Professional Boundaries in the Working Environment – Chris S, Chloe M, Sharon T
Risk Assessment in the Workplace - Aaron T
Safer Working Practices For All – Joy H, Sophia D, Kayleigh R, Danielle M-T, Laura P, Rose W, Chris St, Karla W, Joana S, Jessica W, Emma P, Sara S, Claire H, Emma M, Fehmida I, Gemma B, Chester Team
Safeguarding L1 – Chris S, Courtney B, Claire H, Chloe M, Emma M, Helen M, Rebecca N, Emily B, Michelle L
Safeguarding L2 - Emma M, Helen M
Staff Mental Health - Helen M
The role of SENCO - Helen M
Understanding Child Development – Leah L
Understanding Children's Emotions - Chloe M
Understanding children; listening to babies and their specific needs - Joicy B, Gemma B
Understanding Neglect – Joy H, Chris S, Lisa M, Helen M
Working in Partnership with Parents – Chris S, Lisa M, Chloe M



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Newsletter

Autumn 2020

WELCOME BACK!

We are so pleased to be able to welcome back the vast majority of our families and all of our Elmscot team. For those of you who are still shielding or aren't able to re-join us quite yet we are really looking forward to seeing you very soon too. I take my hat off to all of you who have been home-schooling your little ones, I'm not sure I could have done that whilst trying to work! We hope that you've been able to enjoy some of the activities we have shared on Facebook and Tapestry.

I am so proud of our team for making these difficult times enjoyable for all the children. For me, now that I am mainly back in my office it is so lovely to hear the familiar sound of songs and laughter from the children playing outside in the garden at Broussa, and this makes me feel like we are



slowly getting back to some sort of normal.

I'd like to thank all our parents for their understanding whilst we have had to move the team and children around to make the "bubbles" work. It hasn't been easy for anyone but we have all worked together to make a difficult situation as manageable as possible.

Whilst we were quiet we have done some decorating, gardening and pruning back trees. We've upgraded the fire systems at Poppies and Happitots and all settings have had Legionnaires tests and a general tidy up and we are hoping to be able to resume our development spending towards the end of the year. We are hoping, as soon as it's safe to do, to start re-introducing some of our extra-curricular sessions. We will start with those that take place outside such as Forest School and Stretch 'n' Grow and re-introduce indoor sessions when we feel it is appropriate. So welcome back, it's fantastic to see you and let's make this next chapter a great one!

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Forthcoming Events

- Roald Dahl Day - Friday 11th September**
Dress up as your favourite character or join in with themed events
- National Play Dough Day - Wednesday 16th September**
Children can make their own dough from a recipe we will provide
- Talk Like a Pirate Day - Friday 18th September**
We will be making accessories, sharing stories and a treasure hunt
- Recycle Week - Monday 21st to Friday 25th September**
Children will be taking part in a big clean-up of the nursery grounds
- World Animal Day - Friday 2nd October**
There will be animal themed tuff trays and exploring all things animal
- Space Week - Monday 5th to Friday 9th October**
Children will be taking part in space themed activities in and outdoors
- Grandparents Day - Monday 5th October**
We will be making cards and drawing pictures for all the grandparents
- World Mental Health Day - Friday 9th October**
Children will be exploring mindfulness and discussing wellbeing
- My Family Week - Monday 12th to Friday 18th October**
We will be looking at different family set-ups and sharing photos
- Halloween - Friday 30th October**
Children can dress up and take part in a range of themed activities
- Bonfire Night - Thursday 5th November**
We will be making firework themed art and talking about fire safety
- Remembrance Day - Monday 9th November**
On this day we will create poppies to take to the local memorial
- Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 9th to Friday 13th November**
We will discuss kindness and encourage the children to work together
- Diwali - Monday 16th November**
Children can make Diyas and explore Rangoli patterns
- St Andrews Day - Friday 27th November**
Children will take part in a Scottish festival with traditional music
- Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December**
Come in with a Christmas jumper and donate to Save the Children
- Christmas Lunch - Christmas lunch with all the trimmings!**
 - Broussa – Thursday 10th December
 - Chester – Thursday 10th December
 - Elmscot – Tuesday 8th December
 - Hale – Tuesday 8th December
 - Happitots – Friday 18th December
 - Poppies – Thursday 10th
 - Woodlands – Friday 11th December
- Christmas Party - Fun and games, all in your best party outfit!**
 - Broussa – Tuesday 15th December
 - Chester – Tuesday 15th December
 - Elmscot – Thursday 17th December
 - Hale – Thursday 17th December
 - Happitots – Tuesday 15th December
 - Poppies – Tuesday 15th December
 - Woodlands – Tuesday 15th December

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Quarterly update for parents at all Elmscot Group Nurseries

Our Nursery Gallery

Nursery News



At Broussa the Guinea Pigs have a new home! They are settling in well and the children have been enjoying watching them.



At Chester, Pandas have been doing a number recognition activity, choosing a stone with a number on and then matching up the correct quantity.



Happitots Sunshines have explored Dino world. Collecting lots of different items from the garden to make a nice home for the dinosaurs.



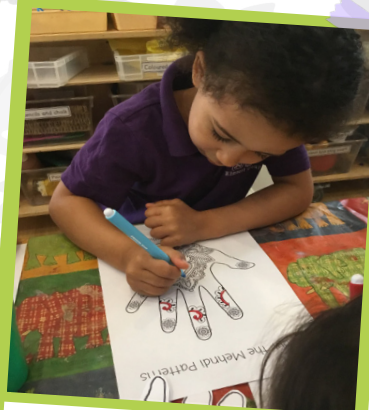
At Woodlands in Otters, some children have been exploring the wonder of a sunflower frozen in ice!



Elmscot children celebrated 'World Day' by making their own world in handprints!



Look what fun the Sunshine room at Poppies had! The Children enjoyed a music and movement session exploring objects that made different sounds, throughout this session children communicated with each other by making sounds and facial gestures.



Elmscot children have been decorating their own mehndi patterns to celebrate Eid



The allotment at Hale has been very well tended and the children enjoyed the fruits of their labour by having strawberries with their tea!

Hale - Stacey the Nursery Manager has now started her maternity leave and Laura our Deputy has stepped up to cover the position during this time. We are continuing to develop our outdoor area and have been changing environments around to support the children's new interests. Since returning from lockdown, the children have settled back in and we are delighted to have them back.

Woodlands - It has been lovely to welcome back many of our families as well as welcoming some new families to our Woodlands community. We are in awe of how fantastically our children have settled in and are thriving in the nursery.

Elmscot - We have spent our time settling in the children after the lockdown and are very happy to see them return.

Poppies - Clare in the kitchen has been busy implementing new menus for the children to enjoy and the children have been making a mud kitchen in the garden!

Chester - We will be transitioning to Tapestry online journal and continue to strengthen home nursery links. We are currently reflecting on our learning environments indoors and outside in the garden to make sure that they are stimulating children's learning in all areas.

Broussa - We have had a large hopscotch added in the garden which the children have very much enjoyed, and our rooms have all been freshly painted.

Happitots - We are currently looking at developing the garden and we will be consulting with parents on these exciting developments over the coming months.

We are also in the process of giving Broussa, Elmscot, Hale & Woodlands a Facebook page which is individual to them and will enable parents to see more of the activities happening at their setting.



The children at Chester love taking care of Hop the rabbit, they have learned how to care, feed and clean out her home. Having her at the nursery has helped them learn empathy and created great bonds with her and the children.



Over at Hale, the children had a chance to sit on a real saddle and pretend they were riding a horse. Hi-ho Silver!



Poppies children have been enjoying water play in the sunny garden. They took it in turns to look at different ways of transporting the water from one area to the next.



The Rainbow group at Happitots have been painting with vegetables and the jungle animals. We have been looking at the different interesting marks they can make.

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Outstanding childcare for 3-11

October Holidays
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