#### **Elmscot Group launches** Facebook pages!!

We have some new arrivals at Elmscot Group in the form of our Nursery Facebook pages. Each setting will have their own individual pages by the New Year. This is so we can share more of our exciting activities with parents which are more individual to your child's

The new pages launched are:

- Elmscot Broussa
- Elmscot Chester
- Elmscot Happitots
- **Elmscot Poppies**
- Elmscot Woodlands



We realised that although we have a wonderful Parent Portal that is used to keep parents informed of their child's activities day-to-day, sometimes group events might be missed.

The pages have been really well received by all parents and as a result, now each page contains every exciting day at nusery whether it is in photo form or a video to illustrate what has been taking place.

Keep an eye out in 2021 for the launch of the final pages for Elmscot Altrincham and Elmscot Hale pages which will contain more exciting news and pictures!





#### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist profession-



Children and staff walk to a designated woodland site where they will get creative with mud, puddles, creepy crawlies, and the great outdoors.

Altricham Weds AM (Oak)

Broussa Tues AM (Owl)

Hale Thurs AM (Owl) Woodlands Fri AM (Owl)

Chester

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Understanding Autism - Claire I

## **Team Training**

Nursery staff have attended the following training since September 2020:

Advanced Safeguarding - Leann B,

Allergy and Intolerances - Ligia P, Kaye J, Caitlin S, Lucy T, Nadya N,

Behaviour - Helen M, Sharon T, Emma M, Rebecca N, Caitlin S, Nadya N, Pilar M

**Blossoming Babies - Chelsea T** 

Children's Mental Health - Leann B,

COVID-19 Awareness – Kayleigh R, Nancy C, Lydia C, Rose W, Emma P, Joana S, Daisy H, Laura P Danielle MT, Megan B, Emma S, Ligia P, Abi C, Darcie C, Caitlin S, Ami G, Amy H, Casey W, Jess S, Nikki D, Sophie H, Lucy T, Nadya N, Pilar M, Sophie J, Marina R, Anne-Marie Designated Safeguarding Lead - Laura W, Nancy C, Leann B, Jennifer B

Equality and Diversity - Becky W, Laura W, Brooke E, Melissa O, K ayleigh R, Nnancy C, Emma P, Kaye J, Kaja N, Jennie P, Caitlin S, Nadva N. Pilar M.

EYFS - Caitlin Stewart, Nadya N, Pilar M

FGM - Becky W, Ashleigh H, Laura W, Melissa O, Ligia P, Kaye J, Kaja N, Caitlin S, Sophie H, Lucy T, Nadya N, Pilar M

Fire Safety - Becky W, Julia C, Laura W, Brooke E, Melisaa O, Sophia D, Kaye J, Kaja N, Jennie P

First Aid - Nancy C, Megan B, Laura P, Emma S, Ligia P, Kaye J, Laura Graham, Aimee K, Michelle Mc, Alice B, Claire H, Chelsea T, Darcie C, Leah L, Jessica B, Ami G, Becky P, Caitlin S, Leti M, Nikki D, Tracey B, Nadya N, Pilar M, Bernadette Y, Marina R

Food Premises Cleaning - Kaye J

Food Hygiene – Becky W, Laura W, Brooke E, Melissa O, Ligia P, Kaye J, Kaja N, Jennie P

GDPR in Early Years - Becky W, Caitlin S, Sophie H, Lucy T, Nadya N,

Health and Safety - Becky W, Sian F, Brooke E, Elena C, Melissa O, Kayleigh R, Megan B, Ligia P, Kaye J, Kaja N, Jennie P, Caitlin S, Nadya N, Pilar M

Introduction to Autism Spectrum Condition/Social

Communication - Jennifer B, Rebecca H

Legionella Awareness - Sophia D

**Nutritional Awareness - Kaye J** 

Prevent Duty - Ashleigh H, Laura W, Brooke E, Melissa O, Kayleigh R, Ligia P, Kaye J, Kaja N, Jennie P, Caitlin S, Sophie H, Lucy

T, Nadya N, Pilar M

Private Fostering - Charlotte J

Risk Assessment in the Workplace -Becky W, Ashleigh H, Sian F,

Brooke E, Melissa O,

Safer Working Practices For All - Lydia C, Emma S, Ligia P Safeguarding Children with Disabilities - Becky W, Melissa O, Charlotte J, Caitlin S, Sophie H, Lucy T, Nadya N, Pilar M

Safeguarding L1 - Becky W, Julia C, Laura W, Laura W, Brooke E, Elena C, Melissa O, Nancy C, Megan B, Ligia P, Kaye J, Kaja N, Jennie

Safeguarding L2 - Clair J, Sean H, Lowri J, Chelsea T, Alice B Speech & Language - Emma M

Supporting Self-Regulation & Wellbeing in the Early Years - Steph G, Danielle R

Understanding Child Development - Becky W

# **Elmscot Group**

### Newsletter

## **Winter 2020/21**



### Elmscot's Year of Awards

The year 2020 may have been overshadowed by a global pandemic but here at the Elmscot Group, we have continued to strive in the world of Awards and Accreditations.

Our amazing teams of dedicated practitioners have aimed to deliver high quality childcare and support to all of our children and families, whilst successfully achieving several accreditations and award nominations showcasing their uniqueness.

Broussa have recently gained their Millie's Mark accreditation, Millie's Mark is an exceptional achievement for a childcare setting, as it shows they are going above and beyond keeping children safe. In the New Year we aim that all our nurseries will follow Broussa and gain accreditation for their commitment to first aid in early years something the Elmscot Group has strived for since opening in 2001.

The achievements continue as the Team at Woodlands have been awarded the daynurseries.co.uk Top 20 North West nursery award



2020. Based purely on parent/carer reviews these awards highlight the most recommended nurseries in the country and Woodlands are the only

nursery in Trafford to receive this which we feels

truly highlights the incredible care and learning opportunities provided.

In November we celebrated the Nursery Management Today awards ceremony, like most events this year, this was held virtually however was still as poignant as ever.

We were thrilled to make it through to the finals in two categories this year, Broussa were recognised for their 'Nursery Outdoor learning Environment 2020' emphasising the amazing outdoor space available to the children and the creative ways in which we use it to further enhance learning opportunities.

Leann Banks from Poppies was also a finalist for 'Nursery Childcare Practitioner of the Year' being recognised for her dedication and commitment to improving outcomes for children.

We have more awards coming next so watch out for those in the New

#### **Forthcoming Events** January

Veganuary 2021

World Braille Day (4th Jan)

Burns Night (25th Jan)

Australia Day (26th Jan)

A Holocaust Memorial Day (27th Jan)

#### **February**

National Storytelling week: (30th Jan-6th Feb)

LGBT National History Month 1st Feb onwards

Children's Mental Health week (1st-7th Feb)

Valentine day (14th Feb)

Chinese New Year –Year of the Ox (15th Feb)

Pancake day (16th Feb)

Random act of kindness day (17th Feb)

#### March

👇 St David's Day (1st March)

World Book day (4th March)

International Woman's Day (8th March)

Mother day (14th March)

St Patricks Day (17th March)

Global Recycling Day (18th March)

Family Safety week (29th March- 3rd April)

World Autism awareness Day (2nd April)

Easter Day (4th April)

National Pet Day (11th April )

St Georges Day (23rd April)

World Book Night (23rd April)

Allergy Awareness week (20th -25th April)

Quarterly update for parents at all Elmscot Group Nurseries

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At Elmscot, the children enjoyed the sensory tray activities to celebrate St Andrews day. That smile says it all!



The Badgers room at Hale spent a fabulous afternoon making a dark room where the children could use ICT to create and look at different shadows





**Our Nursery Gallery** 

Over at Broussa the children have been taking a Christmas afternoon tea with a real tea set. This is a great way to help them assess risk with delicate things. They did a great job!



ome of the donations for Wood Street Mission They will make a huge difference to local amilies this Christmas, giving children a reason smile on Christmas Day. Thank you!



Again there was a massive response and we would like to thank all who donated.

**Nursery Community** 

News

All of our nurseries have been very busy since September raising support for their nearest foodbanks, in the wake of Marcus Rashford and his campaign to end child food

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of parents and staff who donated, and hopefully we will have made a

In December some of our settings had asked for donations

At Christmas they provide new toys and gifts for children aged 0-14 years old, to make sure they have something special to open on Christmas Day. Families come and choose the gifts they would like to give their children from the

of gifts for the Wood Street Mission in Manchester.

poverty.

difference to people in crisis.

selection donated by supporters.



Closer to home, the children in Owl room at Hale have been very busy drawing pictures for the congregation at St Peter's in Hale - which were hand delivered by our nursery teacher Mrs Homersham. We hope these will be enjoyed by all those visiting the Church over Christmas.



oppies children have been celebrating Diwali making an inting diyas in our Sunshine room.



Chester children and staff are very pleased and thankful for all the kind donations going to the Christmas Gift Appeal to save Christmas for local children. A great



spent time outside engaging in large scale, firework-themed process art.



listened to the sounds of different birds and helped make bird feeders to hang in nursery

'oppies Children brought their bikes and scooters from home to practice for

Road Safety Week

At Chester forest school, children

Hale children looked at different mark making and here they are using tea bags being dropped from



Broussa enjoyed their time at forest school toasting marshmallows after their woodland walk.



ave been using their fine motor skills to nake African bracelets creating different





#### **HOLIDAY CLUBS**

Outstanding childcare for 3-11

**February Half Term** 15th -19th February 2021



**Bollin Primary School** Cloverlea Primary School































