



September 2022 Newsletter



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A Note from Victoria

Dear parents,

Welcome to our September newsletter. I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely long sunny summer. I would like to start with saying how well all of our new children and our transitioning children are doing in their new rooms. The children are settling well and enjoying the new experiences and surroundings. At the nursery we are all beginning to think about the new autumn season ahead and all of our rooms are planning lots of new and exciting activities to celebrate this month.

Pick up

I would also like to say a big thank you to all of our explorers parents for your support at pick up times. I have had lots of positive feedback from parents, staff and our children really seem to enjoy coming down the corridor to find their mummies, daddies and sometimes nannies and grandads too. I do hope you are all finding the pick-up time ok, please do let me know if there is anything you feel we may need to change. Please can I just politely ask that you do not use your mobile phones in the nursery. This is a safeguarding policy that we must strictly abide by. I do thank you for your cooperation. Please can you also inform us if someone else will be collecting your child at pick up time. The best way of doing this is to drop me or Nikki a quick email to *managerhh* or *adminhh* @ *elannursry.com*

Extra Curriculum

Pro-Tots - we will be running their 'official' **PTS Free Trial** sessions from this Wednesday, and for the next two weeks. This will be an opportunity for some of our younger children to come and have a go. The coach Michael will come prepared with forms and flyers to hand out for every new child taking part, during this time.

We are also arranging a taster session with Didi Dance, who will be coming in soon and is for children aged 18 months and over. Didi Dance encourage endless enthusiasm, energy and action. If you would like your child to join this activity, please speak to myself or your room leader to let us know if you are interested.

Observations and Next Steps

Your child's key person will be updating your child's next steps this month. These will be available for you to see on your Parenta app and will be ready for you to view this month. We will be arranging all of our parents evening during the month of November, however if you would like to discuss your child's next steps before these consultations please let me know and I will be happy to arrange a meeting for you to catch up with your child's key worker before this date.

Sick Children/medication

Just a polite reminder of our Sickness policy: We do all we can to keep your children safe and well, however, unfortunately there are times when your little one will become unwell in our care. If this does happen your Room Leader will call you to arrange for them to be collected from the nursery if necessary. To try to keep all of the children and staff safe we will call parents if your child has a temperature of 38°C or above and ask for verbal permission to give your child Calpol. We will monitor your child for a further 30 minutes to see if they return to normal. If their temperature does not drop below 38°C within that time frame, we will ask you to collect them. If it does drop, but then rises above 38°C within 4 hours we will not administer a second dose of Calpol and you will be asked to collect.

If you give your child Calpol before dropping them to nursery in the morning this may indicate that your child may not be well, and you are masking their temperature. **If you have any doubt your child is not well, please keep them at home.**

Change of Days and Extra sessions

If you would like to make a change to your set pattern of days or you need to book extra sessions, please could you email *managerhh@elannursery.com*. Extra sessions can only be booked through the manager. Our staff members will not be able to arrange this for you. Unfortunately, as we are becoming much busier this may not be possible. However, I will always do my best to make those changes and add extra sessions where I can.

Lost property

Please could you ensure all of your child's clothes, hats and shoes are labelled clearly. The staff in the rooms do their best to keep track of items of clothing, but it helps us enormously to be able to send them home with the correct child if they are labelled, especially as we have children with the same, or similar, items of clothing. We do place our lost property boxes and rail in the reception so please do come along to see if there is anything in there that might belong to your child. We will be taking unclaimed left over clothes along to our local charity shop at the end of September.



Explorers Room

In August we were very busy!

'Under the sea' was our main theme for the month, we made jellyfish, octopus, fish and bubbles out of different craft material to display in our corridor. We had sea themed water play and tuff trays: we practiced moving like different sea creatures during our studio time and sang lots of underwater themed songs. We also looked at books including 'Sharing a Shell' and 'What the ladybird heard at the seaside'.

We also celebrated national Cat Day and Owl Day by reading stories about these animals and making animal themed crafts.

This month we are looking forward to lots of activities and celebrations days, these include Star Trek Day, Roald Dahl Day, Talk like a pirate day and the start of autumn at the end of the month. On September 8th it is read a book day, each practitioner has chosen their favourite story to share with the children and has planned activities linked to these stories, we will share these throughout the month with the Explorers.

Thank you to those that have sent in photos for our family board, we will have these on display in our main room, if you would like to send any in, please do!

As we move into autumn, please can you ensure that your child has weather appropriate clothing and shoes in nursery each day.

It would also help us a great deal if you could please name your child's clothing, we try not to misplace clothes, however this does happen and names really help us out!

It has been lovely to be able to welcome you into the nursery when collecting after 5pm, we look forward to this continuing. Please feel free to look through our lost property boxes.

Finally may I just ask if you have any items of clothing at home that does not belong to your child, please can you let us know.



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Baby Room

During August we have been welcoming lots of new babies, and have enjoyed introducing them to the room, we also have said farewell to a few children who are now up in explorers, who we will miss very much!

In particular, we have been enjoying lots of sensory activities such as exploring foam and the different textures, smells and colours that have been added to it. We also have spent our time using our garden sandpit, enjoying our buckets and spades developing our fine motor skills and rollers to create different strokes in the sand.

During the month of September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl story day, where we will be inviting the children to dress up in Roald Dahl's favourite colour yellow on the 13th September! Towards the end of September we will be moving into Autumn and will be going on lots of bug hunts and exploring the crunchy Autumn leaves.

