

March 2020 Newsletter



Dates for the Diary

Important Dates

Little Kickers every Tuesday

Debutots every Wednesday - Please visit Debutots website to find out more about this fun session - <https://app.goplaygo.co.uk/activity/3LsqjTPnqamcdbnAM>

Yoga classes every Thursday

Please ask a member of staff for more information if you would like to sign up to these fun extra sessions.

Please review us

<https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/daynursery.cfm/searchazref/50001070ELAA/rcsid/1001#reviews-top>

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A Note from Sallianne

Dear parents and carers,

I have now been with Elan Nursery for just over a month and am delighted to have met a lot of you now. The team have been incredibly welcoming and I really have had a nice start to my new venture.

I have been an Early Years Teacher and Manager for 20 years now and love my position. Most of my career has been managing, teaching, training and leading two nurseries with Forest School at the heart with over 100 children and many staff!

I delight in seeing children thrive and enjoy the awe and wonder this world has to offer them while also developing early years teachers to be the best they can be in their career. Building relationships to support and encourage learning is at the heart of everything we do for our children, after all, we are raising the next generation of adults and what a responsibility that is!

So, what does that mean for Elan?

I take my role very seriously and I like to have fun. We all need to laugh, it is good for staff morale and children thrive on it too. I have been observing a lot over the last month, built a good rapport with all staff, spoken to lots of parents, and of course made friends with the children. My task here is to be the best we can possibly be and work towards gaining an Outstanding Ofsted Report – the cherry on the cake.

To do that, you will have seen some upgrades happening around the nursery. We have looked at the environment and already made a few changes and when looking at their development, there have been some staff changes too. I do intend for every room very soon to have a family tree so you can see who your key people are. We are making sure that the upgrades are suitable for the children's

needs and so far so good. If you have any concerns about any changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.

From your point of view, I like to have a very open and honest rapport with our parents. I would encourage you to come and talk to me about any concerns you ever have and likewise any congratulations you have to share. It is a very busy day in the world of childcare, we put our head down and get on with having fun with the children, and your feedback is always welcome. We always intend to offer the best practice for our children and hopefully most of the time we get it right. On occasions otherwise, I am keen to discuss with you any concerns you may have and will work with you to resolve them quickly.

If you do need to contact me personally, please call, come and see me or email me at Sallianne@elannursery.com. I will generally be working every day on a shift pattern from around 7am – 3pm or 10am – 6pm so I will see you either at the beginning or at the end of the day.

I am delighted with the success of our Open Day recently, it was nice that so many of you came to enjoy a morning of fun and games and gave me a chance to meet more of you. Most staff were able to join us and our new chef, Daniel made us breakfast before we opened the doors. It was lovely!

I will ensure that I will write to you every month with updates on developments across the nursery, we have lots of exciting plans to roll out which I believe will enhance our already good practice and offer the children the best time at nursery.

I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Best wishes

Sallianne

Feedback from the Room

A Note from Babies

This month we have had a lovely time exploring the theme 'transport'. We have been exploring lots of different varieties of transport toys such as cars, trucks, bikes and boats.

We have really enjoyed using different sized cars to make paint tracks on paper. We have also had lots of fun in the studio playing with the bikes and cars. We have really enjoyed learning how to use tricycles in the studio with support of practitioners.

To celebrate Pancake Day, we loved creating our own pancake mix and taste testing them with the toppings we bought from Sainsbury's such as

strawberries and lemons. We also loved playing in our pancake sensory tray with flour, pots and pans, bananas and lemons. It's safe to say we all got very messy!

This month, we also had a visit from the sensory bus. We loved exploring the variety of colours, lights and sound toys aboard the big bus.

We have also all been enjoying our trial classes with singing with Elle. Elle comes in on a Tuesday morning for 30 minutes and creates an amazing musical story class with a big variety of puppets and musical instruments!

A Note from Toddlers

February has been an exciting month for the Toddler Room. In preparation for our open day, our theme of the month was Transport & people who help us. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the firefighters and we had a great time exploring and seeing the big vehicle up close. The children got creative and crafted lots of "transport" themed artworks such as collages, car bunting and a big fire engine.

We would like to make a songbook with songs from around the world. To do this we need your help. If you speak a second language, could you bring in a nursery rhyme in your language as well as a translation. We are looking forward to learn about music from your culture.

A Note from Explorers

Wow what an amazing month it has been in Explorers. The children have been so busy, going on many exciting adventures including to the park and to the residential home. At the residential home, they made new friends with all the "nannies and granddads"(Eliza). The children had a great time talking to their new friends about the toys they had brought to show them.

This month we have been learning all about transport and the children have really engaged in some super exciting activities. They have made their own cardboard boxcars, painted bread to look like traffic lights, took a trip to the train station where they went onto the platform and watched the trains pull in and out and the staff at the ticket office gave all the children a ticket to hold.

We had a visit from the firefighters who brought their fire engine with them. The children had a great time climbing all over the fire engine. They even got to see them turn on the flashing lights. We looked at all the equipment that they use when helping people in an emergency.

Annabelle has kindly asked if you speak a second language, to bring in a nursery rhyme in your language as well as a translation, so we can make a songbook with songs from all around the world. We are looking forward to learn about music from a variety of cultures.



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