

November 2022 Newsletter



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A Note from Victoria

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our November newsletter!

We are all looking forward to seeing and chatting with lots of you at our parents evenings this month. Your key person will be discussing with you your child's progress and next steps. We will be very happy to find out lots of information about what your child likes to do at home and what their favourite interests are, this will help all of the practitioners plan activities and experiences around your child's interests. Please speak with your child's key person, as they will be happy to arrange a time and day that suits you and them best for your consultation evening.

Observations and Next Steps

Your child's key person has been busy updating your child's next steps, I am now hoping most of you have been able to see these. However I have received some emails saying that you were not able to view these and I am going back through the next steps and making adjustments to the ones that have not uploaded properly. I am now hoping that most of you are now able to view them. I will be continuing to work on observations and next steps and I am hoping you will be able to see observations on a more frequent basis. As part of our planning changes we are aiming to share an observation of your child each week, which you will be able to view through your parenta login. If you cannot see these please let myself or Laura bright know as we will then check parenta and ensure they have been uploaded for you to view.

I would also like this opportunity to let you know we are planning to change the names of our rooms and we have decided to go with a children's favourite 'Winnie the Pooh'. Our baby room will be the little robin's the imagination room will become the little Roo's and the explorers main room will be known as the little Tigger's room. I do hope you and the children enjoy the new room names.

Staff changes

I am very sad to have to let you all know that our wonderful Laura Thatcher our baby room leader will be moving on to a new career at the beginning of December. Laura has been an absolutely amazing member of our team and we will all miss her lots. But we are also very excited to find out how she will be getting on in her new chosen path as a trainee radiologist, I know she will be fantastic. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Katie Harrison who has joined our explorer's room this month. Katie is a qualified and experienced practitioner and we are very much looking forward for you all to meet her too. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Caroline Geoffroy to our bank staff team. Caroline has lots of experience working with children and

also teaches karate to children at a local karate club. We can't wait to be working with them both.

Extra Curriculum

We are still doing CRICKET with ProTot Sports and our ProTots will be perfecting their BATTING, BOWLING and CATCHING! ProTot Sports run every Wednesday (3:00pm), offering superb multi-sports development sessions to the children. If you wish for your child to participate in this popular activity, please let me know and I will give you a PTS Joining Form, and join the fun (Free Trials are available)!

You can learn more about ProTot Sports by checking out their website:

www.prototsports.co.uk

Unfortunately our taster session for our Diddi Dancer's was not able to go ahead, although I will look into arranging this again in the New Year.

We do however have a trail yoga session booked for Monday 5th December, this will be available for children aged 16 months and over, please let me know if you would like your child to participate.

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 rail in the reception area and boxes in the explorers pick up room, so please do come along to see if there is anything in there that might belong to your child.

Autumn harvest collection

Thank you everyone who donated food to our harvest festival collection. Your donations have now been passed on to the Trussel Trust food bank and were very much appreciated. Thank you again so much.

Explorers Room

We have had a very exciting month in Explorers and have enjoyed celebrating Diwali by creating lots of light and dark pictures.

We have been inspired by Halloween and have taken many trips to the shops to buy pumpkins that the children enjoyed carving, rolling in paint and printing with, to make colourful pictures. We have had fun getting messy and creating and decorating our own hand made giant pumpkin constructed out of a cardboard box that was then turned into an excellent pumpkin posting box.

Some of the children have enjoyed dressing up and becoming fire fighters, which then became extended by using paint bottles to squeeze and squirt on the wall in the garden to put the fire out, the evidence can still be spotted on the garden wall, but they are beautiful autumn colours so we don't mind really.

This month we are looking forward to celebrating Guy Fawkes Night and will be making firework pictures. We will also be celebrating children's book week by enjoying and talking about lots of

different stories and taking a trip or two to the library to choose some more stories to share with our friends back at the nursery.

Finally we are very excited to celebrate a pyjama day to raise money for Children in Need on the 19th November.

Take care
Explorer's team



Baby Room

This month in babies we have enjoyed getting involved in lots of fun activities, in particular we enjoyed celebrating Halloween and created spider paintings and ghost collages using cotton wool and glue, the children enjoyed the textures and stickiness before getting wrapped up in the ghostly noises. Also to celebrate the season we were inspired by pumpkins and made mural art work mainly using the colour orange, which encouraged us to practice and recognize the word orange.

On our sunny days we also spent time this month in the woods, where we enjoyed bug hunts and autumn walks.

During this month we will be talking about Guy Fawkes and creating fun firework pictures using paints, chalks and other arts and crafts materials.

We will also be asking if your children would like to dress up in their pyjamas for Children in Need on the 19th November! Have a great month everyone.

Finally I just wanted to let everybody know that I will be leaving Elan on the 1st December to pursue a career in Radiology at a hospital in Brighton. I have absolutely loved being here for the last 4 years and watching your lovely children grow up and develop, I will miss them all. Good luck x from Laura T

