

# April 2023 Newsletter



## A Note from Victoria

Dear Parents,

It has been such a fun packed month with the highlight of March being the little happy chicks, which have now all been re-homed. The Happy Chick Company collected and re-homed the chicks with people that they believe, have similar values for animal welfare as they do. They consider it important that the males experience a good quality of life too.

April is the beginning of spring and we are hoping to see a few more sunny days, which will help us when we try to grow some sunflowers and maybe broad beans. The Robins, Roos and Tiggers also have lots of fun activities lined up for the month including Easter fun and St George's Day where we may all be looking for Dragons.

### Our menu

Over the next few months we will be re-visiting our Early Years Nutrition program to ensure we are continuing to offer a high standard of meals and snacks for all of our children. Laura our deputy manager will be working closely with our chef Amanda and our pre-school's chef to bring together both of our settings. We will be concentrating on making sure we have a wide variety of tastes and textures across our seasons and continue to maintain our core values of freshly prepared meals, no added salt, and as far as possible sweetening desserts with fruit. Laura is a passionate foodie and has often stepped into the kitchen to lend a hand. Laura would also like to invite parents to share their views and will be happy to hear some of your ideas for meals your children really like.

Please can I let you all know that we are a strictly NO NUT setting – please could you make sure you are checking the back of packaging. We do have a very severe nut allergy in the setting and we need to be extra vigilant. Thank you so much for helping us with this.

### Staff changes

I am so very happy to welcome two new members of staff to our nursery team. Elizabeth who will be joining our Robins room and Amy who will be joining our Tiggers room. Elizabeth has worked with children since 2017 and has had various roles including nurseries, SEN learning support and teaching assistant. Amy, we are so pleased to say will be beginning her level 3 apprenticeship with us. I am looking forward to you all meeting them both over the coming weeks.

### Extra Curriculum

Tatty Bumpkin class of yoga, movement and music have taken a short break over the Easter holidays but will be commencing again the week of the 17th April.

If you would like your child to join or to re-enroll please reserve your child's space directly through the website [childreninspiredbyyoga.com/tunbridgewells](https://www.childreninspiredbyyoga.com/tunbridgewells)

Classes are held on Mondays at 11.00.

**It's time for a new sport this month, as our little ProTots start BASKETBALL!!!**

**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 speak to the Nursery Manager to grab 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](https://www.prototsports.co.uk)

### Parent's First aid training

I would like to find out if any parents or carers would be interested in a 'baby and child first aid course' this would be a lovely opportunity for any parents who might be interested in learning or refreshing their first aid skills for home and for also meeting other parents at the same time.

The course would be held at the nursery from 6:30-8:30pm. The date would be arranged once I have an idea of numbers and when people would be available.

Please email [managerhh@elannursery.com](mailto:managerhh@elannursery.com) or [Adminhh@elannursery.com](mailto:Adminhh@elannursery.com) if you are interested in this course.

### Drop offs and Pick ups parking

Please can I remind everyone not to drive your cars onto the nursery's forecourt at morning drop off and evening pick up. This is because your children are very small and the cars are very big and these are the busiest times of the day. There is two hours free parking at the Waitrose car park. It is very important that we keep our children safe at all times. Thank you for your cooperation we really do appreciate it.

### Sick Children/medication

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.

## Please review us

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



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](mailto: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.

### Tiggers Room

March has been very busy, but we've had a great time!

We have been very lucky to begin to see the sunshine a bit more, so have been able to spend longer amounts of time out on our walks. We have been to the woods lots and have been spotting signs of spring, there are lots of daffodils starting to grow and we have also found lots of squirrels. One day, we even thought that we saw the Gruffalo, and the Tiggers said that he lives in the house at the top of the hill, we could hear him snoring as we walked past! We have also had a few shopping trips to Waitrose and Sainsburys to help us search for healthy food.

Over the course of the last month, we have celebrated Mother's Day, Red Nose Day and St Patrick's Day with lots of messy arts and craft activities. We have also changed our Big Room around slightly, and the children seem to be enjoying having a slightly bigger space to explore with the trains and cars, as well as having an extra cosy corner. We are currently decorating our Den with different zoo animals, as Dear Zoo has been one of our favourite stories this month. We have made elephants from milk bottles, snakes from paper cups and will continue to make more of the characters in April.

The highlight of our month was the arrival of our chicks! 10 eggs arrived and we watched 9 of them hatch over the course of 2 days. Leigh-Ann and Ella then transferred them into their new home and came to check on them over the weekend. When we came back on Monday, they were big enough to be able to explore the room with us. We made them a run from cardboard boxes and the children were able to hold and feed them. We were so proud of all of the Tiggers, who were so gentle and looked after the chicks so well. We were very sad to see them leave for their new homes, but we have many photos to remember them by!

### Lost property

Please could you ensure all of your child's clothes, hats and shoes are labelled. 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 Tiggers and Roos pick up room, so please do come along to see if there is anything in there that might belong to your child.





## Roos Room

March has been a busy month for Roos, we have had lots to celebrate! Roos created mother's day cards to take home for their loved ones and enjoyed talking about their mummies with each other and their practitioners. Roos have been having fun cooking in March with Annaleigh, we have been baking cakes and making delicious fruit smoothies, working on our pouring and cutting skills!

Trips to the library have been a big hit with Roos and we have been exploring new stories together. The children enjoy being able to explore and choose books independently and sharing them with their friends. Roos love being out and about in the local community and we have been going for more and more walks now the weather is getting warmer! So please make sure children have the appropriate footwear and clothing.

Tigger's have had lovely visitors this month and Roos have been able to be involved with the wonderful chicks! The Roos have been very excited to see the chicks hatch and watch them grow, they even got to hold and pet them when the chicks were big enough! We also started to look at other animals that are born in spring, and created lamb pictures with cotton wool and glue.

Roos have been big fans of water play in March, we have given muddy dinosaurs a wash and also giving our baby dolls lovely bubbly baths. Water play is sure to be a big hit in April too for the Roos and as the weather becomes warmer I'm sure we will start to have water play in the garden too. April is sure to be full of fun and even more celebrations. We will be focusing on spring and Easter, investigating seeds and having a go with planting some lovely things! We will also be finding out more about Eid, St George's Day, and the Coronation and exploring lots of exciting activities to celebrate. We can't wait to get started!

Have a wonderful Easter!

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## Robins Room

This month in Robins we have welcomed lots of new babies who we have all enjoyed getting to know and it's been great seeing them settle and their personality's coming out! We have also welcomed our lovely new practitioner Lizzie who you will start to meet after the Easter bank holiday. Also a Big congratulations to Jade who is our new assistant room leader.

We have been very busy this month with lots of exciting activities and celebrations, the lovely Tiggers helped to hatch some chicken eggs upstairs meaning our babies got to meet the baby chick which was a lovely experience for them all. The children also made some Easter chick and bunnies by painting some paper plates which the children seemed to enjoy and had fun getting messy.

Some of our older children have been on trips to the shops to buy some cress and sunflower seed so we can do some gardening in the hopefully sunny weather. The sensory room has been a big hit with all our little ones and they have seemed to love the lights and sensory toys and it is a great place to explore on our rainy days.

Singing and dancing has been very popular this month, the children love to sing with us and have started to repeat actions which has been great to see. Please let us know if your child has a favourite song so we can incorporate it in to our singing time.

We will be going outside more and more with the sunny weather so please remember shoes and appropriate coats that are labelled with your child's name. If we send your child home with an item of clothing that is not theirs please bring it back as it may have accidentally gone home with the wrong child. Putting name labels in clothes can help us prevent these mistakes too.

Regards, India

