

February 2023 Newsletter



Dates for the Diary

Friday 7th & Monday

10th April

Closed for Easter weekend

Monday 1st May

Closed bank holiday

Monday 8th May

Closed Coronation

Monday 29th May

Closed bank holiday



Notes from Sarah

I cannot quite believe how quickly January has gone. We have now welcomed all the new explorer children, and they are settling in well and getting to know the new routines at preschool. Please know that we have an "Open Door" policy so we are happy to talk with you at any time, or I can be contacted on: sarah@elannursery.com

Parent Portal

We continue to use the Parenta parent portal until the beginning of March when we will change to the new Family app. As we are not able to transfer across all of the children's learning from Parenta, I will be emailing out a copy of all the Learning Journeys stored on Parenta before the move. We will then start with a new summative assessment for each preschool child during March and start to add new photos and observations then.

Free Entitlement

The 30-hour eligibility codes have to be renewed on a regular basis. Some families are in the grace period and the code has to currently be updated before the 31st March to ensure the 30 hours continues to be funded from the 1st April. If you do not renew your code, the monthly fees will be increased, as we will only be able to claim 570 FE hours instead of the 1140 yearly funded hours.

Extra-Curricular

ProTot sports continues to be a popular outdoor activity on Monday mornings, and Wednesday afternoons. You can find out more on the weekly update on our Facebook page – Elan Nursery and Preschool Haywards Heath.

Lost property

You should have seen the clothes rail in the preschool porch. This is updated with all lost property on a daily basis. Please have a look through to check if any items belong to your child.

It is really helpful for us if you can name clothes so that we can repatriate them more easily.



Notes from Lucy

We have had a fantastic start to 2023 here at preschool!

We started our year reflecting on the fantastic Christmas festivities and speaking all about our different families. We explored how we all have different and beautifully unique families and ways to celebrate Christmas!

The children have been very interested in the world over the past month and we have been exploring a lot of themed activities on this! The children have been busy making safari animal collages, piecing together world map jigsaws and looking at the prehistoric world! Furthermore, we have using science experiments to explore different types of weather and natural events such as tornadoes, volcanic eruptions and snow storms! The children have loved making their own tornadoes with water and glass jars and were all fascinated by the baking powder and vinegar volcanic eruption in the garden!

Following on from our natural topic, the children have been taking wonderful care of our giant African pet snail named 'Beans'! We have been learning how to hold him safely, take care of his enclosure and which foods are good for him to eat!

All the children have been working well in their phonics sessions this month! From exploring animal sounds and letters in jelly right through to splat balloon phonics, we have been working on recognizing each sound. Some of our school children have been exploring letter formations and using things such as pens, Playdough, paint and chalks to explore how to write each letter and start to form simple words.

We have been really enjoying the warmer weather both at the park and in the garden. In Protot Sports, we have been working on football this month! We have been learning how to move the ball, tackle and shoot goals! We can't wait for February to start the tennis sessions!

In the garden, we have been making huge obstacle courses to strengthen our coordination and balance. At the park, we have explore math's shape challenges, mindfulness walks, litter picking hunts and much more!

We have finished up the month celebrating Chinese New Year this week! We have made our own lanterns, listened and danced to Chinese new year music. We had a themed lunch where we tried noodles, prawn crackers and practiced eating with chopsticks! We learnt all about 'the year of the Rabbit' and discussed the importance of this event!



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