

PINE LODGE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



PINE LODGE NURSERY—ALLSTARS OUT OF HOURS CLUBS—
WILLOW HOUSE

WINTER 2012

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New EYFS is Launched from September 2012



From September, Pine Lodge has been implementing the changes required by the Government to ensure all children are given the best start in life.

The new Early Years Foundation Stage of Learning come into force this September, which gave settings like ours the tasks of ensuring all children are offered the widest choices of experiences, both indoors and outdoors. We have been implementing new observation and assessment documents, tracking children's progress and using the 2yr assessment document to

ensure all children are supported in their learning and development. The 2yr assessment is meant to support a parents visit to the Health Visitor for their child's 2yr check up and parents are asked to ensure that they have this document with them when they attend for this health and development assessment.

There are seven areas of learning now not six, with displays in all group areas explaining this more fully. Please do attend your groups parents evening or open evening when your staff will be happy to explain this more fully.

Children and families who commence at Pine Lodge, are offered a home visit which is designed to allow our key persons and a sen-

ior staff member the opportunity of getting to know you and your child before their socialization visits at Nursery. Also it is important that new parents and families learn a little about the staff who will be caring for their child, a staff will have a personal profile about themselves also at this time.

Parents are asked to complete an 'All About Me' form to give the team an overview about their child and their position within a family. This gives the team a good grounding in the initial care and welfare of each and every child. An initial assessment of every child's age, stage and development will be made, to help plan for their 'Next Steps' at Nursery in some or all of the seven areas.

A Summer of 1st's for Pine Lodge and Allstars OOHC's

The summer of 2012 was a great success on many counts as the Out of Hours Clubs had a very successful programme of activities including the first overnight camps we have held. More than 20 children enjoyed sleeping outdoors in tents, toasting marshmallows, cooking their supper, learning how

to whittle, make camp fires in the ground without doing damage to natural earth. The children enjoyed den making, camp fire songs, with outdoor games and FUN! Their behavior was exemplary, with all children being thanked for their contributions to the event along with the staff of Allstars.

We also welcomed our first guests to the Willow House 24hour care facility, which was very successful and enjoyed by the children, as well as their parents. We would thank both the Manager Ann Williams and the staff teams, and also the families for their support, co-operation and encouragement for this new service.

Special points of interest:

- NEW EYFS HAS COMMENCED
- FIRST OVERNIGHT CAMPING FOR CHILDREN IN ALLSTARS
- FIRST GUESTS IN THE WILLOW HOUSE 24HR CARE FACILITY

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Allstars children attended two nights camping in the grounds of Pine Lodge, learning how to make fire, gather kindling, cook supper, toasting marshmallows and having FUN !!

Stepping Stones - Managed by Kim Walker

Our Youth Development Officer has successfully engaged over 50 young people in the undertaking called Stepping Stones. This is a programme which offers young people the opportunities of joining in extracurricular activities like canoeing, climbing wall, abseiling, camping alongside tasks including citizenship, community and environment based achievements. This is for junior aged children from 7-11 yrs.

Kim heads up this programme with each child producing a portfolio containing their achievements and recognising the activities they have enjoyed.

Kim visits each club once each week for ongoing activities, to undertake tasks towards their programme, and to enjoy additional sports and games.

Parents can ask Kim or the staff to look at their child's folder at any time which is held in the host club of the child member.

If there are any children who attend juniors or above who would like to register and join in these fantastic additional activities, please do speak with the Club Manager or Kim herself at the club, or can be contacted at the main Nursery in Haslington.

HAVE YOU SEEN
THE OUTDOOR
ENVIRONMENT
YET?

Additions to our Outdoor Environment

Our Outdoor environment has been enhanced over the past few months with the addition of a Builders Yard, Mini Beast area, Water area, Story area with lovely story throne and stools, a decking play area for the very young children and also a beautiful tunnel to crawl through. We will be adding to this next year hopefully with more musical

and sensory resources.

In our Mini Beast area, we have commenced the Bug Hotel, with boxes for bees and ladybirds. If anyone has spare piping, sponges, plant pots, we can continue to enhance our Bug Hotel to encourage wild insects, and hedgehogs with our Budlea tree to attract butterflies.

TREES FOR SCHOOLS

We have now received our free trees which will be planted over the coming two weeks. We will be using this as part of the timetable for Nursery and Pre School/Pre Prep classes, encouraging children to learn about trees and their natural environment. We are hoping to create a 'Forest School' approach to the outdoors.

STAFF RECOGNITIONS AND CHANGES

In our Willow House team we welcomed Sam Williams as Supervisor supporting Emma and Anwen in the excellent care of our very young.

In Pre Prep we welcome our new Teacher Natasha Jones and Helen Broadhurst as Teaching Assistant, with Nicola Marsh as Senior Super-

visor in the Nursery Group.

We would like to congratulate Nicola on achieving her degree in Early Childhood Studies, and success in her forthcoming Early Years Professional Status exams.

We also have several staff working towards achievements in Customer Care, Leadership and Management, also Teaching Assis-

tants qualifications. Well done to Emma Williams, Emma Buckley, Kerry Gorely, Claire Broomhall, Kelly Joinson, Leanne Burkill. We continually encourage professional development for all staff, and hope that they all succeed in their endeavours for personal and professional enhancements.



One of our Wall murals from Willow House, where the children have wet room, sensory room, messy play room, sleep room and much more.

Haslington club

Our new Manager MI-CHELLE SNELSON and her team are doing really well in offering lots of new and exciting activities and opportunities for our children. If you have any ideas which can support the team in any way do please discuss with staff. Our children do help to formulate their own timetable which is how an out of hours club should operate.

If there are any parents who have spare children's DVD's we would be very happy to have them please for the children of all the clubs.

Mablins Lane club

At our Mablins Lane club, a great summer timetable was enjoyed by all children. The highlight was the Forest School sessions which were held every week, where children were taken to Brereton to enjoy a day in the woods! Again this is in line with our ethos of getting outside as much as possible during all weathers, and teaching children to look after our environment and learning about the wild life in it. Our new member of staff Aimee has now settled in well, welcome to her and all new children !!

Sandbach club

Our club at Sandbach has again welcomed EMMA SHERIDAN as the Manager who is working with Tara in building up the numbers and promoting the club. We would like to invite all our parents to come along and meet the team, to see if we can help you in any way.

We will be commencing collecting from ELWORTH HALL SCHOOL in the new year, if you know of anyone who needs or would benefit from our service please advise us.



Children who attend the Allstars building dens at Brereton under their Forest School theme over the summer holidays.

SENCO & SOCCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator and Safeguarding of Children Co-Ordinator)

Our SENCO at Pine Lodge is Emma Williams, with Janet Wilson as the Safeguarding of children Co-ordinator who is now experienced in supporting children who may have difficulties in any area of development. If children are struggling at any stage of their learning with speech and language, behavior, development Emma or Janet can help the child and the

family to adjust their learning plans to the individual and appropriate stage and level. We have extensive experience in supporting children with specific requirements, liaising with external professionals in all areas of social care. In cases where a child may need intense targeted support, we have the support of Cheshire East in providing

1:1 assistance for some children. This may take some time, so any child or parent who feels their child may need this level of support, should talk to Emma or Janet as soon as possible, when we will be only too pleased to work with you in securing the appropriate help for all children.

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FROM PINE
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AND SOCCO.
WE ARE HERE TO
HELP AND
SUPPORT EVERY
CHILD AND
FAMILY

Our New Web Site is nearing completion !

Our web site has been evolving over the past few months, becoming more interactive, and containing more information about our lovely Nursery School and Out of Hours Clubs and the services we provide.

We are currently uploading all Nursery Policies for parents to read at their leisure, and also the Newsletters to ease the pressure of read-

ing material whilst at Nursery. I have tried to provide in depth information for all current parents, and indeed for new prospective parents but would welcome any feedback which you may be able to offer, to further enhance the site, and to provide what parents would like to see on there. We have not had an Inspection from Ofsted for four years, and whilst we expect them

almost daily, with the new EYFS commencing in September, this may be at any time from now into the new year. We are striving to achieve Outstanding again, and hope that all parents and families will support and assist us in this aim.

The web site address is now:

[Www.pinelodgenursery.co.uk](http://www.pinelodgenursery.co.uk)

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Pine Lodge Creche & Nursery School has been established since 1989, when we had three Nursery settings. Now concentrating our efforts on just Haslington Nursery, with three Out of Hours Clubs at Crewe, Sandbach and Haslington. It is the sole aim of Janet and Ken Wilson, to provide the highest standard of care and education for all children, including those with additional requirements. Janet has spent her career striving for a fully inclusive setting, with the opening of our 24hour care facility being the latest service to offer to all children and families. We can provide 12 children with a fun, safe time away from home, whether for a few hours, or a few nights for special events like birthdays, sleepovers, themed parties or respite care facility. We have been recognized as Outstanding for our inclusive practices and work we do with children's early speech and language acquisition.

If there are any parents who have a specific interest in caring for children within our 24hour facility, please do contact me to discuss the possibility of joining our team of casual professionals.

Many thanks: Janet Wilson

Forthcoming events for Christmas and the Season



Christmas is approaching all too fast, and we have many events for your diaries. Please check with group staff, but some of these dates are as follows:

Our Christmas Carol Concert is to be held in St. Matthews Church on Crewe Road, Haslington on 9th December at 3pm. All parents welcome. Your group staff will expand on the arrangements for your child/children's attendance.

We are hoping that this year will be a special one with different performances by children and staff.

Your group parties will be advertised outside your group rooms, please check with your Supervisors and teams for arrangements, but to date these will be:- Willow House children on

the 18th December,

Pre School on 19th December

Creche on the 20th December

Nursery on 21st December

The Pre School Trip to De-lamere Forest for our Santas visit on the 5th December, which will be very exciting for all children. We will be treated to a train ride, Santas Grotto plus gift, with a walk in the forest to.

Pre School Parents evenings are to be held during the week of 10th December, please check the booking sheet for your appointment

times.

Nursery group Parents evening is on 13th December, again please check with team for your appointment times.

Creche parents evening is on 17th December, check with group staff for times.

The Nursery Christmas lunch is on 12th and 13th December for all children and staff. Thank you to Julie and Jade for this annual treat !!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE CLOSE 3PM on 24th and 31st December 2012 prompt to allow our staff to commence their Christmas holidays.