



Established 1965

## Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### What We Have Been Up To.

It has been a busy few weeks at the preschool! The children have enjoyed a range of fun activities. Below are some photos of what the children have been up to.



Woolly mittens art activity to represent how we keep warm in cold weather.

Volcanoes were made by the children following on from a child's interest. We introduced new words like ash, lava, and eruption. The children were extremely interested in talking and learning facts about volcanoes.



In this picture the children are hard at work creating 3D volcanoes using a variety of materials. There was lots of discussion using lots of new language.



The children had great fun playing outside on the hopscotch that the staff had drawn on the playground. They were great at lining up, taking turns and sharing.



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The children had a brilliant time playing in our dinosaur swap.



The children loved feeding the birds outside and watching them.



Nest making – Children used a selection of material including twigs, leaves, and feathers to build their own bird's nest.



Here the children are out and about on a bird watch!

The children identified birds such as Sparrows, Blackbirds, Seagulls and 1 Magpie. On a chart the children used lines to mark how many birds they saw.



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The children made their own bird food. We looked at how the fat used was first a solid, then a liquid once heated and then returned to a solid mass when cooled again, allowing them to mix in the bird food. Lots of new language and scientific words were used.



Making hanging bird feeders for our garden area as part of our Winter birds' topic. The children used a knife and their hands to spread the lard and add the bird food mix to their square plate. We extended the activity by playing the song 'Feed the birds' from Mary Poppins and all the teachers sang along.



The children perfected their fine motor skills during this transferring activity.

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### Music and Movement-

The children have worked really hard in our movement sessions. This was an adult led session, where the children copied the adult's movements. At the end of the session the children used the scarves to independently move their bodies in time with the music.

### UPCOMING TOPICS – MARCH AND APRIL

Week 1 – Wales and St David's Day

Week 2 Mother's Day Week and World Book Day

Week 3 Ireland and St Patrick's Day

Week 4 – Easter

Week 5 Easter



## TOPIC – Chinese New Year



We started off our topic of Chinese New Year by getting the children to make some plates of rice and chopsticks.

The children enjoyed using shiny paper and different materials to decorate some Chinese lanterns and talking about Chinese celebrations.

We continued our celebrations by trying Prawn Cracker using chopsticks, listening to Chinese music, and taking part in a dragon dance. Children also looked at Chinese writing and used their mark making skills to do their own special writing.

This year is the year of the Dragon.



## Notices/Up Coming Events



We would like to invite your child to come to Pre-School in 'what they love to wear clothes'. This could be their Pyjamas, football kit, a favourite top, a favourite colour, or a favourite character.

A suggested donation of a £1 donation on the day your child dresses up is welcomed to help raise funds for the Pre-School. There will be a collection pot at the gate.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all dressed up!

**A reminder that it is half term soon. Our last day at Pre-School is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February and we will return to Pre-School on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

## Committee News



**Theydon Bois Preschool  
Nearly New Sale**

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024**  
10am-12pm

THE SCOUT HUT, LOUGHTON LANE,  
THEYDON BOIS, CM16 7JY

Entrance £2 per family

*Children and baby clothes (up to age 10 yrs)  
Maternity wear, toys, buggies, prams & baby equipment*

*Tea & cakes for sale  
Cash only event*

*Fundraising for the Theydon Bois Preschool*

For seller enquiries or to volunteer please email: [tbpsnearlynewsale@gmail.com](mailto:tbpsnearlynewsale@gmail.com)

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The Pre-School Committee are pleased to announce the return of our extremely popular Nearly New Sale on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

We are a charity run Pre-School. We have a team of qualified staff taking care of your child on a day to day basis, however we have a group of parent volunteers who meet together once a term to help ensure the smooth running of the Pre-School and fundraise. Without a Committee the Pre-School is unable to remain open! If you could spare some time to become part of our committee, please contact Sarah and Hannah on [tbpschair@gmail.com](mailto:tbpschair@gmail.com)



**Parent Committee**

**Many hands make light work!**