



Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

Newsletter

October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Earlier this month we saw temperatures of 23C which we made the most of at Pre School. The children enjoyed lots of outdoor play making mud pies, painting and using our new water wall. Now it seems the weather has become colder which means it's time to wrap up warm. Please can we remind you to clearly label all your children's belongs including their coats as this makes it much easier for us all.

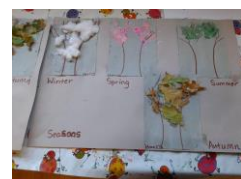
Most of our returning children quickly settled back into routine and many of our new children are settling well.

We have continued to work with our topic 'All about me' with key focuses on ourselves, our family, where we live and our pets. The children have enjoyed using different resources including using various natural items they collected on a nature walk to create some super seasonal artwork. The children have also had so much fun learning about different animals and their habitats during circle time and they have loved dressing up as vets to look after our animals in need in our role play vets corner.... see photos below

As well as our topic 'All about me' we weave in other various important events on our planning calendar and this month we have enjoyed 'Black History'. The children were introduced to 'Garrett Morgan' who in 1923 came up with the device that led to our three-way traffic lights (Lienhard, J.H., 2023).

The children were split into two groups to create large traffic lights, learnt about what each light represented and used small cars to play a game of 'Stop, Get Ready and Go'. We extended the activity with a number and colour matching game.

Another favourite activity the children have keenly participated in this term is our 'Sound Game', some loved it so much they did not want to leave at home time as the game played on.... The children sat in small groups supported by an adult and perfected their auditory skills whilst listening to familiar sounds played from a CD. They then identified a sound and matched it to a picture on their bingo cards.



The children have enjoyed local nature walks where they have explored the colourful Autumnal environment and collected a variety of natural resources to take back to Pre School to further observe and experiment with.



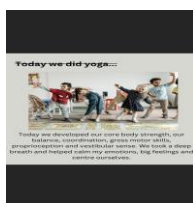
We have also been discussing Harvest and environment change through the seasons. During circle time we sung our season song and guessed what fruits and vegetables grow under or above the ground. Throughout the afternoon sessions the children have taken part in large group activities and this week they have worked together to create a large scarecrow, carrot and some apple trees.



'Handa's Surprise' storybook is a firm favourite at Pre School after the children enjoyed the story we extended it by decorating paper plates full of colourful fruits.



We are always researching and looking for key information to help our parents further understand how their children learn. For example when your child dresses up and take part in role play or participates in an activity like Yoga do you think they are 'Just playing'? We have news for you, it's so much more..... We absolutely love these examples of the rich learning that takes place during your child's day we had to share them with you.



Images sources online from growing together 2023

Key dates

Autumn Term 2023

Half term – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October (**Autumn dress up week**)

INSET DAY – Monday 30th October

Return to Pre School – Tuesday 31st October

INSET DAY – Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Break – Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Polite reminders

Please can we remind you if your child is not coming into Pre School then please call us and let us know.

We encourage all parents/carers to bring their children into Pre School on the agreed sessions however, if you need to take your child out of Pre School for any reason such as a family holiday then we ask you to let us know.

As a Pre School we fully support walking to school as well as encouraging your child to scooter and bike ride in with a safety helmet. Unfortunately we do not have inside storage and would recommend that you utilise the outside railings and chain your child's personal belongings there if you cannot take them back home with you.

We need you

As a committee run Pre School we heavily rely on parents/carers to join our friendly committee. For without a committee the Pre School would have to **close**. We appreciate that life for us all is busy and we do not have spare time to give however, you can give as little or as much time as you wish as a committee member... it all helps. There are various roles that need to be filled some that need more time invested in them than others. If you would like to know more please speak to us and we can provide you with all the information you need.

We love this poster that one setting used to advertise why parents should consider being part of their child's Pre School committee.

Image sourced online



Important dates and events

You are all warmly invited to attend our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on Wednesday 22nd November 7.30pm at the Queen Victoria Pub – Theydon Bois.

Finally, we would like to thank you once again for your continued support and choosing us to be part of your child's educational journey.

Have a great half term!