



# Boley Park Pre-School

Newsletter February 2022



## Spring Term

This has been a wet and windy half term, packed with lots of fun activities. Here are some of the highlights!



## National Winnie the Pooh Day

The birthday of the author A.A.Milne was celebrated on January 18th.

Children took part in a range of bear themed activities, including matching numeral and quantity by pegging bees onto honeypots.



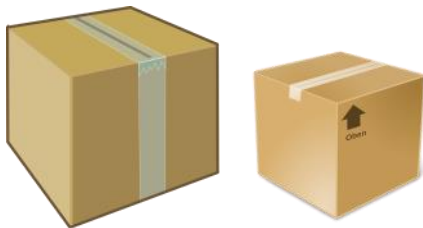
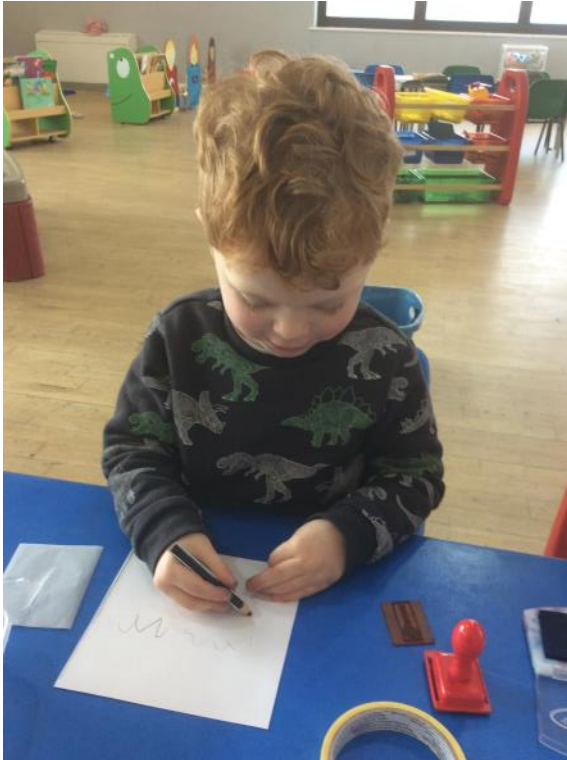
## 2D Shapes

We've been learning the names of simple shapes and their properties, including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. These shapes have been used to create pictures, 3D models and also formed using playdough cutters.





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### People Who Help Us

Following the interest in post generated around Christmas, we created a Post Office in our role play area. This proved hugely popular and provided lots of opportunity for mark-making, such as writing letters, labels, addressing envelopes and creating stamps.

Children visited the Post Office next to pre-school to experience weighing parcels, before re-creating this in setting.

This led to a focus on other people who help us, notably the police and fire service.

The emergency control centre was manned regularly, with rescues required for imaginative role play scenarios.











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### Lunar New Year

We learned about the Lunar New Year and some of the ways that it is celebrated in different countries.

After watching a video about the celebrations, featuring lion dancing, children made lion masks and decorated a large sheet with felt-tipped pens and paint stampers, before trying out their own dances.

Gold pens were used to adorn red envelopes, which were gifted to loved ones, filled with a chocolate and scissor skills were challenged making lanterns.

After sampling some Chinese foods at snack time, parents, carers and children were invited to join staff at the Lee Garden restaurant, to explore Asian, Chinese and Cantonese cuisine and chips!







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### Keeping Active

Gross motor skills have been challenged with a variety of equipment and obstacle courses for children to travel across, under and over.

Hoops have proved hugely popular and children have explored different ways of using these: rolling, twirling, hula hooping and jumping into them.





## Jurassic Times



Dinosaurs are always a popular choice of toy at pre-school, especially in our outdoor area. They have been exploring the planters and creating footprints in the sandpit. Children have enjoyed excavating the bones from the sandpit and comparing their length.



## Water Play

The wet weather has kept the water butt topped up, despite being in continuous use. Children are able to use it independently, transferring the water into a variety of containers and keeping the plants hydrated!



## Letter of the Week

Each week we focus on a letter following the order of the Jolly Phonics scheme. We aim for children to learn the name of the letter, the sound it makes and practice writing this letter using a variety of media. So far we have focussed on the letters S, A, T, N, I, P, CK, E, H and R. Next in the sequence are M, D and G.

Why not look around your house to see what you can find beginning with the sound of the week.



## Bird Spotters

With several children being very interested in different types of birds, we will be looking at these when we return to pre-school.

See what birds you can spot in your garden or in the park and let us know on Tapestry.



## 'Hungry Little Minds' and 'Tiny Happy People'

Find some fun and exciting ideas to extend your child's learning at home on the 'Hungry Little Minds' and 'Tiny Happy People' campaign websites.

Have a look on the Government website ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) and the BBC's page ([www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)) for more information.

## Library Books

A fantastic selection of books are available to borrow from our library box. Simply note down the title, date and your child's name in the pad provided and exchange it for another, when returned.

Certificates will be awarded when children have borrowed their first 3 and 10 books!





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### Dates For Your Diary

Monday 28th February-Pre-school re-opens  
Thursday 3rd March– Dress-up for World Book Day  
Wednesday 9th March-Parent Appointments  
Tuesday 15th March-Pre-school photographer  
Friday 8th April- End of term  
Monday 11th April-Friday 22nd April –Easter Holiday  
Monday 25th April– Start of Summer Term  
Monday 2nd May– May Day holiday  
Monday 16th May– Tractor and trailer ride  
Monday 30th May-Friday 3rd June– Half term  
Monday 6th June– Pre-school re-opens  
Wednesday 20th July -Inset day  
Thursday 21st July– Summer holidays

### Cold Weather

With the weather remaining cold and windows open for ventilation, please ensure children have named layers of clothing and warm, waterproof coats.

### Parent Committee

If you would like any information about joining the team please speak to a member of staff or email:

[bppscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:bppscommittee@gmail.com)

### Lichfield Community Lottery

Help raise money for the pre-school and have a chance at winning £25,000.

Tickets just £1.

<https://www.lichfieldcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/boley-park-pre-school>

### Reviews

We would greatly appreciate it if you could spare a few moments to add google reviews to Facebook and our website to boost our on-line profile.

### Amazon Smile

Please sign up for Amazon Smile which generates 0.5% of purchases to the pre-school at no extra cost to yourself.

Simply shop at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1081087-0>

or go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and search for Boley when asked which charity you wish to support.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to all of our families for helping us to stay open, by keeping poorly children at home and keeping our pre-school safe!

Kind regards,

The Pre-school Team

