

## Virtual Handsworth Pre-School: Weekly Bulletin

This week's bulletin has been prepared by: Louise

**My favourite thing about Pre-School this week might have been:** I would be looking forward to welcoming you back to Pre-School and hearing all your exciting news.



**Our focus for the week is:** Helping our environment reduce, reuse, recycle

### Pre-School Leader's News:

Welcome to our 8<sup>th</sup> Pre-School Bulletin. We sent out yesterday (12<sup>th</sup> May) an email giving you some further information about the Pre-School's planned reopening from the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June. We have asked you to give us an indication of whether your child will attend and for how many sessions, when we reopen. Thank you to those families who have already replied. If you have not done so already, please reply by Friday (15<sup>th</sup> May). If you have not received the email, please let us know via [info@handsworthpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@handsworthpreschool.co.uk).

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns about the Pre-School's reopening, please also use this opportunity to let us know. We are working hard to implement the Government requirements to put in place the necessary protections for everyone at Pre-School. The situation often changes rapidly (sometimes by the hour!) so please bear with us. We are working very hard to put in place appropriate measures that, as far as we can, minimise risk and keep the children safe and happy at Pre-School. I am also clear that continuing to keep in touch with you all – and ensuring you can get in touch with us – is an important way to work together through this time.

The Local Authority have issued some information about access to Children's Centre services. They have launched a new Facebook group as a 'one-stop shop' for information about all Waltham Forest funded Children and Family Centre services for under 5's. This includes children's activities as well as information and support across all areas such as health, early learning & child development, childcare, family support, employment and training and lots more. If you wish to find out more, you can join the Facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lbwfcfc>

This week, we're thinking about the environment, recycling and reusing items. Louise has come up with lots of different activities to help keep the children busy. It was also international nurses day yesterday; and it's international families day on Friday. As many of us are at home with our families – but also separated from other loved ones, it seems to me a good opportunity to mark this event. A fun activity I like is to think about our 'family tree'. There are plenty of printables available on line, but it's a nice way to talk to children about who they are and who their family/families are and what they like to do. Drawing pictures of family members – or finding old photos and making a scrap book collage - is also fun.

I hope you all have a good week and continue to keep well. We will be in touch further about our plans for reopening, so please also continue to watch your in-boxes. *Janet*

### Craft Activities:

You can make lots of things out of items we normally throw away. One of the things I've noticed during lockdown is that I have lots more birds visiting my garden. You could make a feeder for them using a milk carton. As seen below.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/make-a-recycled-bird-feeder/>

Do you have any magazines at home you are no longer reading ?? Perhaps you could cut some pictures, or words out and make a lovely collage. I know you've probably made lots of rainbows lately but you could make one using lots of different coloured scrap paper or wrapping paper like the one shown here.

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2008/07/rainy-day-rainbow-recycled-art.htmlw>

I suspect many of you may be in bed at 8pm on a Thursday when the clap for carers/Nhs/Keyworkers begins. So how about you have a go at making some instruments using recycled materials ?? Then you could show your appreciation a bit earlier on in the evening by making lots of noise with your homemade instruments. You could make some Symbols using two old cds if you have them ?? Or a guitar using a cereal or tissue box . I really like this idea for making a tambourine

<https://redtri.com/easy-diy-tambourine/>

Please send us any photos of you instruments – we'd love to see them.

What does the recycling sign look like – could you make one for your recycling bin ???

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/recycling-colouring-pages>

Or how about making a thank you sign for the people collecting your recycling ??

<https://content.twinkl.co.uk/resource/5e/a8/t-tp-2549562--new-thank-you-key-workers-colouring-posters-ver-14.pdf?token=exp=1589284590~acl=%2Fresource%2F5e%2Fa8%2Ft-tp-2549562--new-thank-you-key-workers-colouring-posters-ver-14.pdf%2A~hmac=5d9b5fd9ffabd02ef2b7a582a2dd4d6c19ada0f827556945fc92b47506df1516>

### Play Ideas:

Could you pretend to be a Rubbish/recycling collector – what do you think you would need to wear to do this job ???

You could create a shop using empty cartons, boxes etc.

Why is their job so important to us ???

Can you think of a different use for something you normally would throw away ??

For example could you use a box to make a car or could you use it to store some of your toys??

Recycling sensory play is quite fun, too. You can use this opportunity to do some sorting, or (if you're feeling brave) – shredded paper is really fun for play! For the seriously brave – adding water to torn-up newspaper to make a squishy pulp is lots and lots of fun (and really quite messy...) A box or tray of different sized bottle tops etc can also prompt sorting, ordering and counting, as Louise suggests below. It's also a sensory experience to swirl around the bottle tops using your hands. You can use lots of descriptive language – and ask children to listen to the sounds they're making in the tray; or to close their eyes and describe what they're feeling with their hands. Squishy paper may also have quite an interesting smell, too..!



## Songs and Stories

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**  
(To be used of The More We Use Together)

Reduce, reuse, recycle,  
recycle, recycle.



Reduce, reuse, recycle,  
it's easy to do.

For your world is my world,  
and my world is your world.

Reduce, reuse, recycle,  
it's easy to do!



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## Recycling For Our Earth

(Sung to: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Sub. by Jenny

Hear the cans go crunch, crunch,  
crunch,  
Crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch,  
crunch,

Hear the cans go crunch, crunch,  
crunch,  
Recycle for our earth.

Hear the bottle go ding, ding, ding  
Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding,  
Hear the bottle go ding, ding, ding  
Recycle for our earth.

Hear the paper go crinkle, crinkle,  
crinkle  
crinkle, crinkle, crinkle, crinkle,  
crinkle, crinkle  
Hear the paper go crinkle, crinkle,  
crinkle  
Recycle for our earth

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b07tzrt5/maddies-do-you-know-series-1-4-bin-lorry-and-newspaper>

On 'Do you know' Maddie follows a bin lorry so you get to have a look at where our rubbish/recycling goes .

I can Save The Earth – Alison Inches

Peppa Pig Recycling is Fun – Ladybird

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Oxford Owl currently have their catalogue of e-books free to use online. Have a look at a book called "Our Incredible Planet"

## Exploring Number and Shape:

Could you make a number line using some bottle tops ??

What shapes can you find among things you normally throw away ??

Do you have a number on your recycling bin ?? What number is it and why is it there ???

How many bins do you have outside your home ?? What are they all for and why do you think they are different colours ??



Keep a note of the number of things you can think of to do with a cardboard box