

## Wychwood Pre-School What's in a Name?

After 40 years, Wychwood Playgroup has decided to move with the times and is now called **Wychwood Pre-School**. 'Playgroup' is sometimes perceived as 'old fashioned' and while our emphasis is still 'learn through play' we follow the same curriculum as other Pre-Schools in the local area. The staff work hard to maintain our 'Good' Ofsted result and provide a consistent, caring and stimulating environment for the children.



It has been an exciting time at the Pre-School with the recent refurbishment of the toilets and the addition of a disabled toilet and changing facilities; a big improvement for our new toddler group.

### Grant Aid

The Pre-School has been successful with applications for various grants. We thank Doris Field Trust, whose grant enabled us to purchase new storage equipment and replace and update other toys and equipment. We also received a grant from the Co-operative Community Funding, which will be used to buy a new laptop computer for the children and staff to use. We have also introduced a book-loan scheme with extra funding from Oxfordshire County Council and

we have books on loan from Milton library every term. The Pre-School supported the local SWYCH event held on the March 7<sup>th</sup> at Wychwood Primary School. The children made musical instruments out of recyclable objects such as yoghurt pots and milk containers. These were displayed at the swap shop. To coincide with this

the children have been following a mini topic on *Recycling and greener issues*, an important lesson for the next generation.

### Wychwood Wombles

Our toddler group was proving so successful we have had to move the session to a Friday afternoon, to allow the children to benefit from the use of the whole hall. The group is now called the Wychwood Wombles and is open to all with children under four and includes refreshments, craft activities, free play and singing time!

If you are thinking about registering your child at Pre-School do come and visit us, you would be most welcome. Sessions run Mon to Fri 9.15am to 11.45am with Lunch club sessions on Mon and Wed till 1.15pm. Phone Sue Wills Supervisor on: 07905 632623.

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