

## News from Broadshires Pre-School

Children have such great fun with big empty boxes don't they? Over the years we've used boxes from deliveries as dens, boats, rockets, televisions, dark "rooms", etc. However, when we celebrated Chinese New Year, a member of staff had just the right box to make a head for the dragon dance. Eye holes were cut into the box then a group of children helped to decorate it in bright coloured paint and tissue paper. After a delicious stir-fry, eaten with rookie-chopsticks we listened to the story of how animals represent different years of the Chinese zodiac. We celebrated "Year of the dog" with Chinese music and some fantastic dragon dancing. The children were all eager to take a turn at wearing the dragon head, followed by the rest of their friends with a long piece of fabric draped over their heads. Some chose to be musicians instead, playing drums and bells. What a great finale! Observing another Chinese new year custom, everyone was given a lucky red envelope containing money (chocolate in this case!) to take home.

Our topic this term is Transport so we've talking about how people travel around, and learning about things like hot air balloons, space rockets, bicycles, etc.

Alison Rodger

If you would like more information about availability of places at our pre-school, or would like to arrange to visit, please contact:-

Jackie Overton, Supervisor, on 01367 860729

[www.broadshires-preschool.org.uk](http://www.broadshires-preschool.org.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/BroadshiresPreSchool>