

## From Nothing to Something

### News Headlines

#### Meet the Leaders



Elizabeth



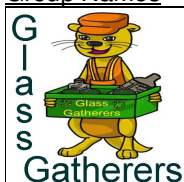
Candice



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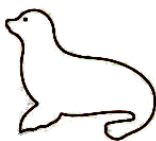
The main Leaders for each section of The BIG Top are Elizabeth Hicks (Rainbow Tent; 3s), Candice Maudlin (The Ring; 4-6s), and Pam Chapman (The Arena; 7-10s). There are many other voluntary leader and helpers from local churches working in The BIG Top.

#### Group Names



The group names for The Ring and The Arena were chosen as a reminder that we should all be Wastewatchers, caring for the world around us in all sorts of ways.

#### Craftwork



Today the children in The Ring made animal mobiles by colouring cut-out

card animals and hanging them on a frame made from recycled coat-hangers. They were able to take the mobiles home with them at the end of the session.

In The Arena they painted bird boxes which are drying overnight. We hope that when they take the bird boxes home, the children will be able to put them up in their gardens as a reminder to care for the world around them.

Today's craft in The Rainbow Tent was night & day discs. The sun on one side and the moon and stars on the other sparkle as they are spun from night to day and back again.

**Today in The BIG Top we learnt that God made the world – he made something out of nothing.**

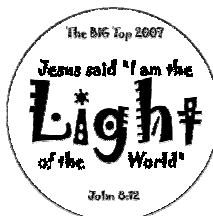
**God loves us and he loves his world. He wants us to love and care for each other. He also wants us to love and care for the world he made.**

*The BIG Top says:* Waste is making nothing out of something, but God is the opposite of that – He made something (everything even) out of nothing! Wow!

#### The BIG Top Drama 2007

The drama in The Ring and The Arena is all about a park and how it can be ruined if people don't look after it. Throughout the week, Barry, Larry and Harry (Harriet) will be learning how they can help Parkie (the park keeper) make the park into a much better place where people can enjoy themselves.

#### Memory Verse



Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12)

#### Recycled Pencil Pouches

Today every child should have been given a recycled pencil pouch with recycled BIG Top pencils. But they may have left them at The BIG Top for re-use tomorrow!

#### Thanks to our Sponsors

We are really grateful to Homebase, Sainsbury's, Tesco's and the Recycling Team of Richmond Council all of whom have donated resources to help with The BIG Top 2007.

### Don't Forget

#### Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am until about 3.00pm. Songs. Games. Inflatables. etc. BBQ. Those without children in The BIG Top will be able to buy Family tickets for the BBQ from Reception: £5.

#### Ring and Arena Talent Show

On Saturday we have a Talent Show from 10.30am to 12noon. The whole family is invited to join us for the Talent Show which will showcase the children from The Ring and The Arena.

#### The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from the past 7 years of The BIG Top – and this newsletter will be there too by the end of the day.

[www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk](http://www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk)

#### Wastewatchers



The theme of this year's The BIG Top is Wastewatchers. The material was developed by Scripture Union and has been adapted for The BIG Top. It explores how God cares for us and cares for his world. We should look after the world he has given us and take care of each other.

#### Recycled Jokes

In The Ring and The Arena we want to recycle old jokes! The old ones are the best ones. So write them down, bring them in, and put them in the recycled joke bank.

#### Wastewatcher's Tip of the Day

Write on the back of scrap paper rather than using new paper – make something out of nothing!