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Playdays children enjoy tile art

Hundreds of children enjoyed decorating tiles donated by Tile Depot, the UK's largest independent tile and stone retailer, at three Playdays held over the school holidays in Hillingdon.



With 14 stores across London and the South East including branches in Slough, Uxbridge, Wembley and Hanwell, Tile Depot was ideally located to supply the tiles to Hillingdon Play Association as just one of the activities on offer at the free Playdays, which proved extremely popular with over 2,500 people attending and children of all ages from across the borough and beyond taking part.

As well as tile decorating, the children battled against each other in the Sumo wrestling ring; rolled around in Zorba balls; took part in a percussion workshop with 30+ drums all beating to the same rhythm; used woodwork benches to saw, nail and hammer creations; tried their hand at archery and as well as watching, they also had the opportunity to hold and touch a variety of Birds of Prey.

Stephanie Tchertoff, inclusive play worker at Hillingdon Play Association, said: "The children drew, painted and coloured the tiles with ceramic pens and a glaze, which created a stained glass effect, and they thoroughly enjoyed it; it was an incredibly popular activity and we're extremely grateful to Tile Depot for its donation. Many of the tiles became keepsakes for parents or grandparents, which is a lovely idea. I'm sure some the tiles will be treasured for many years, and are probably now used as coasters or teapot stands! We're delighted that so many people came to the Playdays and everyone had loads of fun, which was fantastic to see and just what the community needed. As organisers, we're still buzzing and are looking forward to planning next year's event."

David Fitzgerald, operations director at Tile Depot, said: "We're delighted that the tile decorating was so popular with the children, and I hear it encouraged some real creativity, which is great. With four branches close by and others within just a few miles of Hillingdon, we are pleased to support the Play Association as part of our local community."

As well as offering a comprehensive collection of tile and stone, Tile Depot stocks a complete range of tools and accessories, provides a Trade Card scheme with exclusive trade offers and its

price promise guarantees the best price for all customers. For further information or to find your nearest store, contact Tile Depot on 08000 740720 or visit www.thetiledepot.co.uk.

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In the photographs: Tiles decorated by some of the children who attended the Playdays, one with a special message

Digital images are available from bubblepr@mac.com

Note to Editors:

Tile Depot is the UK's largest independent tile and stone retailer, with 14 stores across London and the South East and a comprehensive range of ceramic, porcelain and natural stone tiles, borders and mosaics, along with wooden flooring, under floor heating and all associated tools, after care products and accessories, Bathrooms are also available in selected stores and will soon be available on the web site. Stores are located in: Aylesbury, Basingstoke, Bedford, Cricklewood, Edgware, Greenford, Hanwell, High Wycombe, Milton Keynes, Slough, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Whetstone, and you can also purchase online at www.thetiledepot.co.uk.

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