

# Discovering the Flying Life Around Us



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Children have been going upstairs for their play routine for a few weeks now. We had setup shape play upstairs for them. That day children went upstairs for their play routine post snack time for the first time. Rohan and Driti noticed a dragonfly flying and were excited to see it but it flew away. Children were a little sad but they continued with their play.

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Today, when the children went upstairs they noticed the dragonfly again. Roshni, Rohan and Anika noticed the dragonfly, got excited and started running behind it.



By this time there were many more dragonflies flying around. Then, Parinita and Pratham started following the dragonflies. Slowly, Dhvani, Driti and Saanvi too joined in running to and fro behind the dragonflies screaming and squealing in

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excitement, raising up their arms as if they were also flying. It looked like the dragonflies too were enjoying the kids chasing them because, they did not fly away but kept coming back as if playing with them.



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Today seemed to be a day of observing flying creatures. Jia was sitting on the slide when she noticed a flock of pigeons flying. Then, the facilitator picked her up so she could see the pigeons better. One by one all the kids asked to be picked up to see the pigeons. Another wave of excitement arose as the children saw the flock of birds flying around the buildings. They were observing carefully and following the birds' movements.

As Jia was sitting and watching she said, "Lots of birds", then as they flew away she said, "Oh! It went away." She then waited for two minutes hoping they would come back and when they did not come back she said sadly, "It won't come back."

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It was as if nature was being at its bountiful best with kids because soon after the birds visit, Jia and Saanvi noticed a butterfly above the doll house. They were watching the colours on its wings with excitement. By the time the other kids could come and see it, it flew away.



We are all hoping to see more flying creatures up in the play area in the future...

When we were done, and had come down Pratham said, "It is flying up high in the sky" as if connecting and culminating an interesting and exciting journey that they had just experienced upstairs with all the interesting flying creatures.