



# Childsplay Newsletter

Spring 2015

Welcome to all the new children who have started at Childsplay over the last few weeks. We hope you and your child enjoy their time here.

## Red Nose Day

The children all enjoyed participating in Red Nose Day. We raised **£192.36**

So Well Done everyone. x



**Oak & Willow** - We have introduced Workshops in our preschool room. The first one, on Literacy and Language was a great success. Our next workshop is on Numeracy which is being held on the Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Michelle has printed out letters for the parents and you should receive these shortly. If you are interested in attending please let one of the staff know.

Oak Room - children are currently learning about Space. They have been learning about the planets and what it is like to live in Space. There is an eclipse of the Sun on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> which will be very exciting. They love watching [www.sciencekids.co.nz](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz) which shows lots of videos on how to sleep, wash and eat in space. The children chose their next theme. Grace wants to learn about dinosaurs "because their cool"!

Willow - Willow have re-introduced the book bags. If you are interested in lending a bag, please see a member of the team. Their next theme is Spring.



**Snowdrop and Bluebells** - We have a 'Magical Storyteller' visiting our 2 year olds on a Wednesday morning. Please ask a member of staff for more details.

*Allergies - We would ask you not to let your child bring food into the nursery. We have a number of children with Allergies and must be vigilant as to what the children are eating whilst here. Thank you for your co operation.*

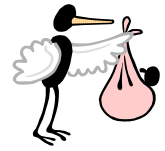


**Teddybears** - Teddybears' children are very busy at the moment. They have just done their Spring displays and are now making their Easter cards.

**Cubs** - Louise Whittaker, who has worked in our Cub room for many years, has now taken over as the Cub room leader. Since our last newsletter we have a new member of staff in our baby room. Julie Rowlands. Julie started in the Autumn of last year and has soon become a valued member of our team. The Cub room have given names for their key groups based on Winnie the Pooh characters. There is a board outside cub room which will let you know which group your child is in.

## Staff News

Gemma Fury who works in our Teddy bear room has just given birth to a baby girl called Florence. Both Gemma and Florence are really well and we hope to see them soon. Megan Esler one of our bank team is covering some of Gemma's maternity leave. She has been at Childsplay for over a year covering when she can subject to her University commitments. She has recently returned from a trip to Thailand, working in a setting as part of her degree. She has come back with lots of ideas which I know she will share with our children and staff.



Bethan Owen and Rowen Scyner - A warm welcome to two new members of staff who are working for the nursery as cover for holidays and sickness. Both Bethan and Rowen are currently studying for their degrees.

Shemis Zaidani - A warm welcome also to Shemis who has been employed as an apprentice at Childsplay. Shemis will be based in our preschool rooms Willow and Oak.

**Security:** For parents who have children in Oak or Willow (upstairs) If you would like to register on our biometric entrance system. Please come into the office for details.

**Wellbeing Charter Re-accreditation** - We successfully completed our re accreditation so well done everyone concerned.



**Website:** [www.childsplayofliverpool.com](http://www.childsplayofliverpool.com)

Our Website is up and running and we are very pleased with it. We are doing our best to keep it updated with our events and news so please take a look. We would welcome any feedback you may have. All the rooms have a nursery blog, so please make sure to log on to see what your child's room is up to.

## Nursery Education Funding

Each child is eligible for NEF from the term after they are 3. **The next term is Summer which starts in April.** When your child is eligible in that term you will receive and a form for you to fill out and return. It is important that this form is returned promptly to the office so your claim can be submitted to Liverpool City Council. Those eligible will receive letters nearer the time.

**2 year Funding** - Some 2 year olds may be eligible for free early education and childcare, visit the Liverpool Early Help Directory for more information. [www.fsdliverpool.gov.uk](http://www.fsdliverpool.gov.uk)