

Some Memorable Moments from Spring Term 2017



Zoo Lab



World Book Day 2017



Learning about Babies



Staff Training- Safeguarding



Plant Growing in the Toddlers



Sensory play in the Baby Room



Summer Term Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

1 st May	Bank Holiday- Full Closure of the Nursery
29 th May	Bank Holiday- Full Closure of the Nursery
To Be Confirmed by Friday 28 th April	Graduation
21 st July 2017	End of term
28 th August	Bank Holiday- Full Closure of the Nursery

The R.E.A.L Project with Coral

Some families participated in a literacy project with our nursery Literacy Champion, Coral. During this project, Coral visited the families at home and shared how reading and writing can be supported at home. Events were put on for families to attend such as the Christmas party and the library event. Coral has received some great feedback comments about the project and will be starting a second phase in May. If you would like some ideas and advice on how to extend children's literacy skills at home please speak to a member of staff to sign up.



Did you see our lovely Mother's Day Video? If you did not please visit our Facebook page or our YouTube account. Both under the name Gigglers Day Nursery. A copy is also on our website at www.gigglersdaynursery.co.uk.

Please also visit our website for updated policies such as Safeguarding and the Complaints procedure

Other Projects

The R.E.A.L project has been so successful we are considering the same approach to other areas of development for children such as Positive behaviour and Maths. These programmes are currently being adapted and will be in place soon but if you are interested or have any suggestions on projects please share with a member of staff and we will be more than happy to share your feedback.

Awards and Accreditations

Spring term was a great time for Gigglers Day Nursery as we received Millie's Mark which, as some of you may know, is a quality mark for the nursery to show the commitment and dedication we have for keeping children safe at nursery. All our staff are first aid paediatric first aid trained and staff undergo six weekly assessments

Finalists in Women in Enterprise Award are:
 Jan Shorrocks (Soapy Skin)
 Mina Khan (One Spice)
 Kym Wells (Gigglers Day Nursery)



NDNA National Awards

Staff development and enhancement is part of the nursery ethos and we currently have six members of staff participating in their degree. The setting also provides further opportunity for staff development through training events, research lead practice and conferences. Resulting from our commitment we have been shortlisted into the final three, nationally for investing in our people. The notification email for this award said:

'This year's entries have been of a really high standard, reflecting just how much our member nurseries and their staff do for the children in their care. During the shortlisting process we carefully consider every entry and look through all the evidence provided, and after careful consideration, I am pleased to inform you that you have been shortlisted for the NDNA Investing in your People Award 2017.' Jessica Martini (BA Hons), Marketing Executive, NDNA

30 hours Government Funding

In September, the government will provide 30 hours of funding places to parents who, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £120 a week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage). If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible. You can't get 30 hours free childcare if you, or your partner, expect to earn £100,000 or more.

In the news, you may have seen reports of how settings are largely underfunded for the funded hours therefore, here at Gigglers, we are finalising our business model to accommodate these hours and we will be meeting with parents this term to discuss how each child can access their hours. During this time we will also be meeting with parents who will continue to qualify for the 15 hours as there will be some small changes to their contract. Meeting dates and times will be organised by Laura and Kym and sent out via letter so please see them directly if your allocated time is not suitable. In the meantime, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if you qualify for the 30 or 15 hours.



on their abilities and confidence to carry our first aid.

During this term, our very own Kym Wells, Nursery Director, was nominated and shortlisted in to the final three of *Inspiration Women Award 2017, Women in Enterprise*. Kym was nominated for her commitment to excellence within the setting, her dedication to staff wellbeing and supporting women in work.



Tax Free Childcare

If you're a working parent with children under 12 (or under 17 for disabled children), you can open an online account to pay for registered childcare. The government will top-up the money you pay into the account. For every £8 you pay in, the government will add an extra £2. You can receive up to £2,000 per child, or £4,000 if disabled. You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £120 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage). If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible. Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if you qualify for the scheme.

Baby Moves

We are excited to share with you that the Award Winning Baby Moves will be holding a Parent and Child stay and play session here at Gigglers every Monday morning from 10.30am. Baby Moves is for every stage of your child's development, whether they are stationary, crawling or on the move, the classes work with the latest research to stimulate growth and development through movement, sensory play and music. To book on the sessions please contact nursery or Rachelle at Rachellebabymoves@gmail.com. Please share this fantastic session with your friends and family who may wish to bring their child.

For the children in the Baby and Toddler Room who attend on a Monday, they will have the opportunity to participate in a Baby Moves session in the morning at a cost of £1.50 per child.



Outdoor Play

The Department for Education has stated that children should now receive three hours' worth of physical play a day so it is crucial that all children have the opportunity to access the outdoors. Our Outdoor policy is included with this letter but it states that we access the outdoors every day, in all weathers. Suitable clothing is the best way to eliminate many parental concerns. The policy and letter will provide you with more information on this matter however, please speak to a room leader or member of management of you wish to discuss it further.