



## January / February 2012 Newsletter

### Staff News

**Melanie Leaving** - We are very sadly saying goodbye to Melanie after 7 years with us. Melanie is moving onto a new nursery where we hope she will be very happy and enjoy the new challenges. We know Melanie will keep in touch with the many good friends she has made here and we wish her all the very best! Melanie's last day with us will be Friday 27 January.

**Megan Joins Us** - We would like to welcome Megan to our team - Megan has been with us since October as part of a work experience programme and will now be working full time and undertaking her Level III with MI Technologies.

**Staff Room Moves** - Due to Melanie's departure we will be moving some staff about - Nicola will join Nicole in the 3 - 5's Room, and Cheryl will join Siobhan in the Tiger Tots Room. Our new member of staff Megan will join Jill in the Tiny Tots Room. This is a great opportunity for staff to bring their own individual experience and skills to the rooms and develop the programmes on offer for the children. If there has been any change to your child's keyworker staff will arrange a time with you to meet and discuss plans and progress! We also have a Stay n Play week scheduled for March which will be a good opportunity to spend some time in your child's room, meeting their friends, looking at folders and displays and taking part or observing activities and experiences!

**Student Placement** - We would like to welcome Kirsty to our team. Kirsty is studying childcare and education at City of Glasgow College and will be with us every Monday and Tuesday until June 2012. Kirsty will be based mainly in the Tiger Tots, and will be observing staff practice, learning about our curriculum and daily routines and carrying out planned activities for her course work! We are sure Kirsty will enjoy her time at Jack & Jill's and will learn a lot!

**Staff Holidays** Kim 26 Feb - 4 March

#### Baby Room

Joining the Baby Room is Michael. The Baby Room will be focusing on sensory play experiences and physical play.

#### Tiger Tots

Emily and Cara have joined the Tigers. This plan the group will be focusing on lots of sensory and messy experiences and language development. You can support this at home by reading stories and nursery rhymes!

#### Tiny Tots

Calvin, Szymon and Marifa have now moved into join the Tiny Tots. This plan they will be focusing on physical development and sensory experiences.

#### 3 - 5's

Joining the 3 - 5's is Leah. This plan they group is learning about healthy eating and looking after ourselves. You can support this at home by talking about healthy eating choices, why it's important to eat fruit and vegetables and be active. You can also encourage your child's independence by encouraging them to wash their hands and put on their clothes. Our rhyme this month is Five Currant Buns and you can help your child learn this at home!

### Management Update

Following a suggestion from a parent at the Forum Meeting we are now trialing online questionnaires, with the view to replacing the old paper ones - the latest questionnaire on Staffing was emailed and posted on facebook. Please let Kim know if you had any problems accessing this or found it less useful!

### Dates for Your Diary

Holidays for Pre School Funding and College Placements

Mid term Hols - Mon 14<sup>th</sup> and Tues 15<sup>th</sup> February

Stay n Play Week - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - all day every day

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