

Summer 2005



# Smisbydaynurserynewsletter



## It's been a while!

**D**ear Parents,  
Sorry it has been so long since our last newsletter was published, but we have been waiting for 2 reasons.

One we wanted to be able to publish our new and most recent successful OFSTED report and secondly we were waiting for our new branding and

logos in order to publish the next newsletter in the new format with our new logo. We hope you'll agree that was worth the wait.

As it has been quite a while since our last issue this one will contain lots of info that will take us up to September 2005. Some of the news will, therefore, be a little dated but is still relevant for

you to read and be aware of.

We hope you find this newsletter interesting to read and hopefully you may give us some feed back as to what you thought?

If anyone has anything they would like to put in the next newsletter, please let me know.

Enjoy your read, **Nikki**

## Staff Babies

**K**atie left nursery quite unexpectedly in February due to a problem with her pregnancy. This meant she had quite a tough time with a stay in hospital. Kian was born 6 weeks early on the 10<sup>th</sup> March weighing in at 3lb 3oz and spent a short time in the special care baby unit. Since March he has progressed well, left hospital and is now thriving well at home, doing the normal baby things and keeping mum & dad on their toes! Last update on his weight was he was nearing 7 lb 2 oz.

Our best wishes also go to Catherine who gave birth to a little girl Alicia on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

A little sister for Charlie, Alicia weighed in at 7 lb 11 oz.

Well done.

### Congratulations!

Debby Costello (Pre-school) is expecting her first baby, which is due at the end of September. She will be leaving to start her maternity leave some time in August. We'd like to wish her well.



## New staff, changes and departures

### Dec 2004

We had a new member of staff to welcome into the Pre School room, Denise Treadwell who is NVQ 2 qualified. Denise works full time and is currently working towards her NVQ 3, she has experience of Pre-School children as she used to work in a local playgroup.

### Jan 2005

We have a new trainee, her name is Sarah Crane she is 23 years old and is studying for a CACHE Dip. She is based in the baby room and will be with us until the end of June.

### Feb 2005

Cassie Fox joins us from 7<sup>th</sup> Feb as our new Playworker at Smiz Kids. 2.30 pm – 6 pm Mon – Fri.

### April 2005

Liz Abell joined us at Smiz

Kids as our new After School & Holiday club Co-ordinator to replace Sandy. Liz has 6 years experience of running out of school clubs.

Sandy has taken on the role of Acting Deputy Officer in Charge during Katie's maternity leave and will work full time based in the baby room also as head of baby room.

### May 2005

Lisa Varney joins us in Pre School room in the afternoons to work opposite Annie as Nursery Assistant after having 1 year of training experience and will now work towards her NVQ level 3.

### Welcome Everyone!

### Staff Departures

Anne-Marie (Baby Room) will be leaving us at the end of June she will have been with the nursery for nearly 2 years, and we would like to

thank her for all her hard work. She has to move area due to family commitments. We wish her well.

Diane (Baby Room) has now decided it is time to move on due to changes in family circumstances. She will be leaving us around the end of June, after 14 ½ years of service. Thank you for your hard work and loyalty. She will be starting in a new post as an Occupational Therapist Assistant. We would like to wish her every success in her new chosen career. She will be greatly missed.

### Staff Illness

**T**racy is on long term sick leave at the moment due to severe back problems she is experiencing. We apologise to Tracy's key worker children but as she shares her Keyworker children with Dawn in the morning please see Dawn.

## OfSTED have spoken!

We were notified in November that Ofsted will be coming to make a Care inspection of both the Nursery and Smiz Kids 511 between January and March 2005. This was really good news for us as it was the first inspection since the change of ownership of the Nursery. We asked some of the parents to complete Questionnaires that were sent out by OfSTED prior to inspection and we would like to thank all those who completed them for taking the time to give their opinion of the Nursery.

The inspections were a complete success and the official reports have now been published. We have printed a number of reports for anyone that wishes to read them. Please ask a member of staff for a copy of the report to borrow. Alternatively they are freely available on the OfSTED website [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).

If you go to the website

and select reports at the top and use the search function on the left and search for LE65 2TY you will find the reports for both the Nursery and Smiz Kids 511 appear at the top of the list.

Information that is not contained in the report but which was imparted to us by the inspectors makes interesting reading.

The inspector for the nursery told us that in 10 years of inspecting nurseries she had rarely found one that was as good as Smisby Day Nursery and which had everything necessary with regards to organisation, administration and policies. She felt that the ethos of the nursery was outstanding and that the children were amongst the happiest and most confident she had seen in a nursery setting.

The inspector for the Out of School club made comments similar to the Nursery inspectors and again she struggled to find anything wrong. Again she

commented that in 20 years of inspection she had rarely found an Out of School Club that was as good as ours. She said that of the 14 standards she had never given top marks in all 14 standards before and we were the first.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for all their hard work in making these OfSTED reports the best that the nursery has ever achieved. Without their hard work and dedication to the Nursery and the children this place could never be as good as it is.

### Can we improve on our OfSTED reports?

We would like to think so, despite the glowing reports, and therefore we will continually strive to make it the best we can with the help of a very dedicated team.

Should anyone have any questions about the OfSTED reports please do not hesitate to speak to a senior member of staff, Ian or Sheila

## Welcome

This is our section where we welcome all the new children into the nursery since our last newsletter.

Welcome to you all and we hope you enjoy your stay with us

### Jan

Harry Hallas BR  
Finley Pidcock BR  
Daniel Miller BR  
Oliver Grundy TR  
Charlotte Fletcher TR  
Nicholas Williams SK/AS

### Feb

Lauren Blisset BR  
Olivia Westwood TR  
Sophie Wright TR  
Hannah Rushman PS  
Thomas Woodward SK/HC  
Martha Kent SK/HC

### Mar

Josie Kirk –BR  
Charlotte Flynn PS  
Caitlin Allen SK/HC  
Joshua Allen SK/HC  
Lewis Brierly SK/HC  
Jack Brierly SK/HC

### Apr

Tristan Betts BR  
Kate Lawrance BR  
Holly Beaumont TR  
Sophie Crawford PS  
Georgina Turton PS  
Adam Walster SK AS

### May

Anna Mansfield BR  
Nina Warrington PS  
Jenny Hill SK/HC  
Samantha Hill SK/HC  
Elliott Pearson SK/HC  
Nathan Pearson SK/HC  
Emily Russell SK/AS

### June

James Jones TR  
Thomas Hellier TR

### Key

BR—Baby Room  
TR—Toddler Room  
PS—Pre School  
SK/AS—Smiz Kids After School  
SK/HC—Smiz Kids Holiday Club

## Dates for your Diary

### Bank Holidays

We will be closed on the following dates

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

### Next Smiz Kids Club

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

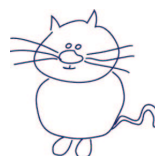
**Smiz Kids summer holiday Club**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### Nursery Parents Evening

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Please see your child's keyworker to book an appointment



## Sara Update

For those of you who knew Sara, the previous owner of the nursery, she has now

flown over to Crete on 4<sup>th</sup> May to start her new life with her husband and children in sunnier climes.

We would like to wish her, and her family, well and every success in their new adventure.

## Fund Raising

A big thank you has to go to all parents and children involved in raising money for The Children's Society, Children in Need, Tsunami appeal & Comic Relief.

- The Cristingle Service at the church raised £211.32
- We raised £148.00 for the Tsunami Appeal
- We raised £106.89 for Children in Need
- We raised £80.46 for Comic relief

Some of the events raised a bit of a giggle, with the staff having to wear their pyjamas for Children in Need and their old school uniforms, some of which were very old, for the



Tsunami appeal and the children were all dressed



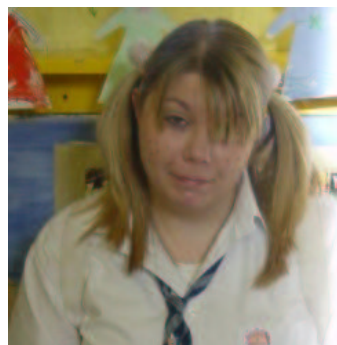
in blue and white.

For Comic Relief we ran a 'Miss Hoolie' Competition for the children to design her a new hair do. There was a winner for each age group, they were; Caitlin Walters for the baby room, Harry Redfern-Smith for the toddlers & Ellie Taylor for the pre-school room. All the winners received an Easter egg. Well done everyone who took part there were some great entries!

### Race for life.

A lot of the staff are taking part in the Race for Life, on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> at Western Park, Leics. They will be taken part as a

group, they will be calling themselves the 'Smisbybusybees' & have had their own T-shirts printed. If anyone is willing to sponsor the group for their efforts it would be much appreciated. Please see Jessica Smith (Toddler Room) who is taking charge of their entry. GO GIRLS!



## Help!

This is our regular column where we ask for your help with things we need in the nursery like newspaper, empty boxes etc. to use in our crafts with the children. We consider this as a way of recycling rubbish and we also know you love to get back all the things the children make with them to stick on your fridge!

This time the plea is for

### Newspapers

Please also read our appeal for clothes at the bottom of this page.

Thank You

## Birthdays

Birthdays come but once a year, so here we take time to congratulate you all.

### Children

Molly Crowley  
Ethan Tweddle  
Joe Tweddle  
Archie McNamee  
Lorna Brierly  
Laura Dixon  
Charlie Massie  
William Slack  
Joel Beedle  
Caitlin Walters  
Harvey Loake  
Louis Marchini  
Billy Smith  
Alice Marriot  
Oliver Rushton  
Carter Lee  
Hannah Adams  
Tom Joyce  
Ellie Taylor  
Phillip Walters  
Charlie Joyce  
Joshua Deacon  
James Lockett  
James Longstaff  
Morgan Butcher  
Rachel Pacey  
Honor Newman  
Thomas Lane  
Paige Beedle  
Finley Pidcock  
Sophie Crawford  
Toby Johnson  
Bethan Haines  
Maia Walters  
Lucy Allen

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## Children's Spare Clothes

Please could you make sure your child has spare clothes on their peg at all times, please (LABELLED). Inevitably children have accidents all the time not only toilet accidents but also during their play and at meal times. It helps enormously if the children have their own clothes to put on. If we do use your spare clothes, then could

you make sure you replace them with some more for the following day?

At the moment we are using our stock of clothes constantly, children are going home in the nursery clothes and they are not always returned straight away! Which means our stocks are now very low, we have NO boys underpants at all!

### WANTED - Nursery Clothes for Spares?

If anybody has any spare clothes for Boys & Girls aged 18 months to 4 yrs we would be very grateful to replenish our stocks in the Toddler and Pre-School room.

Especially underpants, pants & socks.



# Themes and Topics within the rooms

## Birthday's



Toddler Room			
Month	Themes	Colour	Activities
May	In the Garden	Green	Birds, Weather, Flowers
June	In the Garden	Red	Vegetables, Fruit, Fish
July	Under the Sea	Blue	Music, Summer
August	Under the Sea	Brown	People who help us, opposites
September	Animals	Spots/Stripes	Zoo, Circus, on the farm

Pre School Room					
Month	Colour	Shape	Letter	Number	Topic
May	Purple	Circle	Q,R	9,10	My body, senses and myself
June	Green	Triangle	X, Z, C, A	Odd, Even, 1,2	Mini Beasts
July	Rainbow	Sphere	H, M, T, S	4, 5, 6, 7	People who help us
August	Orange	Square	I, N, Y, G, O	8, 9, 10, Odd, Even	People who help us
September	Pink	Cube/Cuboid	F, P, K, E	1, 2, 3, 4	Understanding Materials

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Faith Darnley  
Thomas Hellier  
Kyle Willis  
Emma Woodward  
Ellie Edwards  
Harry Hallas  
Benjamin Horwood  
Josie Kirk  
Charlotte Fletcher  
Francesca Scattergood  
Olivia Westwood  
Daniel Miller  
Nina Warrington  
James Sutton  
Kate Lawrance  
Hannah Rushman  
Riley Weston  
Matthew Bates  
Thomas Fargher  
Oliver Grundy  
Harry Redfern-Smith  
Finely Miller  
Sophie Wright  
Lauren Blissett  
Tegan Boiles  
Ella Richards  
Ellie Pidcock  
Shaun Henderson  
Keelie Perry  
John Mansfield  
Jack Pearson  
Ethan Tebutt  
Louis Bassett  
James Jones  
Maddy Baker  
Ciara Bassett  
Tristan Betts

### Staff

Jan - Anne, Debby & Cassie  
Feb - Bev B, Sandy & Liz  
Mar - Bev A, Denise & Diane  
Apr - Tracy  
May- Linda  
Jun – Rebecca, Katie & Heather  
Jul -  
Aug -Jessica, Ian, Sheila & Nikki  
Sept - Catherine M

I can't possibly print their date of birth as some of us are positively ancient!!!!!!

Me included.

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## Going, Going, Gone.....!

We would like to say a fond farewell to all of our pre-schoolers that have left to go to school or will be leaving us at the end of this term.

We wish you all the best of luck and hope you have a great time at school:

### Already left

Eleanor Bond  
Eve Chadbourne  
Billie Eastaugh  
Jordan Edwards  
Joanna Hewitt

Chloe Ikin-Dean  
Harry Pulford  
Thomas Rushman  
Emily Russell  
Thomas Woodward  
Amy Wright

### Going this Term

Hannah Adams  
Alice Torson  
Ciara Bassett  
Spike Fearn  
James Lockett  
Charlotte Burdett  
Lewis Crowley  
Oliver Heenan

Billy Smith  
Ellie Edwards  
Alice Marriot  
Ellie Taylor.

Good Luck to you all at your new schools in September.

We also say goodbye to Ellie & Evie Smith from Smiz Kids, they are moving house and going to live in Rugby.

Good Luck!