



## Rated Outstanding

**Daisy Chain Childrens Nursery in Blaby has been awarded an outstanding grading by Ofsted.**

The nursery was taken over six months ago by Manager Amanda Donkin who worked closely with her nursery team and Sarah Lissaman (Improvement Advisor) to improve their grade from satisfactory to outstanding.

Daisy Chain currently have several staff working towards Foundation Degrees (funded by Leicestershire County Council) which Amanda highlighted as key to their success:

"Staff working towards Foundation Degrees use their new knowledge to ensure our care is constantly improving which has helped us achieve our outstanding rating".

**If your provision has achieved an Outstanding rating please send us an article to [childcare@leics.gov.uk](mailto:childcare@leics.gov.uk) or phone us on 0116 305 7373.**

## Male-day at Kidaroo

**Friday 16th October 2009 was a special day at Kidaroo Ravenhurst. All the dads, granddads, step-dads, uncles, older brothers or any significant males were invited to attend a pre-school session for the morning or afternoon. A great day was had by all and a big thank you goes out to all the men who came to join us.**

Male-day gave dads and significant males the opportunity to become involved in their child's early years education and experience activities the children are engaged in whilst attending Kidaroo. There were a host of activities throughout the day including digging, leaf collecting, making play dough and painting.

During the day we were visited by a male nurse and the fire service who brought along a fire engine for everyone to sit in and even have a go with a hose!

Thank you to everyone who made the event so special, we appreciate you taking the time to come and visit us.

## Correcting an error

**In the autumn 2009 Partnership Plus there was an article on page 9 about Childminder assistants guidance. The guidance was split into two groups;**

- Childcare Register: children aged 0 - 5 years
- Early Years Register: children aged 5 - 8 years

An error on our part meant that the wrong ages were printed for the different registers and it should have read:

- Childcare Register: children aged 5 - 8 years
- Early Years Register: children aged 0 - 5 years

We are sorry for any confusion caused. If you would like more information about the different registers contact your Development or Improvement Advisor - the contact details are on the back cover.