

Boogie Mites Online Practitioner Training **Six Week Courses 2021**

Boogie Mites launched their first online six week training course in January 2021, in partnership with NDNA. Since then we've had more than 100 trainees taking part in our School Ready and Teenies Music Programme training. Here are some comments from the trainees:

"100% enjoyment! Really loved being part of it and learning the songs. A new take on the traditional phase 1 phonics which has been enjoyed."

Siobhan Clarke, Railway Children Nursery, Northants

"If you're looking for something different, fun and easy this is definitely the course for you."

Stacey Renshaw, RAFAKidz, Digby

"I have found the resources provided to be excellent, giving lots of ideas on how to extend and expand activities. The songs and music are original and catchy, and I love the fact that I am helping the children to advance educationally in such a fun and enjoyable way! I feel that the fact that I am enjoying it so much is enthusing the children too. They all seem so eager to join in and to contribute their ideas and I feel confident that they are advancing in many areas, including their communication, social and gross motor skills, as well as becoming more confident and expressive individuals."

Paula Ariel, Little Stars Nursery, Staffs

"Our music sessions were stale and a bit flat, these Boogie Mites sessions have really improved our music, with the reassurance we are meeting the Letters and Sounds requirements. Such good value!"

Kirsty Winwood, Rainbow Nursery, Staffs

"This course has really given me the opportunity and tools to bring music back into the classroom with purpose. Learning through music now has a completely different meaning for me."

Kirsty Bard, The Lake House Nursery, Bristol

"I loved the course, thank you. Bright and cheerful with great ideas such a welcome break from all the 'doom and gloom' at the moment! Thank you so much for the weekly sessions. They're great and the children have enjoyed joining in with them." "Lots of new ideas to refresh your enthusiasm for teaching phase one phonics!"

Jennifer Smith, Trumacar Nursery, Lancs

"The training has been really informative and helpful. I am going to organise a meeting with the girls at work to set them up with the same information and start a wider programme to support our little ones on the path to boogie-ing."

Lizi Winstanley, Longwood Pre-School, Bushey

"Course was a lot of fun, Tutor was so enthusiastic, made me smile, made me feel happy about letting myself go and just having lots of fun in what I do."

Usha Ahir, Cliffhouse Nursery, Shipley

"Fun, enthusiastic course leader. A great way to promote all areas of the EYFS through music."

Charlotte Sale, Ickwell Pre-School, Bedfordshire

"Boogie Mites make Sounds and Letters so much fun! We are learning new skills through movement, dancing and singing, is there a better way to learn?"

Barbara Ciwinska, Beanstalk Nursery, London

"This course has provided me and my staff with all the information to ensure our children are school ready and are developing in all areas of the EYFS. It provides fun, listening skills and has given our children heaps of confidence within the setting."

Olivia Creedy, Little Turtle Day Nursery, Birmingham

"The music is amazing! I find the jazzy songs bring so much joy and curiosity to the children. This is and will be a great resource for our nursery. Thank you!"

Anamaria Toma, Wimbledon Park Montessori Nursery, London

"It was a really good time to implement the course because we have found a lot of the children's well being has been effected by the pandemic and just singing the songs has supported lifting spirits in the setting."

Aimee Fielding, Barnston Buddies, Liverpool

"Really catchy songs that the children love to join in with that can be adapted to suit the interests of the child or developed. A wonderful programme to explore all aspects of phonics phase 1."

Jayne Worsley-Clarke, St Catherines Nursery, Lancashire

"The children and staff have been enjoying the programme a lot. We have been singing along with the tracks and also sing acappella. The songs are super fun and catchy as well as educational. The teachers enjoyed them just as much as the children!"

Hannah Milnes, Beanstalk Nursery, London

"The children showed a great interest in learning the new songs and music and it was evident towards the end of the six weeks that the children were making progress within their specific areas alongside their prime areas as so many targets were achieved. I am happy with the things I have learned and am now confident in being able to implement music into my setting. It has been a really fun course that is easy to understand, implement and teach to others. I am very happy with the help I received when I was unsure on how to implement some aspects."

Molly Aries, Secret Garden Childcare, Nottingham

"An excellent course which provides an understanding of how music can help a child's development."

Sam Baines, Kingfisher House Day Nursery, Flintshire

"These songs have helped to give a strong enjoyable structure to this very important phase of phonics learning."

Clare Waite, Wakefield Methodist School, Wakefield

"Very informative, interesting and fun course that teaches you all the skills needed to ensure children are school ready!"

Rebecca Pates, School Site, Staffordshire

"Really good course offering in depth information on how music and musical activities are vital for our youngest learners across the whole EY curriculum with excellent focus on using the songs and activities in developing early literacy skills."

Claire Errico, University of Nottingham Day Nursery and Play Centre, Nottingham

"The children loved learning the songs and it gave the staff some fresh ideas to bring to everyday learning."

Sarah Ball, Spring RAF Shawbury Nursery, Shrewsbury

"Thank you for putting together such an amazing course. This has to be my favourite course ever and have thoroughly enjoyed bringing new ideas into the setting. Well done to you all. A well worth course for both adults and children."

Anita Rewbury, Dandelion Day Nursery and Kids Club, Lincoln

"An activity that used to be overlooked will now be made more enjoyable and accessible by all the practioners in our nursery. Great songs and easy resources to make."

Kerri Girdler, Littleworld Day Nurseries Ltd, Hampshire

"This course was very easy and enjoyable to follow, the teaching and learning for both adults and children was extremely helpful and inspiring."

Laura Palmer, Littleworld Day Nurseries Ltd, Hampshire

"The course has been very beneficial and learnt lots that I will be able to pass onto other practitioners."

Katie Foster, Kenwood Day Nursery, Manchester

"Gives you new fresh ideas to promote school readiness and listening attention skills."

Louise Craddock, Happy Days Childcare, Northampton

"Amazing songs that your children will love. Highly recommended."

Maryam Bi, Ollie Owls, Amersham

"I had watched all the modules and my pre school children have loved all the new songs. Boogie Mites have certainly produced an amazing resource for supporting Phase One phonics. It has been fun and easy to follow and the children have especially loved making all their own instruments. I have been a Reception teacher for 30 years but being back with pre schoolers has been a new adventure for me! This has been an excellent way for me to refresh my skills and understanding of Phase One phonics. I am quite confident with everything and have found it very valuable. Thank you to all the Boogie Mites team."

Sarah Gwynne, Little Dragons Day Nursery, Northants

"A fun and very useful course which will be a great aid to our nursery"

Lynne Allen, The Little School By The Lake, Petersfield

"A very hands on and practical course, all the children enjoyed learning the songs."

Alison Moran, Harvey Road Pre-School, Birmingham

"Fun and educational and so movitavting for staff as well as children"

Louise Beaton, Littleworld Day Nursery, Hampshire

"The course was very helpful, specifically in this time of pandemic where we do online classes. I learned a lot and my students were so happy. Can't wait to try all the activities in a face to face setting. Thank you Boogie Mites."

Tanya Pagsolingan, Kids Kingdom Play Center, Bangkok

"Overall this course has been amazing and has not only boosted confidence in the children but also in myself as a staff member"

Shona Francis, Shape Nurture Solutions, Huddersfield

"The children have really enjoyed learning new songs, especially those that involve tapping/clapping a specific way. This has been great to support listening skills and rhythm. Which are our two targeted areas we needed to focus on."

Jemma King, Rainbows Nursery, Surrey

"I found the course easily accessibly, informative and inspired. It helped feed into my general practise with children"

Bonnie Kempster, Craft Wizard Pre-School, London

"I really enjoyed the course. All the resources are very useful and the activities are very interesting."

Carmen Betancourt Salamanca, Kids Kabin, London

"Very informative and innocative music sessions to promote children's language and literacy"

Aimee Worsley, Little Lambs Nursery, Bolton

"The information given is well researched and shows why this method works for the development of the children"

Harsha Rupawala, Brightsparks Day Nursery, Surrey

"This course helps to provide a new and exciting way to let children express themselves through music and movement"

Emma Watson, Pumpkin Pie Childcare, Morpeth

"It has been delightful to see the children learning through song"

Nancy Walker, Academy Hungry Caterpillars, Northolt

"This age group is very challenging because some of them are still learning to talk and socialize. English is not the first language for some of our students that's why I'm so thankful for this programme because I've learned a lot on how to communicate and interact with kids through your beautiful songs and activities."

Tanya Pagsolingan, Kids Kingdom Play Center, Bangkok

"Everyone needs to do a Boogie Mites course."

Aimee Robinson, Scarisbrook Hall Pre-School, Lancashire

From the cohorts of online trainees that completed the six week courses since January 2021, 100% of trainees who submitted feedback have said that they would recommend the course to a friend.

It has been amazing to work with such enthusiastic practitioners from all over the UK, and some from the other side of the world! We have learnt a lot for developing our online courses further and will be staying in contact with trainees to support parent involvement and extension of music provision to other age groups.

We are offering online courses each month, covering different programmes. You can find out about upcoming dates here: <https://boogiemites.co.uk/online-practitioner-training-2021/>