



CASE STUDY: Happy Days Nursery Group/Boogie Mites Roll Out

Happy Days Nurseries/Boogie Mites School Ready Programme - making music and movement central to pedagogy in the pre-school rooms.

“I have implemented Boogie Mites music programmes and been a trainer at two nursery groups. I have seen how staff, children, parents and Ofsted respond. I highly recommend Boogie Mites Music Programmes as a valuable investment.”

“Boogie Mites training was held on 3 Saturdays in November 2023 to introduce the School Ready Music Programme to all 21 nurseries. The days were enjoyed by all, implementation plan was started immediately, and we now hear joyful music in our nurseries every day. Staff and children are loving it. In Summer 2024 we are planning the parent involvement project.”

Jackie Cambridge, Quality Manager, Happy Days Nurseries

It was a pleasure to work with Jackie on the introduction of Boogie Mites School Ready Music Programme across Happy Days Nurseries. We met to plan the project initially in 2022 and Jackie put the investment proposal to the board, detailing the many benefits, return on investment:

- Children’s school ready skills:
 - Listening and attention
 - Speech and language
 - Self-regulation
 - Group skills
 - Fine and gross motor skills
 - Pre-literacy (phonics) foundation
 - Maths foundations
- Educator development and wellbeing
- Parent involvement in setting activities and home learning

From her experience at previous nursery groups, Jackie was able to speak about these benefits from experience and to understand how best to roll out the training, support implementation, quality of provision and embedding practice into the Happy Days Where Children Shine curriculum. Budget was allocated for this project to roll out in 2023/24.



Training

3 Saturdays were booked in November and December 2023, Boogie Mites Trainer was Liv McLennan. Liv gave us this feedback:

"I really enjoyed working with the groups from Happy Days Nurseries in 2 Bristol venues and one in Cornwall. They all brought their own junk percussion instruments as requested and arrived ready to boogie! The groups of practitioners were incredibly engaged and reflective, establishing quickly how they would implement their learning. They clearly understood the value of music and were immediately discussing the ways they would adapt Boogie Mites for the children in their setting, as well as the parents and wider community. They were enthusiastic and keen to get started with the children."

Liv McLennan, Boogie Mites trainer

Here are some of the feedback comments from Happy Days educators attending:

*"The **training was fun** an active, the trainer was very enthusiastic about what she was delivering"*

"Great training, I learnt so much"

"Really informative session looking at research as well as the songs to implement"

*"A **really inspirational** training session"*

*"**Really enjoyed the training** the trainer was very engaging and enthusiastic"*

*"Really good atmosphere and enabled us all to relax very easily, **it was fun!**"*

"Such a great training to be part of can't wait to implement the training into our daily routine"

*"I found it **so much fun**, I really thrive of this sort of training"*

"I thought it amazing, our children will really benefit from this program"

"It was engaging and interesting. Doing the training hands on and with other people definitely helps. It was good to engage with other staff from Happy days other nurseries too."

*"**Amazing Training, very active and fun**"*

"Amazing and such a interesting course that will 100% support all children"

"Very interactive and informative session!"

*"**Very fun**, interactive and nice to share this experience with other staff from other settings"*

*"Boogie Mites training was **really interactive and fun!** The children will love this :)"*

"Was very interesting to learn about that brain and how much music can impact a child"



Implementation Plan

We agreed an implementation 14 week plan with Jackie and Liv ran through this as part of the training day. The pdf was available on the customer hub account for each Happy Days Nursery. Jackie had start date for all 11th December and she monitored that they were getting started and following the plan, learning the songs, and gathering the junk percussion kit.

Embedding High Quality Music Provision – Quality Manager, Jackie Cambridge.

The Happy Days 14 week implementation plan supported colleagues within our Nurseries to gain the confidence over time in both leading and extending the songs within the Boogie Mites School Ready Programme during both adult led music sessions and everyday routines, for example Tidy Up Tango and Chocolate Cake being adapted at meal and snack times to reflect one of the healthy meals being served from our menu.

The implementation plan has also enabled Nurseries to develop a range of resources many of which are made from recyclable/found/natural materials to support the delivery of individual songs. Nurseries have actively involved parents during these times i.e. requesting that parents bring in a bottle for their child to make their own shaker which can be used for many songs including Shakey Shakey .

Whilst visiting the Nurseries members of the Quality Team, who also attended Livs training were able to model the implementation of individual songs as well conducting observations of practice to monitor the impact of these sessions on children's learning.

This systematic approach to the implementation Programme has ensured that the Boogie Mites School Ready Programme is embedded within our Adventurers Rooms building strong foundations for children's learning particularly within the areas of communication, language and literacy .Children and colleagues now engage in high quality music sessions on a daily basis broadening their musical experiences. These musical sessions support quality interactions, whilst children and staff are dancing, moving, singing and most importantly having fun !

Prior to the training Jackie worked with Boogie Mites to link each song within the programme to one or more aspects of the Happy Days Where Children Shine Curriculum which supports children to become strong and motivated learners for life.



Music CPD Webinars:

As part of the license package acquired by each nursery, they have one year subscription to Boogie Mites monthly webinars. These aim to continue extending educators music confidence, knowledge, ideas, and resources. Here are some feedback comments from Happy Days trainees over the first 5 months:

January – Music and EAL

This workshop was broken down simply and gives practitioners as well as parents simple steps to develop language within a home and setting. Very important as singing is a great tool supporting children who are learning English.

February: Music and Circle Time

This workshop gave me a much better understanding of how important circle time is and the amazing opportunities it provides for teaching and learning. Music is so important for development and this workshop has amazing ideas for activities and songs to encourage both children and adults to let go, have fun and learn.

March: Music and Healthy Eating /Routines

Really informative. Parent friendly information as well as for practitioners.

April: Our Sound Environment Matters

Interesting to learn more about the sound environment and how to put that into practice in my setting. The echo was a new song for me so can't wait to try with the children.

May: Parent Engagement

The songs are great to teach the children and families, great for partnership with parents.

Future Plans

Our May webinar topic of Parent Engagement fits well with the Happy Days aim to raise awareness of the benefits of music and the Boogie Mites project with parents this summer.

Boogie Mites teacher, Tasha, will be joining the Happy Days podcast in June to introduce Boogies Mites to parents, to explain what music provision looks like at Happy Days following the Boogie Mites projects and how they can introduce music activities at home.

We plan to look at the options for offering parent music resources via Connect Childcare platform, to make home enjoyment of shared music activities easy via the nursery portal.

We look forward to rolling out Boogie Mites for the under 3's soon!