

## June 2009 Daisy Chain Newsletter

Dear parents,

Summer time is here again, time to put away our winter jackets and dust off those shorts in our wardrobes (lets hope so anyway)

We would like to welcome Helena and Abigail to Daisy Chain, who are settling in nicely. We hope you are enjoying Daisy Chain as much as we do having you.

### **Birthday Wishes to:**

**Stewart 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Penn 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Jessie 5<sup>th</sup> June**

We sent congratulations to Kim who has had her baby; Samuel was born on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 8lbs 3oz, Mom and baby are doing fine.

June holds many promising activities and fun crafts for the children to do. After researching various sources we found some nice new songs for the children to learn. They love singing during register and the new songs we taught them in May were a great hit. You may have heard them singing "5 Little Penguins" around the house. We will start with the Seaside theme; maybe the children could bring in some shells or anything they have found on the beach. It would be nice to incorporate these items into our crafts.

We thought it would be very beneficial for the children to learn about the different Countries we come from and the places we can visit on Holiday. With DC being such an international group..... If you'd like to bring any books or pictures from your Country please do so, or if you would like to come in and talk about your country to the children, perhaps including photos, music, your national dress etc. We would like at some stage to give

the children an opportunity to taste the food from your home countries so please free to conjure up any culinary delights and let us try them. Just a reminder that if your children have any allergies please let us know as soon as possible, so we can make sure we have no unwanted problems.

Week 1 - Seaside

Week 2 - and 3 - Countries and Cultures

Week 4 - Different foods from around the world

Now that the summer is upon us, and we're all thinking of interesting things to do with the children, and nice places to visit, if you have any suggestions please send them to me and I will include them in the next newsletter for everyone's information.

Thanks to Ros (Jennifer's Mom) for the following :

- 1. Westbroek park - hire a boat 8 euro per hour (bring life jackets if kids are a bit bouncy)**
- 2. Ladybird garden - Kornoeljestraat**
- 3. Leiden - climb De Valk windmill and follow up with poffertjes at the cafe next door**
- 4. Nemo science museum Amsterdam - great day out especially for the slightly older kids**
- 5. Koffee en Kind at the Houtrust - great for smallies**
- 6. Small animal farm just off the Badhuis straat (kids get to hold the guinea pigs)**
- 7. Sterrenbaad swimming pool in Wassenaar (brilliant water slide)**
- 8. Afternoon tea in Hotel New York Rotterdam (very posh) + a trip on the Spido water taxi**

**9. Giant sand sculptures near the Kuurhaus in Scheveningen at the moment**

**10. Park behind the Queen's stables off the Noordeinde - nice spot for a picnic with a funky little playground**

Also thanks to Joanne (Erin's Mom) for her list below:

**Efteling theme park. About an hour and ten minutes drive from The Hague.**

[www.efteling.com](http://www.efteling.com)

**Theme park based on movies but they have an entire section with Nick Jr. theme (eg. Dora, Diego, Sponge Bob, Wonder pets etc). Approx. 2 1/2 hrs drive.**

[www.moviepark.de](http://www.moviepark.de)

**Excellent zoo. About a 25 minute drive.**

[www.rotterdamzoo.nl](http://www.rotterdamzoo.nl)

**Big petting farm about a 20 min. drive away. You can feed baby goats from bottles, pony rides. Free entry.**

<http://www.hetgeertje.nl/Pagina's/Welkom/welkom1.html>

**Bird park. About a 20 minute drive.**

<http://www.avifauna.nl/>

**Small theme park with excellent indoor pools for the kids.**

[www.duinrell.com](http://www.duinrell.com)

**Indoor play.**

<http://www.ballorig.nl/zoetermeer/index.html>

**The little gym.**

<http://www.thelittlegym-eu.com/nl/minisite/155/annonce.cfm>

**Really good indoor swimming pools for kids.**

<http://www.denhaag.nl/smartsite.html?id=31506>

Have a good weekend

From the Daisies,

Serlene, Rupa and Emmalene