



EMPLOYER SHOWCASE

The Entertainer

Those of you with young children will probably know about The Entertainer already (and those with older children—or children of any age, may know about their sister company—The Gadgetshop.com which, together with thetoyshop.com run from their head office in Little Chalfont).

The Entertainer currently has 48 stores and they are expanding rapidly with several new stores this year. Hull opened in May 2010 and Bury near Manchester is opening any day now. They employ over 500 staff from Hull down to Taunton.



Emma Batten

Peta Young (Training Manager for the Business) has been very pleased with Emma’s progress and is delighted that she is featuring in our Summer Newsletter. She said; “I would be thrilled for Emma to feature in your next edition! I am extremely proud of all that Emma has achieved this year and she herself has grown a great deal over the last 12 months”. In fact Emma is now Store Manager for the Reading Branch. This was re-fitted with the new Entertainer look in April this year to become a flagship store.



Emma Says:

“I started completing my Management Advanced Apprenticeship when I was a supervisor. Since then I have held the position of assistant manager and manager. I feel as though completing my Advanced Apprenticeship helped me to progress within the company, as I had to push myself to learn the supervisor role or I wouldn't pass it. I feel as though Neighbour Training really helps The Entertainer with our staff development. Completing an Apprenticeship gives many members of staff confidence in their ability and a sense of achievement. I have always encouraged members of my team to start an Apprenticeship as it really helped with my own development and I can give my staff any information they want on an Apprenticeship as I have completed one myself”.

Neighbour Training Says: Wherever Emma goes she champions Apprenticeships and the development of her staff. We are delighted that we can continue to support the training requirements of “The Entertainer” in Management, Team Leading & Customer Services. Other branches with which we have had a successful training partnership include Basingstoke, Camberley, Guildford, Kingston upon Thames, Uxbridge, Wandsworth & White City.

Reminder Don't forget we are now able to offer a vacancy matching service whereby you can notify us of any opening you may have and we will enter these details on a national database which is accessed by jobseekers. We will review any responses and give you details of suitable candidates.