

Baby and toddler show returns to Ashton Gate next month

Everything you could ever need for Little Monsters

A ONE-STOP-SHOP for parents with new babies is being held at Bristol City's Ashton Gate stadium.

The Little Monster Baby and Toddler show is on March 9 and will feature more than 40 companies and organisations showcasing products for youngsters.

Among the exhibitors will be Rob Law, a Bristol entrepreneur whose Trunki ride-on suitcase was rejected by the panel on the BBC *Dragons' Den* show but which went on to succeed.

Organiser Caroline Sparks said last year's show had been a great success and she wanted to build on that.

She said: "This year we're introducing free face-painting and balloon modelling for kids and there are demonstrations of children's activity classes throughout the day.

"We're also proud to say that we've linked up with Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal and will be helping to raise money for the neonatal unit at St Michael's Hospital.

"This is the only event in Bristol dedicated to parents and carers with "little monsters" – a one-stop-shop for everything related to maternity, babies and toddlers.

"Last year's show attracted a huge amount of support from local businesses and visitors, and this year's show is planned to be bigger and better."



So much to do: Show organiser Caroline Sparks with her children Ollie and Alice. Left, a child uses a Trunki ride-on suitcase, which will be available at the event

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The show is being supported by Spire Healthcare (formerly known as BUPA), and it will give parents the chance to try and buy the latest children's products and clothes as well as



enabling them to collect information and samples.

Exhibitors already signed up include Trunki, Tish Tash Toys, Waterbabies, local schools and childcare agencies, and photographers.

Alphabet Childcare is sponsoring the demonstration room, where there will be demonstrations of children's activity classes, Redland Junior School choir will sing, and there will be speakers throughout the day.

Entry on the door is £3 per person, with children under 16 free.

The first 500 families will also receive a goody bag.

The show was held for the first time in Bristol last April, and since similar ones have been held in Gloucester and Exeter. Later in the year one will be held in Bath.

Tickets are available in advance for £2.50 at www.little-monster.co.uk

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