

# Success is just child's play

**STAFF at an Altrincham nursery are celebrating after it was named as one of the best in the country.**

Oakfield Nursery School was awarded second prize in the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) Nursery of the Year Awards, beating off competition from thousands of rivals.

Owner Roisin Moriarty and nursery manager Jayne Winstanley collected the trophy at a glitzy award ceremony at the Savoy Hotel in London.

Margaret Hodge, minister for children, and TV's most famous childcarer, Jacey Salles - Ramona the nanny in ITV's *Cold Feet* - presented the prizes.

Founded 35 years ago, Oakfield is one of the oldest nurseries in the country. Roisin's mother, Finola, who also attended the ceremony, set it up.

Oakfield, on Groby Road, employs 27 full time staff and is registered to look

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after 80 children from the ages of 6 months to five.

The rigorous judging process involved the NDNA sending entry forms to each of the UK's 10,000 nurseries. These were then forwarded for the parents to rate them.

Roisin said: "We were genuinely staggered by the feedback we received from parents. All the written comments on the forms were glowing and genuinely brought tears to our eyes.

"Ninety per cent of them marked us as 'excellent' in all areas, while the remainder gave us a combination of 'excellent' and 'very good'. We're already looking at ways to ensure we get 'excellent' across the board in the future!"

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**Leading the way - staff from the award-winning Oakfield Nursery celebrate their achievement.**