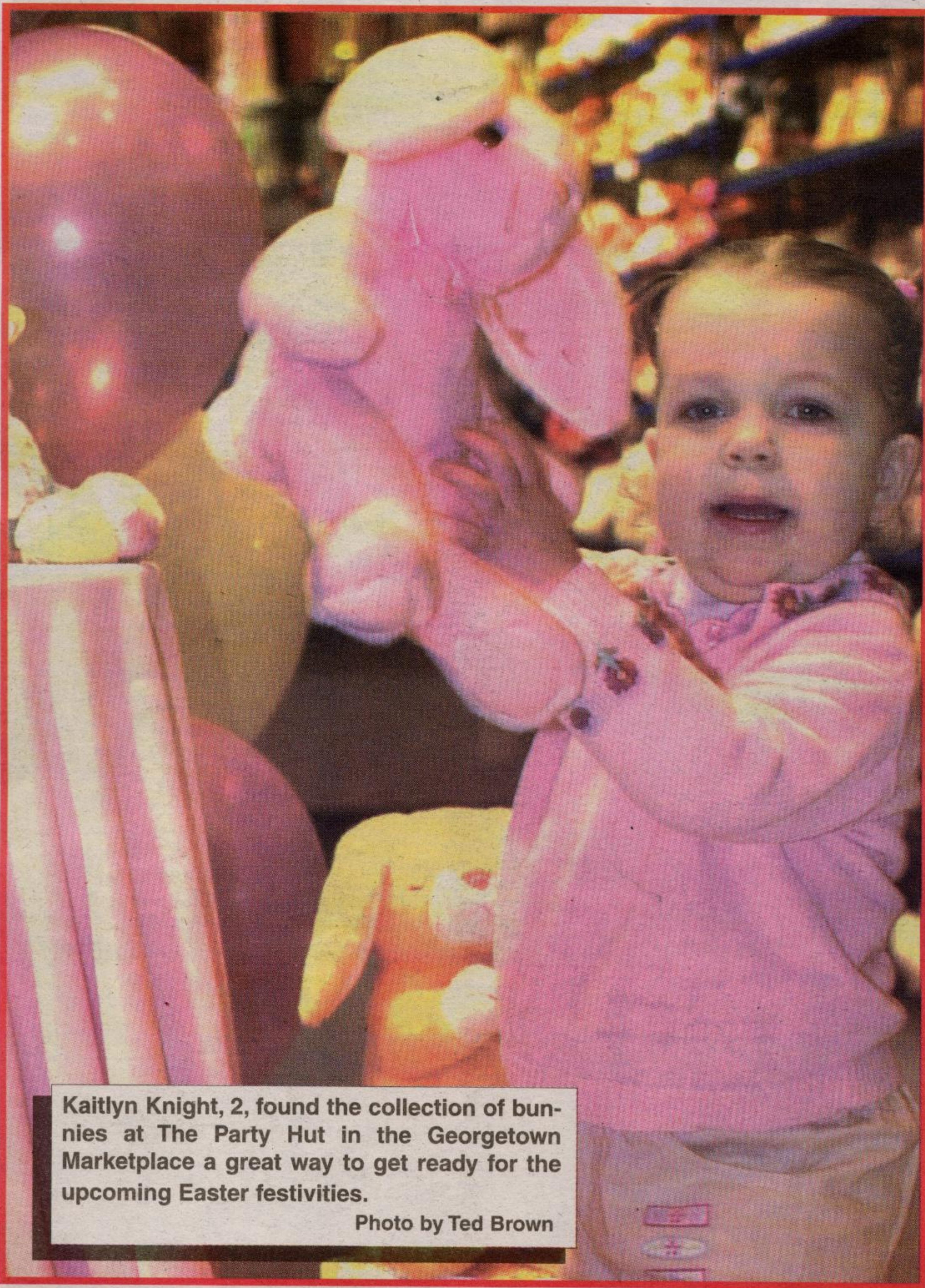


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Kaitlyn Knight, 2, found the collection of bunnies at The Party Hut in the Georgetown Marketplace a great way to get ready for the upcoming Easter festivities.

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New program...

A positive approach to school for children

Along with providing a safe play environment and many different party options for kids, Play Junction in Georgetown now offers nursery school and Junior Kindergarten programs.

Margaret Walker, who with her daughter Janet Murphy owns Play Junction (located at 71 Mountainview Rd. N., Unit 1), said the nursery school (ages 3 and 4) and JK (ages 4 and 5) programs are the same as those offered at the Springfield Preparatory and Nursery School in Mississauga, which they also own.

"At Springfield, school is a good place to be, a place where individuals are respected, behaviour standards are clearly stated and social interactions are warm, friendly, and supportive," said Walker.

She said the Springfield program, now offered at Play Junction, pro-

vides an "excellent start, establishes a positive approach to school and nurtures the young child's natural urge to learn."

The nursery school and JK programs which provide academic programming in reading, phonics and math are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and afternoons at Play Junction. Each session is two-hours-and-45 minutes in length.

"Our staff are qualified early childhood educators," said Walker, adding the supervisor was trained at Springfield, which has been

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Hailey Cepecauer from Georgetown dives into the pen of balls at Play Junction. See more of Hailey and read about Play Junction on page 3.

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