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Organic Monkey - Fairtrade Certified Baby Products

By Emily Hirschmann

Every parent knows that a comfy baby is a happy baby, but it is sometimes difficult to know how to achieve that perfect state. With such a vast array of creams, lotions and potions available, selecting the right product for your baby's skin can be a minefield, particularly if you wish to do things the natural way. With the launch of Organic Monkey – the UK's first Fairtrade certified range of baby products – that decision-making process has just become a little bit easier.

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The brain-child of two entrepreneurial mums, Heidi Crawford and Claudine Sinnott, the idea behind Organic Monkey is the creation of "beautiful products that are not only effective but organic, fair and made with the best quality ingredients and free from harmful toxins." Certified by the Soil Association and Fairtrade Foundation, all products are made with food grade oils, Fairtrade butters and high quality essential oils to ensure a natural, pure collection to pamper, soothe, nourish and protect, while being completely devoid of all the usual nasties: parabens, petrochemicals, sulphates, toxins and artificial fragrances and colourings.

All available for between £7.50-12.50, the full collection includes; Rock the Cradle Organic Scalp Oil, Belly Better Organic Tummy Oil, Bumfluff Nappy Balm, Cheeky Monkey Organic Cheek Rub, Hello Mellow Organic Massage Oil and three gift sets, and I have been lucky enough to put just a couple of these great new products to the test.

Bumfluff Nappy Balm 50ml (RRP £10.50)

Now, £10.50 does seem quite a lot for a little pot of Bumfluff, but a little goes a long way. Made on a base of Fairtrade shea butter and topped with a delicate hint of organic lavender and Roman chamomile essential oils to protect, nourish and soothe sore and sensitive skin, this jar of goodness doesn't just soothe baby's bottom, but is great for use on other areas of tender, reddened skin, such as dribble-rash. Naturally scented, there is no over-powering odour, and if warmed slightly before use it is wonderful to apply and easily absorbed, leaving no nasty residue. £10.50? What price peace of mind?

Cheeky Monkey Organic Cheek Rub Oil for Teething 30ml (RRP £7.50)

Sore gums and sleepless nights makes teething time one of the most exhausting periods of parenting for all concerned, so any product that offers any form of relief gets the thumbs up from me. Created from a soothing blend of 100% organic ingredients combining arnica, sweet almond, olive and sunflower oils with organic Roman chamomile, lavender and spearmint essential oils to help calm and alleviate inflamed and aching gums, Cheeky Monkey smells fantastic and baby will love the feeling of the oil being rubbed into their cheeks. Again, as with all essential oils, a little goes a long way, so although diminutive in size, 30ml should last a good while.

Organic Monkey products are available online at www.organicmonkey.co.uk or call 01273 903975

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