

# Blue Skies Nursery

194 Broadfields Avenue, EDGWARE, Middlesex, HA8 8TF



## Inspection date

6 February 2015

Previous inspection date

13 March 2014

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>
	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting <b>meets legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is good

- Staff provide a wide range of resources and activities to promote children's development in all areas of learning.
- Staff recognise that children learn through play. They follow children's interests and extend their learning, so that children make good progress in the nursery.
- Staff provide children with opportunities to develop their independence and self-care skills ready for school.
- Staff develop positive relationships with children. As a result, children feel safe and secure.
- Management share effective policies and procedures with parents and staff. This promotes the safety and well-being of children.
- Staff work with parents well. They share information about children's development and provide ideas to promote their learning at home.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- There are some missed opportunities for children to practise their mark making skills, so that they learn to identify and write the letters that make up their names.
- There need to be more resources and visual aids around the nursery for children to learn about diversity, their home backgrounds and cultures.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

**To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:**

- provide further opportunities for children to practise their mark making skills, so that they learn to identify and write the letters that make up their names
- develop resources and visual aids around the nursery, so that children have more opportunities to learn about diversity, their home backgrounds and cultures.

## Inspection activities

- The inspector observed interactions between staff and children, during activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector discussed and sampled policies, procedures and children's development records with the manager.
- The inspector discussed with the manager the processes for safeguarding children and self-evaluation.
- The inspector spoke with staff and parents.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.

## Inspector

Vanessa Brown

## Inspection findings

### **How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good**

Staff provide a warm, bright and stimulating environment, where children make good progress in their development. They offer a good mix of child-initiated and adult-led activities, so that children remain interested and motivated to learn. However, there are fewer opportunities for children to learn about diversity and their home backgrounds in the nursery. Staff read books with children. They teach them about the names and colours of fruit and vegetables. Staff make good use of opportunities for children learn to count, for example, counting the leaves they found in the garden and the items they put in their shopping trolley. Staff use a good range of questioning techniques so that children contribute to conversations. This promotes their communication and language development. Staff teach children to identify their written names during circle time. Children find their names on place mats at lunchtime. This prepares them for school. However, there are some missed opportunities for children to write the letters that make up their names, as staff write these for them on their paintings.

### **The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good**

Staff encourage children to become independent in the nursery. They give children time to learn to put on their own coats and boots when they go outdoors. This promotes the development of their self-care skills. Staff teach children that 'sharing is caring'. They encourage children to be kind to each other. As a result, children behave well in the nursery. Staff promote healthy lifestyles. Staff teach children the importance of hand washing to keep themselves safe from germs. They provide children with nutritious snacks and meals, which enhances their well-being. During the inspection, staff encouraged children to practise balancing and climbing outdoors on the wooden crates, beams and playhouse. This promotes children's confidence, self-esteem and physical development.

### **The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good**

Management and staff have a good understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They attend regular training, including first aid and safeguarding to ensure they remain suitable for their role. Management and staff understand the procedures to follow if they have concerns about a child or another member of staff in the nursery. They follow the Local Safeguarding Children Board guidelines. As a result, they promote children's safety effectively. Management take into account the views of children, parents, staff and other professionals when reflecting on their provision. They have completed all actions from previous inspections and demonstrate a strong commitment to providing high quality childcare.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY395150
<b>Local authority</b>	Barnet
<b>Inspection number</b>	972633
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	30
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	28
<b>Name of provider</b>	Linda Olayinka
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	13 March 2014
<b>Telephone number</b>	02089581408

Blue Skies Nursery registered in 2010 and is managed by a private provider. The nursery operates from Open Heavens Church Hall in Edgware, in the London Borough of Barnet. Children have access to two rooms and there is a separate room for sleeping children. There is a secure garden for outdoor play. The nursery is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday during term time. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early years education for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The nursery employs four staff, of whom three hold relevant childcare qualifications.

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