

Shalom@Destiny Day Nursery

2 Cottage Green, LONDON, SE5 7ST



Inspection date

12 May 2015

Previous inspection date

3 July 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	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 meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Children are keen to quickly engage in a wide range of activities and play opportunities linked to their individual interests. They separate easily from parents and establish good relationships with staff and with each other.
- Staff place a high emphasis on keeping children safe. Management and staff demonstrate good knowledge and understanding of how to protect children. They work with the parents to teach children about their own safety. For example, staff use a national programme to support children learning about personal safety.
- There are good methods to monitor and evaluate the provision taking into account the views of staff, parents and the children. The setting is working closely with the local children's centre to share good practice and complete joint training.
- Children learn about healthy lifestyles and they enjoy making smoothies using fruit. They walk to the park daily for outdoor play as the nursery does not have its own outdoor area.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff plan activities for outdoor play. They use the local park and take some resources with them. However, at times they do not fully consider how they can extend children's learning while in the park environment by providing a wide enough range of different resources.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review how activities are planned for outdoor play to provide children with a wide and suitable range of resources for them to play with.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff's quality of teaching with children in the playrooms and on an outing to the park.
- The inspector completed two joint observations with the manager and held a meeting with the manager.
- The inspector checked the evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working with the children, and the provider's procedures for self-evaluating their practice.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at appropriate times, and took into account the views of the parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records, planning, and how parents are involved in this process.

Inspector

Lorraine Sparey

Inspection findings

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

Staff implement effective teaching methods to support children to make good progress. For example, they link the planning to children's interests. They take the children to a local pet shop where the children ask questions and choose a fish to become the nursery pet. Staff create a display of the children's visit and capture some of their comments, such as a child identifying a lionfish. Staff complete regular observations that are shared with parents and form part of the assessment to monitor children's progress. Staff plan and provide a wide range of activities to support children's learning. Children investigate mixing corn flour and shaving foam together. Staff encourage them to talk about the texture and smell and children excitedly talk about what they are making. Children comment on what they have made, such as, 'I've made a teapot'. This helps prepare children well for the next stage of learning or move to school.

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

Children show high levels of confidence as they learn. The environment is welcoming and rich in print to support children's awareness that print carries meaning. In addition, staff enable children to make good choices in their play. For example, children make their own pictures and cut out pictures from a magazine to help them create their own ideas. Children decide when they need more resources and independently help themselves. Children gain a strong sense of belonging because they are valued and respected. They play well together and are keen to involve staff in their play. Consequently, children behave well. Children benefit from daily trips to the park where they can exercise and develop their physical skills using the equipment staff provide for them.

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

Staff benefit from strong leadership. The manager values training and encourages staff to attend training through the local authority and the local children's centre. Staff feel supported and they value the supervision sessions where they can talk about their key children and how they can improve their practice. Since their last inspection, the staff have made good progress in addressing the recommendations and actions. Staff support children to develop good communication skills, and younger children have many opportunities to explore natural resources to develop their imaginations and curiosity. Clear recruitment and vetting procedures mean that staff are suitable for their roles and responsibilities. Management implements effective procedures to monitor the educational provision. As a result, children make good progress given their starting points.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY346848
Local authority	Southwark
Inspection number	984854
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	21
Number of children on roll	34
Name of provider	Oluyemisi Iyabode Ekagha
Date of previous inspection	3 July 2014
Telephone number	0207 708 3777

Shalom@Destiny Day Nursery registered in 2007. It is privately owned. The nursery operates from the Camberwell area, in the London Borough of Southwark. The nursery is open each weekday, from 7.30am to 6pm, for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery employs eight members of staff, including the manager. Of these, four staff members hold appropriate early years qualifications including the manager, who holds Early Years Professional Status.

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