The Blue Bird Nursery Centre



430 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 3RB

Inspection date	14 December 2015
Previous inspection date	29 September 2008

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and ma	anagement	Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and asset	ssment	Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and	welfare	Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The quality of teaching is excellent. Staff provide a wide variety of activities and resources that very successfully support children's learning and development. Children are fully engaged, motivated to learn and make superb progress.
- Children's communication and language is exceptionally well supported. Staff use highly effective methods to encourage children to speak and to explore language, for example, as they review what they have done during the day.
- Staff make outstanding use of observation and assessment to precisely monitor children's progress. They very effectively plan around children's interests and very specific learning needs.
- Staff support all families from the very beginning. There are highly effective settling-in procedures and staff maintain extremely strong partnerships with the parents.
- Accurate self-evaluation and strong commitment to ongoing professional development help to drive ongoing improvements to promote the best possible outcomes for children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

extend further the opportunities for children to explore technology.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out observations on the staff's interactions with the children.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector used observation, documentation and discussion to assess the impact of teaching.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation.
- The inspector spoke to the manager, staff and parents during the day.

Inspector

Jessica Williams

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The manager provides inspirational leadership for staff. She is exceptionally supportive and very effectively promotes their professional development. The manager has high ambitions for the nursery and works closely with other agencies and professionals to promote the best possible outcomes for children. Staff maintain very strong partnerships with parents and constantly seek new and innovative ways to involve them as fully as possible in their children's learning. Safeguarding is effective. The manager fully understands her role and responsibility to protect children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The children are tremendously motivated and engaged in their play and learning. Staff follow children's interests and experiences to plan specifically to meet their individual needs. They skilfully extend the children's learning throughout the day. For example, they make activities more relevant by linking ideas back to children's previous experiences to reinforce their understanding. This was demonstrated during the inspection. Staff fascinated children by pointing out the similarity of the sounds of musical instruments to the thunder they had spoken about earlier. Children enjoy an excellent variety of activities indoors and outdoors, although the opportunities to explore technology are not as extensive as other areas of learning. Each child's care and learning is expertly coordinated by their key person.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children receive superb support to promote their physical health and well-being. The environment is highly stimulating and children are very happy and confident. They move around the setting independently and have excellent opportunities to make choices. The children enjoy healthy meals and the older children prepare their own snacks. Staff teach children about healthy eating and provide plenty of opportunity for physical exercise. Children understand how to keep themselves safe. They behave extremely well and respond well to the very positive support of staff.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children are making extremely strong progress from their starting points and are well supported when preparing to go to school or moving to the next room in the nursery.

Setting details

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Local authority Wokingham

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Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 0 - 8

Total number of places 60

Number of children on roll 59

Name of provider

Yellow Brick Nursery Ltd

Date of previous inspection 29 September 2008

Telephone number 01189 328844

The Blue Bird Nursery Centre, part of Yellow Brick Nursery Limited, registered in 2004. It is situated in the grounds of Nine Mile Ride Primary School in Finchampstead, Wokingham. The nursery opens from 8am until 6pm, Monday to Friday, for 50 weeks of the year, excluding bank holidays. There are 17 staff; of whom, two hold Qualified Teacher Status and 11 hold relevant qualifications at level 3 or level 4.

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