

Middle Row Playcentre

Ark Brunel Primary Academy, Middle Row, London, W10 5AT



Inspection date

22 February 2016

Previous inspection date

20 May 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Children have the highest respect for their friends and staff, and have established extremely strong relationships with them. They show an excellent understanding of the highest standards of behaviour and the rules and expectations. Children have a very clear sense of belonging.
- Children relish playing in a highly stimulating environment. They are intent to finish activities they have started and are able to concentrate for a long period of time. Staff are enthusiastic about showing children how to develop new skills. Children are highly motivated to try out new things.
- Staff work exceptionally well with external agencies to ensure the needs of all children are met to the highest standard. Staff are particularly kind, caring and sensitive in supporting children who need extra help.
- The club has formed excellent partnerships with the host schools and parents. This allows continuity of care to the highest level. The club has highly successful strategies in place to involve school staff and parents in the two-way sharing of information. Parents state that they cannot fault the work of the club.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on the already excellent range of resources made available to young children to help further develop their creative play and self-esteem.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises and observed children playing.
- The inspector reviewed a selection of the club's policies, children's records and evidence of practitioners' suitability.
- The inspector spoke with the practitioners and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the information provided in the club's self-evaluation document and the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Shaneic Simpson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Staff are passionate about placing children at the centre of everything they do. They use their expertise and comprehensive knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage to provide rich and exciting play opportunities and experiences for children. Safeguarding is effective. All staff are highly trained in safeguarding and have a comprehensive knowledge of how to detect signs that a child may be at risk, and are confident in raising concerns. Leaders work extremely closely with the linked schools to share any safeguarding concerns. Leaders rigorously monitor and supervise staff to maintain the highest levels of practice. They also use the views of children, parents and staff to help them continually evaluate and improve the quality of the provision. For example, staff have provided a quiet space for children to do homework, following feedback from parents. The manager recognises the need to further enhance the resources to help children further develop their creativity and self-esteem.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff have a unique understanding of the children, which helps them to tailor activities to meet their needs and interests. Children are extensively involved in the club. They sit on a children's committee and have excellent opportunities to contribute their thoughts and ideas about ways to further improve the play environment and what the staff could do to make their time there more fun. They also take part in Takeover Day, shadowing staff and doing some of their jobs, such as registering other children as they arrive and preparing the tea. Younger children relish socialising with each other and enthusiastically take part in imaginative play. They become thoroughly immersed in activities. They concentrate deeply and are not easily distracted.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children have excellent opportunities to learn about healthy eating and keeping themselves safe. For example, staff provide meticulously planned activities, such as a healthy eating competition. Children have an excellent range of healthy, nutritious snacks. They relish mealtimes during which they learn positive social skills. Children have excellent manners towards each other and appreciate each other's views, especially during discussion-led activities. Staff place a particularly strong focus on encouraging children to take part in physical activities and share a great enthusiasm for promoting children's health and fitness. This helps all children learn the benefits of exercise. Children have an excellent understanding of diversity. For example, the local authority inclusion team visited to teach them sign language so that they can communicate with those that have communication difficulties and to raise their awareness of differences.

Setting details

Unique reference number	159479
Local authority	Kensington & Chelsea
Inspection number	826065
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	150
Name of provider	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Date of previous inspection	20 May 2009
Telephone number	0208 964 0948

Middle Row Playcentre was registered in 2001, and is located in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Children from the age of four years to 13 years attend the after-school club. The club operates Monday to Friday from 3.30 pm to 6pm during term time only. The setting employs five members of staff who all hold relevant qualifications.

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