

Buds To Blossoms

Montessori Day Nursery

St. Bernards Church, 17 Mandeville Road, Northolt, Middlesex, UB5 5HE



Inspection date	3 March 2016
Previous inspection date	7 April 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The manager and staff have a strong commitment to the continuous improvement of the nursery. They have worked hard to implement very positive changes and develop the quality of the provision.
- Staff know their key children well and provide good quality teaching and learning. Children make good progress in their learning.
- The nursery environment is stimulating and well resourced. This allows children to be independent and make good use of the resources to extend their learning.
- Partnership with parents is strong. The regular exchange of information about children's learning creates good opportunities for home learning. Parents speak highly of the care that their children receive and the positive relationships they have with staff.
- Staff have a good understanding of how to promote the health and safety of the children in their care. Children learn about healthy lifestyles and know how to stay safe.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, staff do not give children enough time to think about how they are going to respond to questions or requests.
- Very occasionally, children's learning is unreasonably interrupted and their learning slows.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more opportunities for children to play without constant interruption, to explore activities to their own satisfaction
- strengthen the use of effective questioning to extend children's thinking skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and support for children's learning, both inside and outside.
- A joint observation was carried out with the manager.
- The inspector looked at a range of documents, including staff files, development plans and the nursery's procedures for monitoring practice.
- The inspector talked to parents who were available on the day of inspection and took account of their feedback.
- The inspector talked to staff and assessed how well they keep children safe.

Inspector

Laxmi Patel

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

A strong and dedicated manager leads the nursery. She has high expectations for the level of care and learning that children receive and monitors this well. For example, since the last inspection she has worked hard to address all the issues that were raised. This has improved the quality of the provision and ensures that children consistently receive a good quality learning experience. The staff work well together. They attend regular meetings and identify areas of training that improve their knowledge and skills. For instance, all staff have recently updated their knowledge about changes to legislation in safeguarding, to ensure they have a thorough understanding of how to deal with any child protection concerns. Safeguarding is effective.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The nursery offers a well-resourced environment for children. Staff carefully plan activities that they know children will enjoy and will challenge them well. Staff work well with children, playing alongside them to support and extend their learning. Good quality teaching takes place outside. Staff have a good understanding of how children learn and they provide an interesting range of activities covering all areas of learning. Recent improvements have included an increase in the resources available in the outside area. For example, children now have better opportunities to explore nature, experiment with water, and to practise writing. Staff monitor children's progress closely; any gaps in development are quickly identified and support is put in place to ensure that these close quickly. Parents say that they are informed about their children's achievements, to support learning at home effectively.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff provide a good range of activities in the fresh air, which contributes to children's physical well-being. Staff plan interesting activities to promote children's understanding of the wider community. For example, staff invite parents to a cultural day to share their traditional costumes and experiences with the children. On the day of inspection, parents were invited to conduct various activities for Mother's Day, such as making cards, sandwiches, and icing biscuits. Children are effectively supported to understand how to keep themselves safe and healthy. For example, staff remind the children while they are cutting their fruit at snack time. Children behave well.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress. They are learning to be independent, for example, by hanging their coats on pegs, serving their fruit and pouring themselves a drink. Children take turns and share toys and resources, as they learn about how to value and respect the needs of their friends. Children practise their reading skills; for example, staff challenge children's learning by encouraging them to identify the sounds they hear in three-letter words. This helps children to gain the confidence and skills they need for the next stage in learning.

Setting details

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Local authority	Ealing
Inspection number	1012101
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	34
Name of provider	Buds to Blossoms Ltd
Date of previous inspection	7 April 2015
Telephone number	07884 182 777 0208 8334948

Buds to Blossom Montessori Day Nursery registered in 2011. It is located in Northolt, in the London Borough of Ealing. The nursery is open weekdays from 8am to 6pm for 51 weeks of the year. There are seven members of staff, all of whom hold early years qualifications at levels 2 to 6. The nursery follows both Montessori and traditional teaching methods.

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