

Playdays Nursery

45 Comeragh Road, West Kensington, London, W14 9HT



Inspection date

18 April 2016

Previous inspection date

28 February 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The children all make rapid progress despite any barriers to their learning. Staff know children incredibly well and build upon their prior knowledge skilfully, to help them gain many valuable skills ready to succeed in their future learning.
- Staff prioritise children's well-being at all times. Their highly sensitive approach promotes children's independence exceptionally well.
- Staff partnerships with others are remarkably strong. The staff work seamlessly with parents and other professionals to build links from home to the nursery, which fully support continuity in children's experiences. Parents speak extremely favourably about the nursery and recognise its exceptionally high quality.
- Leaders have high aspirations and a clear drive for excellence. They accurately review the nursery's quality and they have worked successfully on previous recommendations. The capacity for continuous improvements is high.
- Highly experienced staff interact exceptionally well with children, extending learning through vibrant, thoroughly planned activities, based on children's individual needs.
- Children behave exceptionally well at all times. The staff are consistently excellent role models for children and they teach them about making positive choices.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- refine the excellent monitoring of children's progress to more precisely identify any less-obvious gaps in groups of children's learning so these close even more rapidly.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff teaching and assessed its impact on children's learning, inside and outside.
- The inspector spoke to some parents to gain their views and experiences of the setting.
- The inspector spoke with children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection, and held a meeting with the provider.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at a sample of the children's learning records, staff observations and planning records, a range of policies and other documentation, including suitability of staff checks and safeguarding procedures.

Inspector

Shana Laffy

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Leaders are highly ambitious and ensure that the nursery is of an exceptionally high standard, so that all children receive an excellent early education. Self-evaluation processes accurately monitor the quality the service, teaching and learning. All staff share a vision for continuous improvement, and undertake regular professional development that has raised the quality of teaching. Staff follow clear policies and procedures meticulously, to enhance the exceptional organisation and running of the nursery. Safeguarding is effective. All staff have a clear knowledge of how to keep children safe. Leaders monitor children's overall progress very well, although they have rightly identified that this process needs further refinement because it does not look in full detail at different groups of children, to ensure children continue to excel in their learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Teaching is of a consistently high quality and staff interact expertly to support children in all areas of their learning and development. Children benefit from a range of highly engaging activities that encourage them to follow their personal interests, to extend their vocabularies and make new discoveries. For example, children mix shaving foam and mashed-potato flakes together and talk about the changes that they see and feel. Staff know precisely what children can do and how to help them make sustained progress. They observe and reflect in detail on children's learning and share their informative assessments with parents regularly, which helps involve them in their children's learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children thrive in the nurturing and welcoming environment. They choose from a vast range of interesting resources, which they explore excitedly. They are consistently engaged in their learning. An excellent key-person system helps children to feel safe and to form extremely close bonds with staff. Children readily make decisions. For example, they are encouraged to consider the toys needed for the sandpit that are stored under the table, which extends their confidence to try things out and helps them learn to work as a team. Children quickly make strides in learning about being safe and healthy, and they enjoy a range of highly worthwhile activities to stay active. For example, they eat healthy and freshly cooked meals daily, and take part in dance sessions to explore how they can move their bodies.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are extremely confident and highly motivated to learn. They persist with tasks. They become excellent communicators and rapidly develop their problem-solving skills as part of learning about early mathematics. Children are exceptionally well prepared for moving on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	143792
Local authority	Hammersmith & Fulham
Inspection number	841624
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 - 4
Total number of places	25
Number of children on roll	15
Name of provider	Playdays Day Nursery & Nursery School Limited
Date of previous inspection	28 February 2011
Telephone number	020 7385 1955

Playdays Nursery registered in 1998. It is located in West Kensington in the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am until 6pm for 51 weeks a year. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free nursery education for children aged three and four years. There are four staff, three of whom hold appropriate childcare qualifications at level 3.

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