

Bournemouth Montessori Centre



Bournemouth Montessori Centre, 81 Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth, BH1 1RP

Inspection date

26 May 2016

Previous inspection date

18 November 2008

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 management team uses highly effective methods of monitoring and evaluation, and very successfully involves staff, parents and children. It clearly knows the nursery's strengths and areas to develop, significantly improving outcomes for children.
- Staff support children with special educational needs or disability exceptionally well. They are highly skilled and work successfully with other early years professionals and parents to enable children to reach their full potential.
- Children make exceptionally good progress in their learning and development. Staff know the children exceedingly well and plan highly stimulating learning opportunities to enhance their experiences. Children excel and are ready for the move on to school.
- The management team and staff form extremely good partnerships with parents. They feel included in all aspects of the nursery and value the staff's enthusiasm.
- Children successfully learn how to keep themselves safe. For example, they are encouraged to take controlled risks and use real knives as they prepare their snacks. Staff teach younger children how to negotiate stairs safely; they move with confidence between the indoor and outdoor environment. Children's safety is a priority.
- Children have excellent opportunities to learn about the wider world. For example, multi-lingual staff support children in learning other languages. They celebrate different festivals, helping to increase their understanding of valuing and respecting others.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- help children extend their understanding of sharing and listening to their friends even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector completed two joint observations with the manager and held discussions with the management team.
- The inspector completed observations in all the rooms and the outdoor environment.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at different times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including staff records, self-evaluation and the children's learning records.
- The inspector spoke to parents to gain their views.

Inspector

Lorraine Sparey

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The management team and staff implement highly effective procedures to safeguard children's welfare. There are exceedingly good methods to monitor the educational programmes to enable management to identify quickly any areas that children are not achieving so well. Staff target these highly successfully to bring about effective change, such as through individual support and specific activities. Opportunities for staff's continued professional development are extremely good. They benefit from many training opportunities and comprehensive support. Staff feel extremely valued and respected. They thrive on the management team's enthusiasm and exceptional ability in leading them and modelling highly effective teaching skills.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Highly skilled staff provide children with confidence to experience new learning opportunities. They very successfully guide children to be independent learners. For example, staff recognised during a particular activity that some children were not confident to wear a blindfold and to touch new fruits. Instead, staff used a cloth to cover the tray and suggested children close their eyes. This helped all children thoroughly enjoy the activity and talk eagerly about what the fruits felt like and whether they were hard or soft. Dedicated staff follow children's interests and use extremely detailed observations and highly accurate assessments to plan the next stages in their learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children have high levels of respect for their environment and others. For example, they put back equipment after they have finished so that it is ready for the next child. Overall, their behaviour is exemplary. For example, they cooperate extremely well as they work together to collect water for the plants. Very occasionally, children find it difficult to share. Staff are particularly skilled at supporting children's independence from an early age, enabling them to make a very wide range of choices. They move around freely, indoors and outdoors, in all weathers and seasons. Children clearly understand why they follow the exceptionally good hygiene routines. They confidently talk about germs, automatically wash their hands at appropriate times and know why.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are exceptionally motivated in their learning. They are extremely keen, and show high levels of confidence and understanding, such as when planting vegetables they talk about how the roots grow down into the soil. Children communicate very well. For example, they excitedly explore a range of exotic fruits, such as pomegranate and papaya, use their names correctly and talk about what they feel and taste like.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY369168
Local authority	Bournemouth
Inspection number	829112
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	0 - 4
Total number of places	58
Number of children on roll	132
Name of registered person	Bournemouth Montessori Centre Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901883
Date of previous inspection	18 November 2008
Telephone number	01202 780 010

Bournemouth Montessori Centre registered in 1994. The nursery opens Monday to Friday for 48 weeks a year, from 8am until 6pm. It follows the Montessori method of education and is accredited by Montessori Education (UK). The nursery employs 22 staff who work directly with the children. Of these, one member of staff holds early years professional status, one holds qualified teacher status, one holds a qualification at level 5, 11 at level 4, seven at level 3 and one at level 2.

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