

The Fun Zone After School Club



Mrs Blands Infants School, Jordans Lane, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire,
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Inspection date	20 June 2017
Previous inspection date	14 October 2013

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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The committee and manager work closely together to review and evaluate activities at the club and make significant improvements to the quality of care the children receive. They are highly responsive to ideas from the children and their parents to sustain their excellent levels of practice.
- Staff expertly raise children's awareness and skills in keeping themselves safe. They teach them to respect rules and procedures, such as managing the time they spend on computer games and how they evacuate an area in an emergency. Children show great responsibility in managing their time well, including preparation for other activities in the community.
- Staff diligently follow detailed risk assessments and implement precise daily checks of the different play areas to minimise any risk of harm to children as they play. Children thoroughly enjoy new opportunities for imaginative play and physical challenges in the recently improved outdoor play area.
- Excellent communication with parents and school staff ensures that staff understand and respond to children's individual needs extremely well.
- Staff promote children's sense of pride in being part of the club and being willing to have a go at new ventures superbly. Children show immense satisfaction with their personal achievements and delight in other people's success.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide further opportunities for staff to develop and extend their exemplary practice and knowledge.

Inspection activities

- The inspector offered to carry out a joint observation with the manager and discussed the impact of care routines and activities on children's safety, welfare and enjoyment.
- The inspector sampled records and procedures relating to safeguarding, risk assessment and health and discussed these with the staff and the chairperson of the management committee.
- The inspector listened to, and talked with, children as they played indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector looked at how staff exchange information with parents.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day.

Inspector

Helen Robinshaw

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The head teachers of the two host schools are also joint chairpersons of the out-of-school club management committee. Since the last inspection, they have led a review and improved policies and procedures to support children's safety and welfare at the club. The manager shares this with staff as they continue to work to very high standards. Safeguarding is effective. The manager ensures that all her staff know and follow highly effective procedures for recording, reporting and managing any concerns they may have about a child's safety or welfare. She checks staff's suitability to work with children as they join the club and has introduced new updates to check that they continue to be suitable for their role. The manager regularly refreshes excellent staff training in first aid, food hygiene and new guidance to further strengthen child protection. She is now considering how to increase opportunities for staff to develop their excellent skills and knowledge even further.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff welcome children into an extremely versatile and comfortable environment where they thoroughly enjoy being able to relax, investigate and play. For example, there are times when children curl up on a sofa and unwind with a good book and times when they enthusiastically join forces to create a stunning seaside window display. Staff prepare extensive opportunities for children to choose, explore and discover. They give children plenty of encouragement to express their ideas, shape their personal and group goals and talk through their experiences. Staff quickly engage shy children in activities, such as board games. They help children to become more self-assured as they master the rules and gain the confidence to talk and play with other children. Older children are thoughtful and kind as they willingly guide younger friends to more sophisticated levels of skill.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Highly experienced and caring staff diligently follow through any concerns parents or staff have about children's emotional welfare. Children settle in quickly and flourish. Parents note with gratitude how effectively staff share information between the school, club and themselves, when they have agreed to such an arrangement. Continuity in care is excellent, for example, staff smoothly transfer medicines, prizes, homework and knowledge of children's achievements between parents, teachers and carers. Staff encourage children to think about how people in different situations feel and live their lives. Staff set high standards for children's behaviour. For instance, they talk through superb displays that catch children's interest about being polite, valuing everyone and not tolerating prejudice.

Setting details

Unique reference number	511184
Local authority	West Berkshire (Newbury)
Inspection number	1061612
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	32
Number of children on roll	65
Name of registered person	The Fun Zone After School Club Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP910802
Date of previous inspection	14 October 2013
Telephone number	0118 9832779

The Fun Zone After School Club registered in 1997. It is situated at Mrs Bland's School in Burghfield Common. During school term time, the club operates before school from 7.30am to 8.45am and after school from 3pm to 6pm. The club is open to children who attend Mrs Bland's Infant school or Garlands Junior School. During the school holidays, the club opens from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, not including Bank Holidays. The holiday club is open to any child in the community.

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