

Crazy Crackers Ltd @ St. Mary's

St Mary's Parish Centre York Lane, Langho, BLACKBURN, BB6 8DW



Inspection date	30 June 2017
Previous inspection date	18 May 2015

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 highly skilled and qualified provider and her staff team are inspiring. They have high expectations of what children can achieve and an ambitious and determined vision for delivering an excellent service.
- The provider has addressed fully the recommendations set at their last inspection. An extensive self-evaluation system is in place that includes the views of parents and staff. Children actively contribute ideas and suggestions and they feel a true sense of belonging and ownership of the club.
- The provider and manager recognise the value their staff. Highly effective practice promotes and enhances their professional development and robust induction and supervision processes are embedded.
- Children are confident, independent and happy. They demonstrate emotional security with staff who look after them.
- Staff provide an extensive range of resources both indoors and outdoors. Children have excellent opportunities to make choices and decisions in their play.
- Staff have excellent knowledge of the early years foundation stage and are extremely effective in providing challenging activities for children. Children's achievements are well documented in individual files that are colourful and celebratory.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to strengthen the highly effective professional development systems that maintain the already excellent quality of the provision even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held an interview with the provider and manager.
- The inspector toured the spaces both indoors and outdoors that are used by the after-school club.
- The inspector observed interactions between staff and children during activities.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including suitability of staff and a variety of policies.
- The inspector spoke to staff, parents and children at appropriate times of the day.

Inspector

Michaela Francioli

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff keep up to date with safeguarding legislation and have a very robust knowledge of processes that keep children safe from harm. The provider's and manager's excellent leadership skills are inspirational. They are highly focused on the support of staff and ensure staff's skills and knowledge are continually enhanced by access to relevant training. Leaders and staff are motivated to maximise development opportunities to extend the quality of their practice even further. Parents speak very highly of the provision and emphasise their praise and gratitude for the outstanding care the exceptional staff team gave to their children. Parents report that the staff keep them well informed about things their child has done and enjoyed. The provider ensures that all documents, records, policies and procedures are meticulously maintained. She updates them all regularly, ensuring they reflect current information.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff plan an exceptional range of highly stimulating games and activities that intrigues children. Children have free access to resources enabling them to make their own decisions about how they spend their time. They eagerly arrive and quickly settle, becoming involved in activities rapidly. Staff provide a wide range of interesting activities that caters for all ages. Children enjoy being creative at the craft table where they utilise all the materials available. They show skill and control as they cut shapes and decorate their summer lollipops with glitter. Staff's teaching and interactive skills are highly developed. They encourage children to converse about events and interests. Children's communication and extended vocabulary is excellent. They take great delight in talking about how the swing ball activity can be adapted to play other games.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children have a very well-developed confidence in social situations and an understanding of how to keep safe. They carry out their own risk assessments of the environment. This helps to promote their problem-solving and critical-thinking skills superbly. Children identify hazards and consider ways to make it safe. Older children assist younger children in the task. Staff are excellent role models, therefore, children's behaviour is exceptional. Staff encourage children to be kind and respectful towards each other. Children ask politely if they can join in with another child's play. The older children support younger children in their play and include them in what they are doing. This has a positive impact on children's emotional well-being. Children's independence skills are extremely well developed. They confidently serve their own nutritious snack and an excellent awareness of how food impacts on health is evident. They discuss the fat content in cheese and how tomatoes are better for you. Children have superb opportunities to stay healthy and enjoy daily outdoor play and physical games, such as badminton. Children explore ideas about their community and discuss and enjoy activities around celebrations of faiths other than their own.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY396127
Local authority	Lancashire
Inspection number	1093960
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	35
Number of children on roll	50
Name of registered person	Crazy Crackers Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP524198
Date of previous inspection	18 May 2015
Telephone number	07712 555324

Crazy Crackers Ltd @ St. Mary's registered in 2009. The club employs six members of childcare staff. Of these, five hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and above and one member of staff is unqualified. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 7.45am until 8.55am and 3.25pm until 5.45pm.

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