

Little Folks Nursery & Out of School Club

Westwards Close, Kingstanding, Birmingham, B44 8LR



Inspection date

23 May 2018

Previous inspection date

17 September 2014

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

- Leadership is outstanding. The entire staff team is passionate, dedicated and enthusiastic about what they do. Staff fully understand their roles and responsibilities. The nursery is very well organised. Children's safety, welfare and learning are consistently promoted at the highest level.
- The manager meticulously tracks individual children and different groups of children's progress exceptionally well and addresses any gaps in learning. Staff provide an exceptionally challenging learning environment for children with extensive opportunities and resources for play, exploration and discovery.
- The staff are highly knowledgeable about how young children learn. The sharply focused planning ensures all children's interests are known and children make rapid progress in relation to their starting points. Children relish the learning experiences on offer that superbly enhance their development.
- The support in place for children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, and children who have English as an additional language is a real strength of the setting. Detailed intervention plans, close monitoring and effective multi-agency working help to ensure all children make excellent progress and gaps close for them.
- Partnerships with parents are excellent. Parents hold the setting in extremely high regard and give high verbal praise about the excellent progress their children make.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to review the programme of professional development to help maintain the outstanding practice.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the providers, manager, staff, children and parents.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documents, including the suitability checks of staff and a range of policies and procedures.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.

Inspector

Jennifer Turner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have an excellent understanding of safeguarding procedures. They know what to do to help protect children from harm and from extreme ideas, and help them to learn right from wrong. Staff are extremely vigilant in monitoring children's safety and well-being through highly robust risk assessments. The manager tests staff knowledge through discussions and introduces regular scenarios and safeguarding features at all staff meetings and supervisions. A tailored programme of training and very close monitoring of staff practice enables the inspirational management team to continually raise standards and achieve higher outcomes for children. The management place high priority on continual professional development and recognise the need to continue building on staff's skills to maintain outstanding practice.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The quality of teaching is exceptional throughout. Staff provide children with a range of rich, varied and exciting activities that promotes their learning across all areas of their development. Children are exceptionally well engaged and excited to learn. Staff use their expert knowledge of children to plan highly challenging activities. They help children learn about the natural world and skilfully introduce them to the creatures that live within it. Children watch chicks hatching and hold them gently as they feel the fluffy feathers. Children make excellent progress using numbers and mathematical ideas. For example, they use rulers to measure how much the potatoes, strawberries and beans they planted have grown. They confidently tell staff the plants need sun and water to grow. Babies have an equally exciting environment. The cosy and homely space offers plentiful opportunities for babies to explore using all their senses. They delight in feeling the texture of jelly and exploring a range of recycled materials.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children thrive as staff are highly sensitive to their care needs and ensure these are met. Children spend extended periods of time outside, which greatly benefits their health, development and well-being. Staff teach children about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Children are provided with highly nutritional meals and snacks. Staff have high expectations of children and support their growing independence extremely well. Children thrive as they take responsibility to hand out cutlery and cups, and serve their meals at dinner time. Children's behaviour is exemplary and they demonstrate high levels of respect for others. Staff give children an abundance of praise.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children thrive when challenged and delight in solving their own problems. Children enjoy mark making in a variety of ways in good preparation for learning to write, for example, as they paint with brushes and rollers on large poster sheets in the garden. Children learn to write and read their names, and to link letters to the sounds they represent. All children develop the necessary skills for their move on to the next stage of their learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY428026
Local authority	Birmingham
Inspection number	1105292
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	1 - 4
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	16
Name of registered person	Mishi Nurseries Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP904324
Date of previous inspection	17 September 2014
Telephone number	01213845790

Little Folks Nursery & Out of School Club registered in 2011. The nursery is located in Kingstanding, Birmingham. It is open from Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 6pm, all year round. The nursery employs four members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate qualifications at level 3. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-olds.

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