SpectacularKidz Day Nursery & Preschool



11 Farr Avenue, BARKING, Essex IG11 0NY

Inspection date	10 September 2018
Previous inspection date	6 June 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Good Good	2 2
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision is good

- The manager delivers a strong programme of professional development and has high expectations of staff. She encourages staff to extend their skills and knowledge, through ongoing research and training to deliver high-quality learning experiences for all children.
- Staff provide good opportunities to extend children's early mathematical development. Staff encourage children to count, recognise numbers and explore shapes. For example, children enjoy playing dice games and making water handprints outside, then counting the wet finger marks and discussing 'bigger' and 'smaller' handprints.
- Staff support children to talk about their feelings during circle time. Children smile, laugh and say that they are, 'Happy at nursery' because their key person is with them. Children have secure attachments with staff.
- Young children enjoy activities, such as making marks with pens attached to cars. Older children copy shapes and letters in books. This helps children make good progress and develop key skills they need as they prepare to start school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although staff communicate well with children during play, they do not consistently give children sufficient time to explore activities and develop their own ideas.
- Staff are still in the process of developing activities and planning to meet the needs of all children across both rooms, at the highest level.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- allow children time to explore activities and develop their own ideas to make as much progress as possible
- continue to support staff to improve practice to ensure that teaching is at the highest level across both rooms.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with children, the manager and staff.
- The inspector and manager carried out a joint observation of a focused activity.
- The inspector observed staff interactions with children, during activities and play, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's learning records, planning, training certificates and policies.

Inspector

Leanne Stranger

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The manager ensures staff attend regular training and team meetings to create a positive culture, where safeguarding is central to day-to-day practice. Staff have a secure knowledge of the signs of possible abuse and know the procedures to follow, should they have concerns about the welfare of a child. Self-evaluation is accurate. The manager works closely with the early years advisory teacher, staff and parents to reflect on practice and implement change. Careful monitoring of groups of children identifies a need to challenge boys literacy skills further. For example, the manager invites fathers and significant male role models to read to children during story sessions.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff make detailed observations and assessments of children's learning. They plan next steps to extend children's development well, overall. Staff keep parents informed of their child's progress and encourage them to share information about their child's learning, for example, through an online app. This helps to build continuity between home and nursery. Staff make good use of their strong links with the local children's centre, to further extend learning experiences for children. For example, staff provide opportunities for babies to explore their senses and develop an understanding of the world around them, as they visit the local sensory room. Staff effectively use children's interests to create an interactive learning environment. For example, staff provide toy dinosaurs in twigs, leaves and scented herbs, to encourage the children to explore. Staff then use the dinosaur books to discuss skeletons and bodies. Children are excited to learn.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Young children manage their own personal needs successfully. This becomes apparent when toddlers pull their shoes on to the correct feet by themselves. Staff are clear about what behaviour is acceptable and are positive role models for the children in their care. Children know the setting's golden rules and develop a sense of achievement as they follow these. This is seen as children excitedly tell staff, 'Look, I'm sharing with him.' Staff praise children for their positive behaviour. Staff challenge gender stereotypes, for example, as girls enjoy wearing a hard hat and safety goggles to use equipment in the construction area. Staff support children to assess their own risks, as they discuss how to use the tools safely.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress towards their early learning goals. Children's communication skills are developing well. For example, they take turns as they pass ingredients to each other and talk about measuring and textures during a baking session. Children are acquiring the skills needed for their future learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number EY408851

Local authorityBarking and Dagenham

Type of provision 10074465

Full day care

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care typeChildcare on non-domestic premises

Age range of children 1 - 4

Total number of places 20

Number of children on roll 21

Name of registered person Spectacular (UK) Ltd

Registered person unique RP903444

reference number

Date of previous inspection 6 June 2016

Telephone number 020 3581 7856

SpectacularKidz Day Nursery & Preschool registered in 2010. It operates from premises in a shopping parade in Barking, in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. The nursery is open each weekday from 7.30am to 6.30pm for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery is funded to provide free early education to children aged two, three and four years. All members of staff hold appropriate early years qualifications. The manager holds early years professional status.

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