

The Marmalade Owl

Church Of The Ascension, 23 Malwood Road, London SW12 8EN



Inspection date	25 January 2019
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of 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

- Staff meticulously plan activities for children that cover all areas of learning exceptionally well. They assess children's development thoroughly and use this information to underpin the planning so that children are highly challenged. Children make rapid progress from their starting points.
- Staff work exceptionally well with parents. They use a range of highly effective ways to keep them informed about their children's progress. For example, they hold open sessions where parents are invited in to observe their children learning, and parents have free access to the assessments made of their children's progress.
- The manager has individual in-depth meetings with staff to thoroughly review their performance and to identify aspects of their teaching that could be improved further. For instance, staff attended a course on supporting children's physical development which led to great improvements in this area.
- The manager has an excellent awareness of the nursery's strengths and areas to be further developed. She has set highly accurate goals to build on the current superb practice and to identify further improvements.
- Staff manage children's behaviour very successfully. They share the group rules with children, who know these so well that they remind each other of positive ways to behave. Children behave very well.
- Children have excellent opportunities to develop a very wide range of physical skills through challenging outdoor activities. However, the manager recognises that the outdoor provision could be developed even further to reflect different areas of learning to support those who learn best outdoors.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop the already excellent outdoor provision to fully reflect different areas of learning and to support those who learn best outdoors even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a joint observation of a group activity with the manager.
- The inspector observed the interaction between staff and children, and spoke with children when appropriate.
- The inspector tracked the progress of several children.
- The inspector reviewed some documentation and held a discussion with the manager.
- The inspector spoke with parents and staff and considered their views during the inspection.

Inspector

Jenny Beckles

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have an excellent knowledge of the procedures to follow should they have concerns about a child's well-being. Staff give children's safety a very high priority. They carry out very thorough safety checks for all indoor and outdoor activities and review all parts of the nursery to reduce the risk of accidents. The manager has highly effective systems for monitoring and improving the nursery. For instance, planning and assessment records are robustly reviewed and the feedback helps staff to ensure a cohesive approach to identifying where children would benefit from the exceptional support available to those needing extra help. Another excellent example of improvement is where staff visit other nurseries regularly to observe and to share excellent practice.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff support children's creative development in highly effective ways. For instance, children are empowered to select their own textures and materials from a vast range and create their own highly imaginative artwork, such as trees using pom-poms, pipe cleaners and textured paint. Staff teach children very good early literacy skills, helping them to develop a comprehensive knowledge of letters and sounds. Some children are able to read and write simple words. Children have excellent opportunities to practise a very wide range of physical skills. For example, they weave their bodies around cones, balance on stepping stones, and take part in challenging organised group games.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff take great care to find out about each child's personality to enable them to offer highly engaging activities that help them to settle very well into the nursery. Staff teach children excellent safety routines. For instance, children tuck their chairs under tables when leaving an activity to prevent accidents. Additionally, staff teach them how to keep themselves safe through road safety awareness, and children handle tools and materials with great care. Children gain exceptional independence skills. For example, even the youngest children are able to put on their coats by themselves and they tidy up enthusiastically at the end of the session.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are highly confident and extremely well motivated to learn. Children have an exceptional understanding of number and use mathematical language very effectively to describe size and weight. Even the youngest children share and take turns very well. They learn to respect themselves and others from different cultural or religious backgrounds. Children learn extremely valuable skills to support the next stage in their learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY536660
Local authority	Wandsworth
Inspection number	10076700
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Sessional day care
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	40
Name of registered person	Hyslop, Rosalind Jane
Registered person unique reference number	RP511762
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	02082655224

The Marmalade Owl registered in 2016. It is located in Clapham South in the London Borough of Wandsworth. The nursery is open each weekday from 8.45am to midday and from 12.45pm to 4pm, during term time only. Older children stay all day. There are 10 staff, including the manager, eight of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications. This includes three staff who hold qualified teacher status, two staff who hold a level 4 qualification in childcare, and three staff who hold a level 3 qualification in childcare. The nursery receives funding for free early years education for children aged two, three and four years.

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