

Woodberry Day Nursery Ltd - Peartree

135 Peartree Avenue, Southampton, SO19 7JJ



Inspection date 24 October 2017
Previous inspection date 20 August 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

- The management team rigorously evaluates, reflects, and makes changes to constantly improve the quality of the nursery. It uses its expert knowledge and experience in addition to the views of staff, children and parents.
- The enthusiastic staff consistently use skilful questioning to extend children's thinking skills and encourage their learning. The quality of teaching is very strong.
- All children make excellent progress. The manager and staff have high expectations for children. Staff provide sensitive support and encouragement. They adapt to children's individual learning styles and work closely with parents and other professionals to assess and narrow any gaps in learning.
- Children are exceptionally happy and settle very quickly. They benefit greatly from a rich variety of activities, resources and freedom to explore new experiences. They develop extremely positive attitudes to learning, showing high levels of self-awareness and independence.
- Children develop the self-confidence they need to help them in new environments. For example, they are well prepared for changes, such as moving rooms or moving on to school.
- Children are inspired to engage, explore and extend their learning in a happy nurturing environment.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review and improve how staff organise the after-lunch routine in the baby room.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises and reviewed the resources.
- The inspector watched the children and staff at play and observed a planned activity with the manager.
- The inspector discussed the provision with staff and parents.
- The inspector reviewed a selection of documents.
- The inspector discussed leadership and management and self-evaluation with the manager.

Inspector

Lynne Lewington

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The highly experienced management team has greatly enhanced the style of teaching used throughout the nursery. Staff are exceptionally well supported and benefit from highly effective role modelling, mentoring and supervision. They are actively supported to develop their skills, enabling them to remain highly motivated and forward thinking. Safeguarding is effective. Risk assessing is thorough and all staff know what to do if they have a concern about a child. Partnerships with parents are excellent. Parents report they are made very welcome. They are kept well informed about their children's activities and progress. Staff are interested in the children's activities at home and share advice. For example, one parent welcomed guidance about their child's sleep pattern.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff get to know children exceptionally well. They build on children's interests and ensure resources are easily accessible to support and extend learning. Children develop their natural curiosity and ability to experiment and question. For example, when a child wants a small piece of paper, careful questioning leads to a cutting activity. This inspires other children to join in and learn how to use scissors and carry them safely. Staff skilfully encourage children to develop their communication and language skills. For example, in the toddler room, children excitedly retrieve tactile items from a large bag. Staff model language clearly and extend the children's single words into simple sentences as they describe what they have found.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children develop an excellent awareness of safe behaviours. For example, they help to risk assess and wear safety goggles as they use the hammer and nails with great care. Children enjoy excellent opportunities to be physically active. For example, babies develop coordination and balance as they travel across different surfaces, climb steps, crawl through tunnels and slide down the low-level slide. Staff teach children about healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle through discussions, exercise and looking at books. They respond to the needs of the children very sensitively and are excellent role models. Staff are very well organised in all rooms. However, the after-lunch routine in the baby room is not currently well established to provide a smooth transition into the afternoon activities.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are articulate and curious, and well prepared for the next stage in their learning. For example, they talk about and explore the size, shape, weight, colour and texture of pumpkins. They become familiar with their senses as they see, touch and smell them, before describing how fresh pumpkin tastes. They learn that pumpkin plants will grow from the seeds and are eager to grow some. They draw pumpkins and practice the fine-motor skills that will help them learn to write. They extend their understanding by using books to find information.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY473039
Local authority	Southampton
Inspection number	1071731
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	65
Number of children on roll	105
Name of registered person	Woodberry Day Nursery (Peartree) Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP533332
Date of previous inspection	20 August 2014
Telephone number	023 80 422 999

Woodberry Day Nursery Ltd - Peartree registered in 2014. It is one of two nurseries owned by Woodberry Day Nursery Ltd. It operates from purpose-built premises in the Bitterne area of Southampton. The nursery is open each weekday for 51 weeks of the year, from 7.30am to 6pm. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for two-, three- and four-year-olds. The nursery employs 17 members of staff. Of these, two have early years teacher status and eight staff have appropriate early years qualifications. The nursery also employs a cook.

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