



Kenilworth Nursery School and Early Years Teaching Centre

Governors' Report to Parents - Summer 2017

We are coming to the end of another busy and positive year at Kenilworth Nursery School and I hope you will all be able to have some time off to enjoy the summer holidays.

Governors are delighted that Ofsted has once again judged the school to be outstanding this year, praising the school for being *"relentless in continuing to develop and improve teaching and learning through innovative approaches and involvement in cutting-edge research projects that have further enhanced the already very high-quality Nursery provision."*

The role of the governing body is to ensure that the school maintains its excellent work. We do this by regular visits to the school for meetings and observations and by setting the strategic direction of the school. As the safety, security and well-being of your children is the highest priority, governors regularly monitor that the staff team is fulfilling its duty to safeguard children. Happy, secure children are keen to engage in activities and ready to learn.

Alison Paveley, Chair of Governors

"My son settled in fantastically to Kenilworth Nursery School, he is always so excited to attend. He is looking forward to school in September and is more than ready, the nursery has played a big part in preparing him and managing that transition sensitively. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable two years." A parent's comment



Children's Achievements

The **ethos of the school** is about recognising the uniqueness of every child. The highly-qualified staff work alongside the child to skillfully extend their thinking and learning giving them an outstanding start to school life.

To a casual observer it may appear that the children are simply having a lovely time at nursery school with their friends enjoying interesting activities but they are also being skillfully taught the first-year foundation stage curriculum.

The vast majority of children achieve above expected levels of progress at the end of their nursery year, higher results than Warwickshire and national levels. Moreover, the children's positive attitudes to learning continue to benefit them into primary school and beyond, where tracking of their results show they continue to do better than Warwickshire and nationally.



Teaching School



The government has just designated the nursery school a Teaching School, which is a status

awarded to top rate schools and headteachers who have a strong track record in providing high quality school-to-school support to spread excellent practice. Kenilworth Nursery School is highly regarded nationally as evidenced by the fact that many early years professionals seek out our training courses or visit the nursery school to learn about child development.

As part of the teaching school remit, we work with external consultants on research projects: with artist, Matt, on developing children's creativity and child psychotherapist, Gill, on children's emotional development. Gill's work has not only dramatically improved the lives of numerous children and their families, but has enhanced the way staff interact with children and plan activities and the environment for all children at the nursery school.

Children's Learning

by our staff governor Leesa Scholes

The style of teaching at the Nursery School is for

staff to enrich the early years curriculum with stimulating activities in response to the interests of the children to encourage their curiosity, extend exploration and develop their learning skills.

During the Spring Term, we introduced the children to 'challenge' baskets such as Kapla building blocks and Lego. These resources enhanced fine motor and co-ordination skills and have encouraged the children to think creatively and work collaboratively as part of a group. Children also began to recognise that a challenge can be tricky and you may not be able to always complete a challenge straight away!

We have explored Traditional Tales including "The Three Little Pigs" after which the children built their own houses from straws, sticks and duplo blocks and enjoyed testing their strength with a fan.

We have also noticed and explored 'change' in the Nursery environment both indoors and outside. This led to an interest in how things change when they are dissembled, for example making an observational drawing of a bicycle before investigating the component parts.

In the Summer Term Forest School has culminated in our campfire with the children enjoying toasted marshmallows and popcorn.



Family friendly

The school endeavours to accommodate working parents' needs and this year almost half the children have been attending

Nursery School on an individual timetable to fit in with their parents' work patterns, for example by extending the day with breakfast and tea-time clubs. From September '17 the school will start providing free 30 hour/week places for eligible families as well as free 15 hour/week places.

and finally, spread the word...



If you have had a positive experience with us, please tell your friends and neighbours about Kenilworth Nursery School. We want as many children as possible to benefit from this fantastic school in our community. Those looking for places for September '17 or future years, please contact Jackie in the school office.

If your child is due to leave in July we wish them all the best with their transition to reception and onwards in their school career.

Your governors are

Rachel Gillett	Headteacher
Alison Paveley	LA Governor (Chair)
Jean Lockley	Co-opted Governor (Vice Chair)
Leesa Scholes	Staff Governor
Helen Hughes	Co-opted Governor
Lucy Hardstaff	Parent Governor
Jonathan White	Co-opted Governor
Lisa Richards	Co-opted Governor

If you are interested in becoming a governor please contact Alison Paveley or Rachel Gillett via the school office.

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"The outside space is just fantastic. J loves being outside, playing in the sandpit with his friends."

A parent's comment

