

Bright Little Stars Nursery

1 Dove Close, Bunns Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2AQ



Inspection date 4 January 2017
Previous inspection date 5 July 2013

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

- All staff are excellent teachers who continually encourage children to try new things.
- All children, without exception, make rapid progress from their starting points. For example, children who have any emerging special educational needs are extremely well supported.
- The senior management team is very effective at identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the provision. The team skilfully incorporates ideas from training to add to the high-quality teaching, to help children continually learn.
- The views of children, staff, parents and other professionals are meticulously considered to improve practice.
- Staff work extremely well with parents and provide them with extensive support. They encourage them to be actively involved in all aspects of their children's learning.
- Management and staff rigorously monitor the progress of individual and groups of children to rapidly close any gaps in their learning.
- All staff build extremely strong bonds with the children, who show that they feel safe, secure and exceedingly happy.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide even more exciting opportunities for children who prefer to be outside to explore, solve problems and initiate their ideas, to help them make higher rates of progress.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed teaching practice and the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff, children and parents.
- The inspector looked at a sample of the setting's documentation, including the safeguarding policy and procedures.
- The inspector sampled children's development information and records.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager to discuss children's play, learning and progress.

Inspector

Claire Meyer

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Senior staff are exceptional leaders. They are extremely ambitious and continually improve the provision. The quality of care, learning and teaching provided has significantly improved since the last inspection. Children delight in more drawing and writing opportunities during inspiring activities. Staff skilfully support them in communicating their feelings and emotions, and their likes and interests. Staff receive extensive induction, training and coaching. They are exceptionally well motivated and committed to achieving the highest quality of practice. Safeguarding is effective. All staff receive excellent training to help develop their clear understanding of how to recognise issues of concern and how to deal with any child protection concerns.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff provide an exceptionally well-tailored and stimulating learning environment through highly focused planning. Children's specific ideas, views and interests are built into main elements of all learning opportunities. Overall, staff listen to children, encourage them to predict outcomes and to think critically. For example, they incorporated children's suggestions, linked to letter sounds, to feature their words in songs. Indoors, children excitedly test their ideas and delight in making them a reality. However, such opportunities are slightly less effective for children who prefer to be outdoors. Staff encourage children's creative skills extremely well; for example, as they create stamps to put on letters, weigh parcels and make marks on forms in their role-play post office.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children behave extremely well. They are consistently kind, polite and considerate towards staff and each other, and friendships form rapidly. Children spontaneously share resources and skilfully share ideas; for example, as they enthusiastically tell one another about how they made purple play dough. Staff are exceptionally skilled at helping children to develop high levels of independence, confidence and self-esteem, and they celebrate children's achievements enthusiastically. Staff encourage children's physical well-being. All children take part in highly exciting physical activities that are targeted to their interests.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children, including those for whom the provider receives additional funding, are extremely well-motivated to learn and show excellent concentration. They investigate and complete complex tasks meticulously and repeat their attempts until they succeed. Children develop exceptional early literacy skills. Older children read and write their names and are beginning to read simple words. They also understand letters and sounds. Children have impressive mathematical skills and express themselves confidently, even when English is not their first language. They are rapidly gaining the skills needed for their future learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY451870
Local authority	Barnet
Inspection number	1062925
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	87
Number of children on roll	133
Name of registered person	Bright Little Stars Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP531877
Date of previous inspection	5 July 2013
Telephone number	02071004662

Bright Little Stars Nursery opened in January 2013. The nursery is situated in Mill Hill in the London Borough of Barnet. The setting is open Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm, for 50 weeks a year. It is closed for one week at Christmas and one week in the spring. The provider employs 38 members of staff, 25 of whom hold early years qualifications at level 3 or above. The manager holds an early years degree. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education to children aged three and four years, and for children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

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