

Glenfair Nursery School

Standards & Quality Report Session 2007-2008

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you probably know, each year the Government and the Council publish information designed to show how well schools and local authorities are improving year on year.

We in Glenfair Nursery School also like to keep our parents and the local community informed of the work we are doing with children. This leaflet has been designed to do just that. It is our "Standards and Quality Report" for session 2007/2008.

Inside, you will find a brief description of the main things we achieved last session and, building upon these, our priorities for next session. Whilst we do many things in the course of a year, we have focused on what we consider to be the most important areas.

I hope you find the leaflet helpful. If you have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to speak to me. I will be pleased to offer clarification.

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Headteacher



What we achieved in 2007-2008

- Glenfair Nursery School had an inspection by HMIE in December 2007. The report, which was overall very good, was published in March 2008
- All staff had training in Child protection
- In October the nursery took part in a speech and language programme run by Speech and Language Therapists
- In March, Glenfair Nursery School achieved level 2 accreditation as a Health Promoting School. Health promotion will continue to play a large part in life at Glenfair



- Glenfair Nursery School was represented at Falkirk Council's Annual ICT Fair at Carronvale House. Miss Hamilton set up a display and was able to demonstrate how children's learning at Glenfair is enhanced through ICT.



- In May Miss Hamilton and two children took part in Falkirk Council's Early Years Storytelling Festival. The children told the story of The Three Little Pigs to children from other nurseries.



- The nursery also took part in” Go Yellow Day “for Strathcarron Hospice. Everyone wore yellow and ate a yellow snack.



- Jen Barrett from Action recycle came to the nursery and talked about recycling with the children



- We also had visits to the nursery from a Storyteller and Big Drum Promotions.



Our priorities for 2008-2009

- We plan to provide a wide range of high quality literacy experiences
- Parents/carers will be consulted and have the opportunity to be more involved in the life of the nursery
- Child consultation will have a high profile in the nursery and will become part of everyday practice
- Glenfair Nursery School will register as an ECO school

AIMS OF GLENFAIR NURSERY SCHOOL

Glenfair Nursery School aims to provide high quality learning experiences for 30 children

So that the children can become successful learners we aim

- to provide a broad, balanced curriculum which reflects local and national guidelines and promotes the 5 key aspects of children's development and learning and the 8 curricular organisers of Curriculum for Excellence
- to provide high quality experiences that enable the children to enjoy their time in nursery and to develop positive attitudes towards learning
- to provide opportunities to stimulate interest and imagination and to encourage children to explore, appreciate and respect their environment
- to ensure that every child enjoys equality of access to the early years curriculum regardless of background
- to promote effective learning through planning, observation, assessment, record keeping and evaluation
- to improve the quality of learning opportunities for children through a programme of continuing professional development for all staff

So that the children can become confident individuals we aim

- to provide a safe, stimulating environment where children know they are valued and feel happy and secure
- to encourage positive attitudes to self and others and to develop confidence and independence
- to create opportunities for play which will challenge children's learning

So that children can become responsible citizens we aim

- to ensure that all children experience a calm, positive and safe learning environment that promotes good behaviour, self discipline and respect for others
- to build and maintain effective partnerships with local schools, parents, support agencies and the wider community
- to value the different social, cultural and religious experiences which the children and their families bring to nursery

So that children can become effective contributors we aim

- to extend the children's abilities to communicate ideas and feelings in a variety of ways
- to give children the opportunity to make choices, plans and decisions