

Glenfair Nursery School

Standards & Quality Report Session 2006-2007

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 2006/2007.

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 2006-2007

- Following training, including some jointly with Camelon Children's Centre, staff are now confident to take A Curriculum for Excellence forward in the nursery. Planning now shows links with A Curriculum for Excellence. There is also a photographic display relating to A Curriculum for Excellence near the entrance.
- Nursery staff attended training on Health Promoting Schools. A Health Promotion Notice Board has been set up in the entrance and our link Health Visitor has resourced publications. Snack menus now reflect healthy eating and children are enjoying the opportunity to taste a range of fruit and vegetables.



- Good progress has been made with the new Early Years Learning Profile. Children's files are available for parents to access at any time.
- 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 three children took part in Falkirk Council's Early Years Storytelling Festival. The children enacted the story of Little Red Riding Hood in front of ten other nursery groups. Everyone enjoyed the experience and we hope that this will become an annual event.



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



- A monitoring programme to ensure high quality provision is maintained has been introduced into the nursery. This has identified gaps in our resources and new equipment has been ordered.
- We also had visits to the nursery from a Storyteller and Big Drum Promotions.



Our priorities for 2007-2008

- We hope to gain accreditation as a Health Promoting School in autumn 2007.
- Glenfair Nursery School will continue to promote health awareness to all service users. A Health Promotion Week is planned for October.
- As local and national guidelines become available, we will continue to develop staff awareness and understanding of A Curriculum for Excellence. This will help us to deliver a broad based flexible curriculum that allows children to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.
- A Behaviour Management Policy will be introduced into the nursery. The policy is based on a no blame culture. All staff and parents will have access to the policy.
- Children will access challenging play programmes in small groups. This will take learning forward in line with A Curriculum for Excellence and ensure that early education is even more fun for the children.

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
- 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