

Inchyra Nursery School



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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 pupil performance year on year.

In similar fashion, we at Inchyra Nursery School would like to share with you our successes and achievements. This leaflet has been designed to do just that. It is our "Standards and Quality Report" for last session.

Inside, you will find a brief description of the main things we set out to do at the start of last session and also our view, on looking back, of how well we managed to achieve them. Whilst we do many things in the course of a year, we have focused on what we consider to be the most important areas.

As you are aware we received an extremely positive report from our second Green Flag which we achieved in January 2008. We will endeavour to continue to provide the high standard we have already achieved in all areas of our nursery school provision.

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

S. Brown
Headteacher





Aims of Inchyra Nursery School 2008-2009

At Inchyra Nursery School we aim to:

1. Develop each pupil's enterprising attitude and skills through learning and teaching within the whole curriculum.
2. Offer pre-school education and a flexible service to 120 children and families in a warm, safe, secure and stimulating environment during term time from 8.45 a.m. till 4.15 p.m.
3. Increase our work with parents, other agencies, school, nurseries, playgroups and other community groups and promote social inclusion and equality through our work with Grangemouth Integrated Learning Community.
4. Encourage children to explore, appreciate and respect their environment both indoors and out.
5. Provide all staff with appropriate and relevant opportunities to continue to develop their knowledge, expertise and skills to benefit their own professional development and the needs of the school.
6. Ensure all children have equal opportunities to have their needs met and their potential developed to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.
7. Provide learning experiences which will enable all our pupils to achieve their potential and participate in the development of a fair and caring society – "Learning To Achieve." – Falkirk Council.

We recognise, value and actively support the role of parents in their children's education and we regard the participation of parents as of great importance.

We also recognise that the role of parents is often carried out by care-givers, grandparents and other significant adults in children's lives. Wherever possible they are included in parental participation activities.

We welcome and value working together with parents to support their children's learning.



What we achieved by June 2008

- We gained our second Green Flag and were the first nursery in Falkirk Council to do so. We are very pleased to have achieved this prestigious award and intend maintaining the high standards expected.
- We assessed and reviewed our Early Intervention resources and activities in line with Baseline assessment results. We now have an up to date inventory in place which allows staff easier access to a wider range of activities which therefore impacts on the resources we can offer our pupils.
- Staff now have a full working knowledge of the Early Years Learning Profile which parents have daily access to. Staff feel confident talking to parents/carers about their child's file and are more competent at planning for each child's Future focus.
- We carried out many Enterprising initiatives during this session with parental feedback being very positive. Our calendars were quite successful but next year we will take orders at Christmas time to avoid over publication. Our garden produce was well used at snack and sold very well at our fruit shop. Children were also able to experience the World at work first hand during their visit to the local library where they took part in the role of the librarian.
- We completed our self-evaluation for Health Promoting schools and achieved Level 2. We continue to promote all aspects of health and well- being at nursery.
- Staff accessed a variety of courses including Speech and Language therapy; developing Individual Educational Programmes in Nursery; Music tuition; Active Learning in Early Years; Child Protection; and also shadowed a variety of other professionals.
- Staff succeeded in reviewing all the policies we had set out to do and these have been updated and placed in the parents' file in the foyer and in our own school and staff's policy folders.



Our Priorities for 2008/2009.....

Add in 4 capacities for Curriculum for Excellence Successful learners; confident individuals; responsible citizens and effective contributors

- To trial the draft numeracy outcomes as laid out in Curriculum For Excellence.
- To devise a working toolkit for Child at the Centre 2 which staff will be able to use effectively to assess the nursery school's practice.
- To develop a Parents Group in the nursery school to support our parents/carers in a wide range of activities.
- To incorporate mathematical language in all areas of the nursery school and promote its use with all members of staff.
- To sponsor a child from Kenya
- To review staff's own professional needs and those of the school.
- To review our policies following our four year cycle.

