

## Nursery Aims

### Statement

*We promote the key principles of Learning to Achieve which underpin Falkirk Council's strategy for raising attainment and achievement. We seek to provide learning experiences which will enable all young people to achieve their potential and participate in the development of a fair and caring society*

At Queen Street Nursery School we aim to provide a flexible, family friendly service that incorporates pre-school education and quality childcare for children between the ages 3 – 5 years between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm over a period of 50 weeks. We promote teamwork, developing and maintaining effective management systems that support the aims of the centre.

#### **So that the children can become successful learners; we aim**

- to provide high quality learning experiences that sustain enthusiasm, maintain motivation and focus on ensuring continued development.
- to promote the welfare of children by giving them the opportunity to take part in new experiences
- to provide equal opportunities for all children to access the early years curriculum successfully, meeting the needs of each child.

#### **So that the children can become confident individuals; we aim**

- to ensure that staff will provide a stimulating environment for learning where children know that they are valued and can feel happy and secure.
- to support and challenge children using strategies that promote physical, mental and emotional wellbeing

#### **So that the children can become responsible citizens; we aim**

- to ensure that different social, linguistic, religious and cultural experiences the children and their families bring are valued.
- to build and maintain effective partnerships between the school, parents, other agencies and the wider community.
- to ensure that children have opportunities to make healthy choices

#### **So that the children can become effective contributors; we aim**

- to give children the opportunity to make choices, plans and decisions.
- to consult with children at all stages of learning.
- to develop confidence, independence and resilience.

# Queen Street 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 pupil performance year on year.*

*In similar fashion, we in Queen Street Nursery School would like to share with you the successes and achievements of our Centre. 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.*

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

*Avril Robertson  
Headteacher*



## What we achieved in 2007/2008

- *We have achieved our Eco Schools Green Flag Award in recognition of all of the activities our whole nursery has been working on. The children now have a greater understanding of why we recycle, why they should put litter in the bin and why not to leave taps running.*
- *We have developed our nature garden . All children have been involved in planning and organising and making choices in this area as part of an enterprise project. We had an enterprise inspection and received a glowing report on the standard of activities and how they impact positively on learning.*
- *We introduced our Into the Woods programme. Pre school children were involved in an exciting new project which involved them having weekly visits to Lionthorn Woods. They were given the opportunity to spend a whole morning or afternoon exploring and learning about the woods and all that it offers. We were able to develop lots of the children's ideas and take their learning outdoors.*
- *We continued to provide food bags for the children to take home as part of our ongoing health promotion, ending the session with a bag which had all of the things needed to make your own picnic*
- *We had an integrated inspection form HMle and the Care Commission and received a very good report.*
- *We have developed staff training with the experiences and outcomes for A Curriculum for Excellence*
- *Parents have daily access to Early Years Learning Profiles. This has resulted in greater sharing of information between parents and staff. There is now a more equal partnership, where we can both work on children's identified strengths and developmental needs both at home and at nursery.*

## Our priorities for 2008/2009

- *We will continue to develop outcomes and experiences within A Curriculum for Excellence and include these in all of our planning. This is to ensure that our priorities are allowing children to be successful learners, effective contributors, responsible citizens and confident individuals.*
- *We will develop science in the nursery following the principles and values of a Curriculum for Excellence.*
- *We will develop our partnerships with parents so that they become more aware about their child's progress and ensure that there is greater parental involvement in the life of the nursery.*
- *We will develop aspects of language in particular early reading activities. We will make sure that children's experiences in early reading and writing are carefully planned and progress for each child is tracked.*
- *We have applied for a grant to resurface the rest of our playground with safety surfacing and a roadway for bikes. This will enable us to make much better use of our outdoor space. The children will be involved in designing and planning this area.*

