

Aims of our Nursery

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

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

- 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.

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

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Queen Street 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 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 2006/2007

- We became the first nursery in Falkirk Council to achieve Health Promoting Schools accreditation at Level 2. Successful activities included our healthy week, changes to snack and lunch menus and our food activity bags
- We have had garden boxes made for each key worker group so that the children can plan growing activities, learning about how plants grow and change and how to look after them
- We introduced our very successful Colourstrings programme with Marie Fielding. She used music awareness to develop a whole range of skills. Children have gained in confidence and concentration as a result of these weekly sessions.
- We began French lessons for our pre school children in the new year with Valerie Wyper following the 'Entre Dans La Ronde' programme. The children have loved these sessions and have learned lots. They sing the new French songs that they have been taught with confidence
- We were inspected by the Care Commission and received a very good report.
- Our tooth brushing programme has been successfully introduced. Each day all of the children have the opportunity to brush their teeth thoroughly with adult supervision.
- We received a grant of £9500 from 'Awards for All' and used this to purchase our pavilion so that children can access the outdoor area throughout the year. We are also using some of this grant to resurface part of the playground with safety surfacing
- Our hard working parent group helped us to purchase a shelter for the main entrance of the nursery

Our priorities for 2007/2008

We will continue to develop A Curriculum for Excellence. This is a programme to improve the learning and achievement of children in Scotland. We will be reviewing our practice, building on our strengths and working to identify areas of development. This session we will be concentrating on talking and listening with the children

- We will continue to develop the children's learning experiences within interactive ICT throughout the nursery. We will improve our website for parents to use
- We will continue to encourage greater parental involvement and ensure that parents are better informed about learning experiences through a range of information sessions.
- Create a new activity room where the children can use all of their senses and which will enhance the children's experiences in a wide variety of curricular areas.
- In partnership with parents we aim to achieve Eco School Green Flag status. We will improve the front garden for sensory activities. We will continue to compost and recycle, encouraging the children to take care of their environment.
- We will greatly develop our outdoor area to ensure that we provide activities which promote learning experiences for all areas of the curriculum.