

St. Mary's Pre-School, February 2019

Ofsted Inspection

We had our Ofsted Inspection in September and were rated as 'Good' overall and 'Outstanding' for Personal development, behaviour and welfare.

A few quotes from the report were

'Children's behaviour is exemplary. Staff are consistent at managing behaviour and clearly communicate boundaries and expectations. Children develop exceptional social skills. They share and take turns without prompting and are incredibly kind to one another.'

'Staff support children's emotional needs extremely well.'

'All children make good progress from their starting points, including those who have special educational needs and/or additional needs. Children are well prepared for their transitions to school.'

Intergenerational Activities

Following a very positive visit to the 'Holiday at Home' which the Church ran in July, we have begun to visit the Age Concern Centre at Lavinia House more often just to play and we have arranged to go in for an afternoon every three weeks. This will enable the children to build up relationships with the older people and all benefit.

Link with Nursery School Children in Kenya

Initially following Liz's visit to Kenya in February last year, our linked school did not contact us very much. Since Christmas, however, they have sent us quite a few photos and videos. It has been great to share ideas and for our children and theirs to see each other, noticing things which are very similar and other things which are quite different. A teacher from Kenya is hoping to make a return visit in the near future.

Forest School

We continue to enjoy the fun of Forest School and have plans to expand in some way in the coming year. A further member of staff is going to start the Forest School leader training in the Summer.

Staff

It has been great to have three new members of staff join us in the last year bringing us new skills and creative ideas.

Thanks a Million

Our social team have been steadily raising funds for the Thanks a Million project with discos etc. and we are looking forward to another Fun Run and Fun Day in May – Put it in your diaries now!

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