



LEARNING

Priority has been given to the national curriculum 'Curriculum for Excellence' which promotes high quality interactive learning for children. The nursery has continued to develop its strategies for learning & teaching to encourage & challenge young children to become active & interested learners. Staff consult with children and involve them in planning learning based on their needs and interests.

Staff create a stimulating, challenging learning environment & activities which make very imaginative use of resources. They intervene sensitively to support and extend children's learning both indoors & outdoors throughout all seasons of the year.



LEADERSHIP

The Interim Manager and staff are committed to self evaluation and all strive to continuously improve the service to children and families.

The Interim Manager & Teachers regularly monitored the School Improvement Plan in consultation with the Service Manager.

Nursery groups allow staff the opportunity to experience leadership. The groups include the Environment Group and the Drama Group

Child Protection procedures include annual training to keep all staff up to date
Staff attended various training events and shared their experiences with the team.
Almost all staff members benefited from the opportunity to carry out exchange visits with staff at Gowan's Terrace Child and Family Centre to observe and share good practice.

The Interim Manager has been very well supported by the dedicated staff team.

PRIORITIES FOR 2011-2012

- Develop planning and delivery of the curriculum in line with Curriculum for Excellence
- To achieve Health Promoting Schools Accreditation
- Continue to ensure compliance with statutory duties
- Continue to develop monitoring and evaluation programme to ensure continuous development
- Continue to develop teamwork amongst staff.

Crieff Road Pre School Centre Standards & Quality Report 2010-11



This is a brief outline of the nursery's progress over the year 2010-11

It follows the sections set down by Education & Children's Services, Perth & Kinross Council.

The Report has been compiled in consultation with the staff team, Staff Consultative Group.
The nursery would welcome any feedback on the report.

If you would like more information
Please ask Alison Morrison Interim Manager

Nursery Aims

To provide a safe place where children, parents carers and staff show respect for each other and the world they live in.

The nursery bases its aims around providing a high quality curriculum which promotes children's development and learning. We are continuing to develop our curriculum to take account of Curriculum for Excellence. This means focusing on supporting children to develop as



Confident individuals



Successful learners



Responsible citizens



Effective contributors



Juniors 2-3 year olds

ACHIEVEMENT

Children's Progress in learning

Almost all children settled well into nursery and were able to follow routines. Almost all enjoyed exploring books with an adult and were learning to listen well. A few children showed a keen interest in maths activities and were able to count and recognise colours. Almost all children enjoyed a variety of craft and music activities. Almost all enjoyed energetic outdoor play, some could pedal a tricycle. Most children were developing good hand eye co-ordination.



Children in their ante-pre-school year 3-4 year olds

Almost all children have established positive relationships with their group leaders and other members of staff. Most have begun to make friendships. Almost all children use writing resources to experiment with emergent writing. The majority of children were developing good listening skills in group situations. They enjoyed stories and made good use of the books that were located in the story and other play areas. Most children participated well in language & maths activities through the use of ICT. All children experimented in Art & Craft activities & some demonstrated a high level of creativity. They responded very well to music activities and sang very well together as a large group. Almost all were developing good hand control. All children enjoyed outdoor play & developed good physical skills. The gym hall was used on a weekly basis.



Pre-School Children

Almost all children were motivated and keen to participate in outdoor activities. Almost all children made choices and were able to sustain involvement in chosen activities. Almost all recognised their own name in print and were more confident in using writing within a variety of play contexts. Some children could write their own name. Most children were developing very good skills in investigating and recording and enjoyed recording their findings. All had opportunities to experiment with and develop some understanding of maths, science and ICT during free play and directed activities. All had opportunities to handle and experiment with musical instruments and they sang clearly and confidently at the end of term concert. In art and craft almost all children showed increasing creativity. Most children were able to organise resources and become absorbed in role play. All children had opportunities to participate in weekly, structured P.E. activities. Most children were developing good hand control.



Some achievements we have enjoyed over the year:

- Children and staff planted flowers for Beautiful Perth at the Leisure Pool.
- Our sponsorship of a guide dog continues.
- Staff and children donated items and filled shoeboxes for the annual North Church Romania appeal.
- The Parent Council had a very successful year. The Council aims to give all parents more involvement in their children's education and a stronger voice within the nursery.
- The Wednesday parents group continued to be extremely popular with many parents enjoying a weekly get together to socialise and learn from our family support worker.
- The centre enjoyed a very positive Care Commission inspection in June 2010.
- The children created an enormous sculpture with an artist organised by Perth 800.
- Fairfield Lunch club gave us £400 from which we purchased waterproof trousers and books for the children.
- A former parent organised a very successful fundraising Ladies Night. The total of £1100 was raised. So far we have purchased 2 Walkodiles from this money.
- The Parent Council held a very successful Toy Sale & Cake & Candy stall in November 2010 raising £326.20.
- Our annual Christmas Raffle raised £395.60 which was used for the children's gift from Santa and their Christmas Parties.
- The parents were invited for mince pies, shortbread and fruit punch and a Christmas sing-a-long before the Christmas holidays.
- Red Nose Day in March raised £120.75.
- We held a Sponsored Read in May raising £327.00 which was used for our School Leavers Party and gift of a book.
- We held a very successful Health Week in June.
- A donation of £39.48 from the summer sing-a-long was passed to the Sunflower Centre at Perth Royal Infirmary.
- Our parents have collected the following vouchers for us
 - Tesco vouchers towards a set of Bee Bots
 - Morrisons vouchers towards a potato barrel and child's spade
 - Daily Record vouchers towards 62 Ladybird books.