

The Little Tugboat Day Nursery Ltd

3 Finlay Street, London, SW6 6HE



Inspection date

1 June 2017

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The management team has a superb understanding of its role and provides highly effective leadership. It creates a very supportive culture and shares its clear vision for raising standards of teaching and care.
- Management and staff use highly effective ways to observe and monitor children's learning. They use the precise information to identify children's individual needs promptly, and to provide them with excellent support to close the gaps. All children, including those who have special educational needs and those learning English as an additional language, make rapid and sustained progress.
- Children gain exemplary skills in looking after themselves and their environment. For example, they remind their friends to line up and to wear their hat for the garden.
- Partnerships with parents are excellent. For instance, staff use exceptionally successful ways for engaging them to benefit children. Parents comment favourably and find staff are extremely creative in their teaching and approach.
- Partnerships with other professionals are superb. For example, staff form excellent communications with other early years settings, to ensure continuity in children's care and development.
- Staff follow highly effective procedures, including how to risk assess the environments, to help keep children safe. They supervise children extremely well.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- provide children with even greater opportunities to develop their interests in sensory play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors. She spoke to staff and interacted with children at appropriate times.
- The inspector checked documents relating to the suitability and qualifications of staff and sampled documentation, including safeguarding procedures and children's records.
- The inspector reviewed the nursery's self-evaluation and discussed with members of the management team how they evaluate their provision and target improvements.
- The inspector spoke to parents and sampled surveys from them.
- The inspector carried out joint observations with the manager and deputy manager.

Inspector

Marisol Hernandez-Garn

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Self-evaluation is exceptionally rigorous. The management team evaluates all aspects of the nursery and proactively seeks and acts on the views of others to identify further developments. Staff receive excellent coaching and are supported extremely well to expand their knowledge of high-quality practice, to achieve the best possible outcomes for children. For example, following training, they improved their observation and planning skills significantly to benefit children further. Safeguarding is effective. The management team follows rigorous recruitment processes to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. Management and staff are exceptionally confident about how to identify and report any concerns about children's safety and well-being.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff use their expert knowledge to great effect to provide children with plenty of opportunities to build on what they already know and can do. They are extremely skilful at extending children's thinking skills and giving them ample time to think and respond. During group time, for instance, younger children showed impressive confidence as they re-told a familiar story using their own words, developing their communication and language skills very successfully. Outdoors, children display the same levels of high motivation and engagement. For example, they were extremely engrossed as they made mud pies using a wide variety of tools. Staff develop children's mathematical skills adeptly, for example, through songs and by using numbers purposefully. Staff plan to make sensory play more readily available for children to complement their learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children benefit greatly from the highly effective key-person system, supporting, for example, their emotional well-being. Staff are very skilful at teaching children about healthy living. For example, they make excellent use of the garden to test and improve children's physical skills. Children enjoy a diet of highly nutritious and homemade meals. Staff teach children to behave superbly. For example, they learn to be kind, to respect others, and how to resolve minor conflicts. Children increase their awareness of the wider world, such as through the many positive images displayed around the nursery.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children flourish at this nursery. They are highly independent and are extremely keen to do things for themselves, such as during daily routines. Younger children express their impressive creative skills, for example, as they make their own animal collage. Older children develop an excellent understanding of early literacy skills. For example, they very easily recognise letters and write their own names. All children gain extremely strong skills in preparation for the next stage of their learning, including their move to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY489210
Local authority	Hammersmith & Fulham
Inspection number	1014406
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	34
Number of children on roll	41
Name of registered person	The Little Tugboat Day Nursery Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP534584
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	02077316648

The Little Tugboat Day Nursery Ltd registered in 2015. It is located in a residential area in the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. The nursery operates from 8am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery employs 11 members of staff; of these, one holds qualified teacher status and 10 hold relevant early years qualifications from level 3 to level 6.

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