

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Visit to Sunbeams Pre-School

On 23rd April 2024, an Early Years Quality and Sufficiency Officer from Portsmouth City Council came to visit our Pre-School. This was a very positive experience and one the children and staff enjoyed taking part in. Below are some 'sound bites' from the report.

"Leaders and staff have high expectations for the children and have designed a broad and balanced curriculum that helps children build on their existing skills and prepare them for their next stage of learning. They seek information from parents about their children's needs, interests and development. They are clear about what they intend for the children to learn with each activity they provide and create exciting learning environments for the children which encompass some of the children's interests and provides a range of learning experiences that cover all 7 areas of learning both in the indoor and outdoor learning environments."

"Information about children's interests and next steps is included in displays in the setting which ensures all staff are secure in their knowledge about each child's next steps even if their regular key person is not available. Children's achievements are celebrated on the Pre-School's Wow wall."

"Staff are skilful at keeping children engaged in their play and provide children with new vocabulary."

"Children were observed to have close and trusting bonds with staff and display a good level of self confidence and self-esteem. Staff encourage independence as part of their school readiness."

"Staff are very interested in the children and have high expectations of them. They continually talk to them and encourage them when they are working at activities. This helps to motivate them and give them determination to sustain interest and concentrate on the activities which enables them to succeed."

"Children behave exceptionally well. They are polite and well mannered, care for each other and the setting's resources and have positive relationships with their peers and adults in the pre-school."