Penicuik nursery 2018 yearly over view

At Pinocchio’s we believe in working in partnership with our parents to support and develop your child while taking on board any suggestions for improvements and praise. This year we are happy to say we have continued to provide / have achieved the following:

- Successful partnerships with Midlothian Council have ensured consistent support and guidance from Liffy and Cheryl who has evaluated the nursery and provided feedback they ensure that the children have daily access to a broad and varied range of learning experiences.
- Our very experienced and knowledgeable chef Jill provides delicious and nutritious home-cooked meals. She consults with staff and children, ensuring she caters for all children’s needs.
- To ensure all staff are up to date with current guidelines and legislation, the nursery manager will introduce monthly in-house training sessions, to ensure practitioners provide correct learning experiences and better outcomes for children.
- All staff are supported and encouraged to participate in training, and have updated their knowledge on Food Hygiene, Child Protection and First Aid
- The nursery offers extra curricular activities such as Mini Kickers, Planet soccer and Dance a Book, which enables effective partnerships with other professionals and gives the children opportunities to take part in activities to promote their health and wellbeing.
- Our nursery continues to provide events to celebrate achievements, and to encourage parental involvement such as graduation, sports day, summer and Christmas outings and Christmas party.
- Parental involvement has been further developed with our regular parent feedback questionnaires; these have been a great insight to continually improve the provision.
- Our nursery will be developing and implementing Loose Parts play both indoors and out, which will be in line with our Eco Schools program.
- All displays throughout the nursery as more natural and consist of children’s own work, allowing the children’s own work to be the focus.
- The Early Learner and Junior rooms have had new natural coloured flooring, which have brighten and freshened up the rooms.
- We have successfully engaged in our intergenerational project with Cowan Court, and have had many lovely visits to see the residents. The staff and children have enjoyed participating in arts and crafts, singing and a Halloween party with the residents. This has been extremely beneficial to both the children and the residents and we are looking forward to this continuing and developing. The staff are looking forward to further developing the fantastic relationships with the residents and staff at Cowan Court.
- We are looking into a parent forum that will begin after the year this is to gain more input and ideas from a parent’s point of view.
- Staff are going to be researching into new documents such as my world outdoors which will give staff a better understanding of outdoor play and the benefits this will have on the children.
- At Penicuik branch we have space on Monday’s and Fridays for the good to be two funding scheme and also provide spaces for children using grant funding hours.
- Staffs has been given opportunities to access regular training as well as refresher courses in which they learn new techniques that can be put into place and be passed onto their teams.
- Our fees are inclusive of meals and nappies, formula milk and continue to offer organic cow’s milk.
- All playrooms have access to their own iPads and each nursery will also have a laptop which can be used within the playrooms to support the renewing of the Learning Journals. Our Early Learning room also have 2 extra iPads for the children’s use.
- The nursery has reviewed all risk assessments in the nursery and up dated them with risk benefits for the children. We will begin to introduce these risk assessments to the parents in our monthly newsletters in 2019.
- We have met the Investors in People standards for the last 16 years.
- We have continued to raise money for The Sick Kids Foundation, with the support from all the families the rolling total of the company is £60, 000 raised by the end of 2018.