

Dawn Until Dusk Ltd

Springfield Lower School

Springfield Lower School, Orchard Street, Bedford, MK42 7LJ



Inspection date

6 June 2018

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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The providers communicate their uncompromising vision for excellence successfully with the manager and deputy manager. The setting is expertly run by the highly qualified and motivated staff.
- The providers work collaboratively with the host school that children attend. They share a wealth of information to support children's learning, development and safety.
- Staff successfully stimulate children's communication and language skills and introduce them to new experiences. They study a large land snail and this encourages children to use extensive questioning and descriptive language.
- Staff welcome children when they arrive. Children embrace staff warmly and are obviously extremely attached to them. Staff have an excellent knowledge of each child's needs. They spend time with children, encouraging and praising their efforts as they settle.
- Children thrive at the club. They strengthen their social skills and spend long periods concentrating on activities that they enjoy.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- expand even further on the excellent opportunities for children to play physically outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to children, parents, the head teacher, staff and the providers and took account of their views.
- The inspector observed children's activities indoors and outdoors and assessed how their learning supports their development.
- The inspector looked at required documentation, such as evidence of the suitability of staff.
- The inspector discussed a planned activity with the manager.

Inspector

Hayley Marshall-Gowen

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Keeping children safe is at the heart of all work at the club. Extensive training enables staff to be highly vigilant in recognising and acting upon any concerns about children's welfare. The providers work closely with the Local Safeguarding Children Board to remain alert to child protection issues. Staff monitor children closely as they play. The supervision of staff is excellent. Extensive support is available for staff to guide and review their work and to identify training needs. Staff work closely with parents who praise the staff and their care for children. Staff show an excellent capacity to maintain the outstanding quality of care they provide for children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children enjoy playing competitive games, such as air hockey. They expertly draw on their mathematical learning from school to add up scores and compare them to see who has won. Staff meticulously plan to provide children with meaningful play experiences. With careful thought into children's age and stage of development, staff provide inclusive activities for all children to join in with. Children show pure delight when they play musical bumps. They jump and move their bodies with high levels of enthusiasm and energy. Children are skilful problem solvers. If they encounter a difficulty, such as how to make wool stick to cardboard, they try different approaches until they find a way to make this work. Staff are currently finding even further ways to provide children with excellent opportunities to be physically active outdoors.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children's behaviour is superb. They play together extremely well. Older children are kind and caring and show sensitivity to younger children's needs. In turn, younger children learn from the older children and there is a harmonious feel to the group as children get along so well. Children learn about how to identify and manage risks as they play. The superb levels of challenge children encounter helps them to become resilient and capable individuals. They develop a 'can do' attitude towards learning new skills. The comprehensive programme for supporting local and worldwide charities raises children's awareness of others. Staff sensitively teach children about differences between themselves and others. This provokes a strong emotional response from children who display exceptionally mature empathetic skills. Children show an infectious appetite for learning. They breeze into the club full of confidence and willingness to join in with activities. Children's move to and from school is seamless as they are highly secure and confident. They know what they are good at and celebrate their diverse skills, such as drawing portraits of themselves and programming technical toys.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY501786
Local authority	Bedford Borough
Inspection number	1053152
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 12
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	64
Name of registered person	Dawn Until Dusk Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP902292
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01234306000

Dawn Until Dusk Ltd Springfield Lower School registered in 2016. The club employs two members of childcare staff. The manager has qualified teacher status. The club opens from Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am until 9am and 3pm until 6pm

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