

Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School

Raising standards through improved provision

Our starting point

2007 Ofsted stated that children entering reception class were exceptionally well below national expectations especially in speech and language. This obviously impacted on learning throughout the school as the children were always playing 'catch-up'. It was decided that it would be beneficial to the whole community and the future education of the children to have a fifty two place nursery class within the school and to also develop the provision for early years.

The school council worked with architects and landscapers to design the outside learning environment

Amphitheatre

This will impact on future learning throughout the whole school, raising standards and levels of achievement.

Bright airy classrooms

Quality provision

The new nursery class has meant we have been able to offer quality teaching, learning and provision for children in the community. It has proved to be so successful that we have recently been able to have a new purpose built Foundation Stage unit. The classrooms and outside areas have been carefully designed to encourage independent learners.

Our Future

The new facilities contributed to the schools overall Ofsted judgement of good in 2011. The report also states '...classrooms and outside areas offer a wealth of activities to delight, absorb and challenge children. The staff lead children's learning forward in ways that enrich experience and imagination, extend physical and creative skills and promote the use of language....'

Our Actions

2008 The process of setting up the new nursery class began with the refurbishment of the classroom and secure outside learning area. Appropriately qualified and experienced staff were appointed. New furniture, equipment and resources were sourced and purchased within the allocated budget. Open events and advertising for prospective parents and their children were organized. We also wanted to promote the school as a whole so children from higher up the school gave guided tours to show how proud they were of their school.

The new nursery class opened in September 2009

Impact

The impact on the school and community has been very positive. The take up for places has increased during the time we have been open. The profile data indicates the children now entering reception class are achieving broadly average PSED scores on the profile and have a much more positive attitude towards learning.

All weather canopied area.