

STEPPING STONES OFSTED REPORT 2010

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Nursery “outstanding” say school inspectors

CHILDREN and staff at a Newlyn pre-school are celebrating a 100 per cent report from Ofsted inspectors

Stepping Stones jumped from a good report three years ago to receive top marks following the latest visit in May.

Last week around 15 youngsters graduated from the nursery to start at Newlyn School and other local primaries next term.

Manager Sue Moon said “Newlyn provides such a wealth of happy, individual children which emphasizes the essence of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Attaining outstanding status is due to them, their families and the great relationship made with our very dedicated and devoted team. Our inspection was actually quite a pleasant experience after the initial shock.”

The nursery has seven staff and around 60 children who attend between the ages of two and four-and-a-half years old.

The Ofsted report concluded: “Stepping Stones Pre-School is an outstanding and inclusive provision that successfully meets both the welfare and learning needs of the children.”

The report says “children settle quickly into the welcoming, exciting and secure environment of Stepping Stones” and that “behaviour and social relationships are excellent and the children receive a high standard of care”.

Very few schools or pre-schools achieve 100 per cent outstanding.

Nursery chairman Angela O'Connor said “I am delighted to receive this very well deserved report. I am, however not at all surprised as Sue Moon and her amazingly hard-working and vocational staff have always delivered an outstanding education to every child in their care.”

She added “ It is worth noting that there is no warning for the staff of an Early Years setting, Ofsted inspectors arrive and begin the inspection, thus illustrating that Stepping Stones is consistently brilliant”.

The school says that it is hoping to upgrade the premises of Stepping Stones in future to ensure a continued safe and happy environment at the nursery.