



Open Futures

What OFSTED has to say...

Camberwell Park Specialist Support School

Inspection date 20-21 June 2013

Pupils have worked hard to prepare their gardens for the forthcoming RHS Flower Show Tatton Park. These activities make an excellent contribution to the promotion of the pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Cheetham CofE Community Academy

Inspection Date: 15-16 January 2014

The exciting range of subjects is firmly based on developing life skills. It provides many high quality creative opportunities, such as learning Mandarin or cookery projects like 'Come Dine with Dad' using vegetables grown in the school garden.

Chiltern Primary School

Inspection date 25-26 June 2014

The curriculum provides many opportunities for pupils to develop their literacy, numeracy and enquiry skills through gardening, horticulture, cooking and film. It links learning and real life experiences in order to help pupils discover and develop practical skills and personal interests.

For example, pupils eat food that they have grown themselves. In such projects they use many skills such as measuring the vegetable beds before digging and learning new words as they discuss the recipes they are going to cook.

Gallions Primary School

Inspection date 14 May 2009

It is activities such as these that help to make pupils' learning fun and is a key reason why pupils so greatly enjoy school. Parents certainly appreciate this. As one explained, 'The philosophy for children, music and arts focus of the curriculum add so much value to the excellent teaching environment'.

An interest in the environment has been harnessed to very good effect as pupils grow their own vegetables as part of their commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

Inspection date 12-13 October 2011

Weekly philosophy sessions for pupils contribute well to the development of thinking skills and support good spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

They concentrate well in lessons and willingly discuss their learning with each other. This was illustrated well in a successful philosophy lesson in Year 5 where pupils talked thoughtfully and confidently about themes such as destiny and free will.

Manor Primary School

Inspection date 14-15 October 2009

Mathematics problems are given relevance by being applied to normal everyday life. Pupils are confident in listening carefully to others and in expressing their ideas.



Neasden Primary School

Inspection date 11-12 September 2012

Pupils have good opportunities to develop their skills and apply their literacy, numeracy, and information and communication technology skills through activities that make learning more real. For example, pupils talk excitedly about growing and selling produce from their garden and organising coffee mornings so that they extend their experience of the wider community and develop their role within it.

Ings Primary School

Inspection date 14-15 October 2014

The early years provision develops inquisitive children's minds right from the start. Outdoors and indoors, children have access to stimulating resources and equipment.

The curriculum is extensively enriched by music, sport, visitors and residential visits. For example, all Year 4 pupils learn a brass instrument, pupils in all years take interest in growing and cooking their own vegetables, pupils of all abilities talk enthusiastically about the animated films they make using digital cameras, and of the trip to London to sing alongside professional artists. This is because the headteacher is determined that every individual has the opportunity to find and develop their talents, as well as a clear understanding of life and the values of modern Britain. The wide range of visitors to school, and the many outdoor activities, incorporating an appreciation of the natural world, are the basis for pupils' good spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Birkwood Primary School

Inspection date 7-8 October 2014

The curriculum is an excellent organisation of work and activities, which very effectively achieves the school's aims, promoting academic achievement and preparing pupils extremely well for life in modern Britain. It awakens pupils' enthusiasm and makes school an exciting and hugely enjoyable experience for pupils. The very broad range of learning opportunities is incredibly well enriched by a whole range of activities away from school such as the Year 6 residential visit to North Wales and a trip to London and the Houses of Parliament. There are also very good opportunities for pupils to grow and cook their own food.

Crigglestone St James CofE Primary Academy

Inspection date 15-16 July 2014

Regular visitors, trips and the opportunity to 'grow it, cook it, film it and ask it' in every topic brings learning to life and fully engages pupils.

Petersgate Infant School

Inspection date 13 January 2009

A strong feature of the school is the work it does on extending pupils' learning through a variety of initiatives such as gardening, its designation as an Eco-School, and the wide range of activities on offer. Parents are very supportive of the school and all that it has to offer. These comments sum up the views of most parents: *'Petersgate is a very welcoming and open school where my children are very happy'*, and, *'The range of activities both during and after school is better than I could ever have hoped for especially the "Grow it, Cook it, Eat it scheme."*



The school's involvement in a pilot project to broaden pupils' interests and knowledge of the world around them through practical experiences is having a positive effect on further capturing their interest.

St John the Baptist Primary School

Inspection date 11 June 2009

Teachers find practical ways to give pupils life skills which impact very well on their development, for example by growing fruit and vegetables and then cooking them in school.

Inspection date 17-18 September 2013

The curriculum provides pupils with exciting things to do. The 'grow it, cook it, film it and ask it' initiative, for example, motivates pupils extremely well. They talk with enthusiasm about their work in the garden. Literacy and numeracy are taught well through other subject areas.

Towngate Primary School

Inspection date 24 April 2012

The school has recently achieved a number of new awards, including the Open Futures Quality Mark for incorporating the basic skills of life into the curriculum, the Eco Bronze Award and the International Schools Award.

The newly revised skills-based curriculum meets the needs of its pupils well and provides a wide range of enrichment activities, particularly through well-established links with local schools, trips and residential visits, and themed weeks held in school. There is a strong emphasis on promoting reading, writing, mathematics and information and communication technology. The 'forensic Fridays' activities provide good opportunities for pupils to apply these skills in a range of activities, particularly in mathematics and science, which enthuse their learning. 'Open Futures' is adding a vibrant dimension to the curriculum in building skills for life, for example, through the 'Philosophy for Children' and social and emotional literacy strands. The curriculum provides good opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, as pupils take an active part in their local community, with many good opportunities to develop their social skills, in lessons, through the school council and as playground leaders.