kids play Childcare Awards 2018

Celebrating our stars of today and tomorrow















Rewarding Outstanding Performance at Kids Play Childcare

The votes have been cast by hundreds of members of staff and parents, and the expert judging panel has decided the winners.

Tonight, we recognise those who have gone above and beyond in their role at Kids Play Childcare as they step up to collect the awards they have rightfully earned and deserve!

Friday 23rd November 2018
Doubletree Hilton
MK Dons Stadium



Celebrating your achievements

Thank you from the Directors

Wow! We cannot believe its's been two years since our last award ceremony.

Time sure flies when we love our jobs!

Together we have achieved so much over the last two years; a beautiful new nursery in Bury St. Edmunds, which OFSTED said was 'outstanding for personal development, behaviour & welfare' a new farm based nursery at Mead Open Farm, complete with a six month waiting list; and of course The Childcare Hub in Milton Keynes, Nursery World's New Nursery Launch of the Year. While so many people have contributed to The Childcare Hub's success, it was Sharon's vision and research that have created this truly unique home of nature based play.

The next two years we believe will be as equally as exciting with plans to open more farm and nature based nurseries. The first of which will be Odds Farm Park in Beaconsfield that has building work commencing early in the New Year and we have more nurseries set to open further afield.

We, of course, thank our Seniors for all their hard work, long hours and rigorous reviews ensuring we are not just OFSTED compliant but quality led settings. All 15 settings have been rated as Good by OFSTED, some with outstanding elements.

On this beautiful occasion, we take this opportunity to convey our wishes to all of you, who have given impeccable contribution in shaping this company. Our joint vision of wanting what is best for children shines through all of our settings because of you!

It has been such a privilege to read through all the wonderful comments, they clearly show the wonderful impact you all have on your colleagues and families lives. You should all be so proud of yourselves!

Thank you so much, you awesome bunch!

Paul, Sharon & Jimmi

Thank you from the Seniors

A huge thank you to all Managers, Deputies and Practitioners. Your enthusiasm, dedication and hard work has ensured that all the children in our care receive a first class experience. We have seen you encourage and support their development, create stimulating and interesting environments and invest in parent partnerships to provide a warm and nurturing service. Your unfailing energy and commitment has been appreciated and we are so proud of you all.

We of course can't go without a thank you to the head office team who supports us all; ensuring we are paid on time, dealing with many parent questions, new enquires and helping with understanding the figures! Your support to us and all the sites is very much appreciated and makes our lives a lot easier!

We are excited to be celebrating this evening with you all

Here's to celebrating many more years of success!

Senior Managers : Louise , Kelly, Marie, Angie & Claire
Support Senior Managers: Lucie, Jemma & Laura

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Our 'Rising Star Award' recognises members of staff who have substantially grown in their role within a relatively short period of time. Individuals who have made a valuable difference to their work environment and become an integral member of the team.

Award Nominees

Brooksward Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Selene Chetoni

Kids Play Day Nursery & Pre-School at Bury St Edmunds

- ★ Carla Payne
- ★ Vicky Hay
- ★ Zara Rowe

Little Chestnuts Day Nursery & Pre School

- ★ Maria Williams
- ★ Shelby Stevenson

Long Meadow OOSC

★ Tanya Diwadkar

Mead Open Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Chanice Ellis
- ★ Jo Faulder
- ★ Joanne Payne
- ★ Jose Llopis

Multiple-Sites

★ Martin Jackson

Portfields OOSC

- ★ Joseph Maloney
- ★ Lucie James

The Childcare Hub

- ★ Alicia Tilley
- ★ Debra Lampitt
- ★ Lynsey Chapman
- ★ Maddy Perkins
- ★ Madison McGill
- ★ Maria Garcia
- ★ Rachell Maude-Turner
- ★ Sophie Harding
- ★ Yasmin Morris

The Childcare Hub OOSC

★ Olivia Valente

topsy turvy Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Monique Manson- Lewis

Willows Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Becky Coleman
- ★ Chelsea Howell
- ★ Chiron Scoot
- ★ Claire Bryant
- ★ Courtney Watson
- ★ Eva Montero
- ★ Faharna Hussain
- ★ Georgia Fawkes
- ★ Kirsty Seager
- ★ Laura Weall
- ★ Marta Galaupcid
- ★ Michelle Byron-Cooper
- ★ Saman Shabir
- ★ Sarah Baker
- ★ Sue Hall
- ★ Tazmin Wells

Wolverton Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Frances Poole





Rising Star Award

What the voters said...



Alicia Tilley

Alicia has a very good work ethic and uses her initiative very well. She has worked extremely hard to complete her level 3 qualification and continues to always do her best with everything.

Maddy Perkins

I was very anxious leaving my daughter at nursery, Maddy made a special effort to bond with Lexi and make me feel at ease.

Kirsty Seager

She is always happy and bubbly and just so enjoyable to be around. She hasn't been in the setting for a long time but she has managed to build her place in the room and all the practitioners and children adore her.

Lucie James

She has not been with the company long, she came in as a out of school club manager at one of the difficult sites, the busiest and the one that was due ofsted, she has done a fantastic job at this, gets on with everything, works very hard, made great relationships with all of the, managers.

Jo Faulder

Jo is dedicated and hard working from the moment she comes into work. Her care for the children is amazing and the children adore her! Jo is great support to all staff and is always willing to give a help in hand!

Monique Manson-Lewis

Monique is working towards her qualification. Within a short period of time, she showed how passionate she is about childcare, knowledgeable and looking forwards to develop professionally.

Zara Rowe

She's hard working, organised, motivated, enthusiastic and fun! In just 3 short years her passion has grown her from a 17 year old holiday club practitioner to a trainee toddler room leader of a busy 24 place toddler room.

Claire Bryant

Claire, is always smiling, she is great with the parents and children and has supported the staff with the changes to make this as easy a transition as possible.

Martin Jackson

I would like to nominate Martin for this award because of all the thought, energy and effort he puts into his forest school teaching. All the children really love the varied and interesting activities he plans every session.

Chanice Ellis

Chanice works incredibly hard, she has developed so much since starting at the nursery and goes above and beyond for the nursery and children in her care. She really is a rising star!

★ Last award winner: Nureen Qamar - topsy turvy Day Nursery & Pre-School
 ★ Runner-up: Alice King - Little Chestnuts Day Nursery & Pre-School



Our 'Parent Partnership Award' recognises members of staff that have gone above and beyond with parents to share full information about their child. They encourage parents to be involved in their child's learning and ensure there is open communication between parent and practitioner.

Award Nominees

Brooksward Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Amanda Chapman
- ★ Cordette William
- ★ Laura Bianchi
- ★ Rachel Walden

Head Office

★ Vicki Willis

Kids Play Day Nursery & Pre-School at Bury St Edmunds

- ★ Gina Karop
- ★ Terri Doucharicz

Little Chestnuts Day Nursery & Pre School

- * Anna Quirogaserra
- ★ Emma Farmer
- ★ Gill Coleman
- ★ Maria Williams
- ★ Vikki Lough

Long Meadow OOSC

★ Rebecca Price

Mead Open Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Jo Faulder

Portfields OOSC

- ★ Lucie James
- ★ Nicola Moolman

The Childcare Hub

- ★ Alexandra Barnard
- ★ Annie Guess
- ★ Elena Yanchevski
- ★ Emma Kizilyaya
- ★ Lynsey Chapman
- **★** Maddie Perkins
- ★ Madison McGill
- ★ Theresa O'Brien
- **★** Tiffany Chapman

The Childcare Hub OOSC

★ Lianne Payne

topsy turvy Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Alina Pancesu
- ★ Melissa McNuff
- ★ Vanisha Vijiri

Willen OOSC

- ★ Danielle Drewett
- ★ Kayleigh Reily
- ★ Sue England

Willows Activity Day Camps

★ Olivia Rogers

Willows Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Charlotte Johnson
- ★ Chelsea Howell
- ★ Claire Bryant
- ★ Evie Theodoru
- ★ Faharna Hussain
- ★ Kirsty Seager
- ★ Lauren Hill
- ★ Lucy Leake
- ★ Sally Mclean
- ★ Tazmin Wells
- ★ Vikki Laxton-Bass





Parent Partnership Award

What the voters said...



Cordette William

Cordette has always been great with my daughter and is great with my son whenever she sees him even though he doesn't go to the nursery.

Kayleigh Reilly

She is very helpful, and work's very well with each individual parent and carer for their needs. She always goes the extra mile for the parents and nothing is ever too much to ask.

Vikki Lough

She goes above and beyond to build a good relationship with all the children and knows their routines well and how to calm/engage them.

Lynsey Chapman

Lynsey is always cheerful and full of good humour.

Amanda chapman

From when our son was in nursery he saw
Amanda and was always greeted with a big
hello and smile. Our son always looks
forward to seeing her in the mornings!
Thank you Amanda for always making
James smile and feel comfortable
at preschool

Vicki Willis

I nominate this person because she is always dealing with parents with their queries, and always offering help to the managers. She is always approachable and never moans.

Rebecca Price

To recognise the hardwork and making Kids Play a warm and welcoming place for my kid.

Kirsty Seager

Kirsty is always chatting to the parents and giving them positive feedback. She is engaging with the parents and helping them with anything they need.

Annie Guess

Annie has made my son feel comfortable and settle in so well since he started in the baby room. Annie always makes sure I am constantly updated with his progress and how he has been from day to day.

Melissa McNuff

Melissa has remarkable attention to detail regarding looking after my son and all the babies and I can see that my son has bonded well to her. She is supportive towards his development.

★ Last award winner: Richard Johnson - Willows Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School
 ★ Runner-up: Haydon Green - Tickford Park After-School Club



This award is intended to recognise and reward an employee whose innovative ideas, suggestions, work, procedures etc, have resulted in improvements within the company, creating a more time-efficient, cost effective or having an environment impact.

Award Nominees

Brooksward Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Cordette Williams
- ★ Elaine Dann
- ★ Rachel Newell

Head Office

- ★ Daryl Cooper
- ★ Firra Jones

Kids Play Day Nursery & Pre-School at Bury St Edmunds

- ★ Carly Barrett
- ★ Ceri Jameson
- ★ Gina Karop
- ★ Jackie Bullock
- ★ Leanne Roper
- ★ Rebecca Mackenzie

Little Chestnuts Day Nursery & Pre School

- ★ Anna Quirogaserra
- ★ Emma Ridge
- ★ Lauren Davies
- ★ Raquel Cantero
- ★ Vicki Lough

Multiple-Sites

- ★ Clive Shepherd
- ★ Martin Jackson

Mead Open Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Alison Whitehead
- ★ Amie Barratt
- ★ Emily Peck
- ★ Sam Heslop

Portfields OOSC

★ Nicola Moorland

The Childcare Hub

- ★ Alpa Ladwa
- ★ Debra Lampitt
- ★ Hollie Nicholson
- ★ Lyndsey Chapman
- ★ Maddie Perkins
- ★ Shannon Moore
- ★ Theresa O'Brien
- **★** Tiffany Chapman

Tickford Park OOSC

★ Haydon Green

topsy turvy Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Alina Pancescu

Willen OOSC

★ Kayleigh Reilly

Willows Activity Day Camps

★ Michelle Byron - Cooper

Willows Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Angie James
- ★ Carolyn Beach
- ★ Chelsea Howell
- ★ Claire Bryant
- ★ Farhana Hussain
- ★ Hassan Khanom
- ★ Hayley Benjamin
- ★ Ivan Sanchez
- ★ Jacquie Jones
- ★ Lucy Pydiagdoo
- ★ Marina Wicks
- ★ Saman Shabir
- ★ Sherrese Burrowes
- ★ Sophie Tozzi
- **★** Tracy Haggerty
- ★ Vicky Plaats





What the voters said...



Ivan Sanchez

Ivan is a lovely gentleman that we have in our setting. He is always willing to help out and is very loving and caring to the children.

Ceri James

Ceri is the most generous practitioner I've ever had the good fortune to work with. No matter who you are or what's going on in her life Ceri makes the person/child she's interacting with her priority and when that happens, the child feels like the most special person in the world!

Debbie Lampitt

Thank you for being a great support in the world of the Admin role. Our chats make me feel reassured in my role, I appreciate your help and guidance.

Kayleigh Reilly

I would like to nominate Kayleigh as she has always gone out of her way to help my son and made him feel comfortable and welcome. She is extremely accommodating and I can't fault her eagerness to assist in the best possible way.

Hayley Benjamin

She has consistently made Eva smile and felt comfortable in her surroundings. Helped with her development and was lovely towards Eva and her needs. Eva was always so happy to be around her.

Saman Shabir

Conscientious, patient and kind.

Tracy Haggerty

Tracy always goes the extra mile to call me and let me know my son is ok on the days he has struggled during dropping him off in the morning.

Hollie Nicholson

I nominate Hollie because any time I pick my son up she's always in the garden playing with the kids you can see the joy and happiness in the kid's faces that makes me feel happy and proud as a parent. she is amazing with kids and they just feel at ease with her.

Firra Jones

She is very professional and approachable and sorts out soooo many things which nobody else would deal with. Firra is very good at organising things and Paul! She is confidential and remains calm and professional at all times.

Clive Shepherd

Clive is absolutely brilliant! Clive is incredibly reliable, great at communicating, and will go the extra mile.

Sophie Tozzi

Since Sophie has started her role she has made such a difference to our setting. She is always very approachable to each and everyone staff member we have.



Our 'Deputy or Room Leader of the Year Award' recognises individuals who demonstrate using their own initiative when working towards the nursery goals. Individuals who go above and beyond what is expected of them and actively share information with the team. They are enthusiastic, committed to the children in their care and lead by example.

Award Nominees

Brooksward Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Amanda Chapman
- ★ Cordette Williams

Kids Play Day Nursery & Pre-School at Bury St Edmunds

- ★ Carly Barrett
- ★ Sam Langley
- ★ Zara Rowe

Little Chestnuts Day Nursery & Pre School

- ★ Emma Ridge
- ★ Gill Coleman
- ★ Lauren Davies

Mead Open Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Amie Barratt
- ★ Emily Peck
- ★ Joanna Payne

Portfields OOSC

★ Joseph Maloney

The Childcare Hub

- ★ Alpa Ladwa
- ★ Kerry Martin
- ★ Lynsey Chapman
- **★** Monique Williams
- ★ Nicola Hill

The Childcare Hub OOSC

★ Olivia Valente

Tickford Park OOSC

★ Haydon Green

topsy turvy Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Melissa McKnuff
- ★ Rosie Lazarus

Willen OOSC

★ Kayleigh Reilly

Willows Activity Day Camps

★ Sarah Baker

Willows Farm Day Nursery

& Pre-School

- ★ Becky Coleman
- ★ Chelsea Howell
- ★ Danielle Akers
- ★ Hayley Benjamin
- ★ Shreese Burrows
- ★ Vikki Laxton-Bass

Wolverton Day Nursery

& Pre-School

★ Kathryn Bell





Deputy or Room Leader of the Year

What the voters said...



Lauren Davies

Lauren has a good understanding of children with additional needs and her approach to support staff and parents is invaluable.

Nicola Hill

Because she understands the true meaning of leading: teaching, showing, supporting, listening and doing the best to keep us together as a team!

Amanda Chapman

Amanda is always thinking of her staff giving advice and support where needed. Amanda is always there to listen and she will always go out of her way to solve the situation and help wherever she can.

Alpa Ladwa

She knows how to manage the room, she is very organised. Her empathy is very good with the children. She also has very good communication with her staff.

Zara Rowe

Zara has been great at introducing us to the nursery and answering all my queries or concerns I may have had with my son starting nursery. Definitely made me feel I was making the right decision for my son to start nursery at Kids Play.

Emma Ridge

Emma has dealt with all 3 of my children and couldn't fault how she looks after the kids and how much she contributes towards their development.

Kerry Martin

She is so passionate, caring and enthusiastic about her job, always offering to help others, always taking on extra responsibility and a brilliant team player.

Joanna Payne

For always working so hard and being a great support to her team, she has made lovely relationships with everyone at mead, staff, children and parents.

Vikki Laxton-Bass

She has tirelessly and patiently helped us navigate toddler behaviours, every day with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. Words cannot describe how grateful we are for her dedication and support and her kindness towards us and our son.

Kathryn Bell

As soon as she started she was confident and supportive, the nursery has improved, staff morale has improved, and parents are excited for what's to come.

★ Last award winner: Kayleigh Fletcher - Brooksward Day Nursery and Pre-School
 ★ Runner-up: Sarah Davis - Willows Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School



'Our 'Practitioner of the Year' Award recognises individuals who have demonstrated initiative, resourcefulness and creativity, whilst undertaking new activities to benefit children in their care. Plus, those who have showcased a positive enthusiastic attitude and are always looking to improve all that they do.'

Award Nominees

Brooksward Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Cordette Williams
- ★ Selene Chetoni

Kids Play Day Nursery & Pre-School at Bury St Edmunds

- ★ Abbie Mitchell
- ★ Ceri Jameson
- ★ Ellie Sedgewick
- ★ Jess Sanders
- ★ Leanne Roper
- ★ Mandy Rawlings
- ★ Rebecca Mackenzie
- ★ Terri Douchanicz
- ★ Zara Rowe

The Childcare Hub OOSC

- ★ Fiona Farley
- ★ Lianne Payne
- ★ Olivia Valente
- ★ Rachael Humphreys

Long Meadow OOSC

★ Alice Ward

Little Chestnuts Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Emma Ridge
- ★ Gill Coleman
- ★ Raquel Cantero Moreno
- ★ Vikki Lough

Mead Open Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Carla Phillips
- ★ Chanice Ellis
- ★ Emma Gomes
- ★ Sam Heslop
- ★ Sheila Murphy

Portfields OOSC

- ★ Andrew Chilcraft
- ★ Ellie Bancroft-Blake
- ★ Nicola Moolman

The Childcare Hub

- ★ Abbie Griffin
- ★ Alexandra Barnard
- ★ Alicia Tilley
- ★ Anna Yi
- ★ Elena de la Cruz
- ★ Emily Smith
- ★ Lindsey Chapman
- ★ Maddie Perkins
- ★ Maria Garcia
- ★ Nicole Sellars
- ★ Paula Alonso
- ★ Shannon Moore
- ★ Sheena Gilbert
- ★ Theresa O'Brien
- **★** Tiffany Chapman
- **★** Yasmin Morris

Tickford Park OOSC

★ Haydon Green

topsy turvy Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Alia Momand
- ★ Alina Pancescu
- ★ Melissa McKnuff

Willen OOSC

★ Sue England

Willows Activity Day Camps

- * Sarah Baker
- ★ Georgia Fawkes

Willows Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Charlotte Johnson
- ★ Chelsea Howell
- **★** Chiron Scoot
- ★ Christina Adesina
- ★ Danielle Akers
- ★ Eva Montero
- ★ Evie Theodoru
- ★ Faharna Hussain
- ★ Hafsa Khanom
- ★ Hannah Johnston
- ★ Hayley Reynolds
- ★ Jacquie Jones
- ★ Lauren Hill
- ★ Lucy Leake
- * Saman Shabir
- ★ Tazmin Wells
- ★ Tracey Hagerty

Wolverton Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Stacey Ryan
- ★ Tegan Thomson





Practitioner of the Year

What the voters said...



Abbie Griffin

She is a good team player, always makes sure everyone is ok, works very hard and is supportive.

Tiffany Chapman

Her gentle nature and approach to her job has made my daughter's time in the room calm and relaxing always knowing that she's there when she needs her.

Gill Coleman

She is the most dedicated practitioner I have every worked with. Gill always puts the children's needs first and I know I can count on her to keep the standards high in the room.

Ellie Sedgewick

Amazing, fun and energetic! So much fun to be around and work with. Always smiling!

Sarah Baker

Working so hard and making me feel welcome to the team

Jess Sanders

I nominate Jess because she is always beaming with happiness and smiles, more importantly, she has developed a very strong bond with my youngest who is normally very mummy-needy!

Maddie Perkins

Maddie is my daughter's key worker, she has always been kind, caring and gone the extra mile to make my daughters time at nursery as enjoyable, friendly and comforting as possible.

Saman Shabir

Some of the things that strike me the most is her encouraging learning and development, through play and teaching. Saman has a brilliant bond with our parents and works well with them to support their children.

Faharna Hussain

If you could clone a practitioner, I am sure it would be Faharna! What a lovely young woman who always knows exactly the right thing to say to a child or parent to put them at ease and give them confidence in the preschool.

Emma Ridge

Emma works in the baby room and has such a brilliant relationship with my little one, She is always happy and my little one is always excited to go to nursery and see her.

Rebecca Mackenzie

Really keen to be involved with my son's needs and learning disabilities.

★ Last award winner: Geneva Power - topsy turvy Day Nursery & Pre-School
 ★ Runner-up: Caroline Dainty - Kettering Day Nursery & Pre-School



Award Nominees

Brooksward Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Elaine Dann

Kids Play Day Nursery & Pre-School at Bury St Edmunds

★ Kay Fynn

The Childcare Hub OOSC

★ Lianne Payne

Little Chestnuts Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Emma Farmer

Long Meadow OOSC

★ Rebecca Price

Mead Open Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

* Laura Camfield

Portsfield OOSC

★ Lucie James

The Childcare Hub

- ★ Elena Yanchevski
- ★ Jemma Roughley

topsy turvy Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Deimante Malakusaite

Willen OOSC

★ Danielle Drewett

Willows Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School

- ★ Claire Bryant
- **★** Naoise Whittle

Wolverton Day Nursery & Pre-School

★ Frances Poole

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Manager of the Year

Our 'Manager of the Year Award' recognises management staff who inspire a high level of commitment from others. They create a compelling future of their setting, take prompt decisive action to resolve issues and set high standards of integrity for all staff. Whilst ultimately motivating and giving team members all of the tools, authority and trust needed to achieve their tasks.



What the voters said...

Emma Farmer

Emma goes above and beyond to ensure my son (and all of the other children) are safe, happy and content. Emma leads her team by example & as a result the care given to each & every child is exemplary.

Jemma Roughley

She listens to your concerns and gives you the reassurance you need. She has met the challenge of a big new nursery venue with vigour and enthusiasm over the past year and we're really pleased she is leading the Childcare Hub nursery team.

Laura Camfield

Laura has provided great support along with her years of knowledge and experience to provide me with the best start in learning my new role, I am so grateful to be working alongside her.

Elaine Dann

Elaine has listened to the needs of the staff and worked with us to make improvements. Elaine has also played a very active part in training me in my new position and allowed me at every opportunity to learn and grow in confidence.

Claire Bryant

I think that Claire has done an amazing job at stepping up as manager over the past few months. She has made some really fantastic changes to the pre-school and really has the children's and staff's best interests at heart.

- ★ Last award winner: Emma Farmer Little Chestnuts Day Nursery Pre-School
 - ★ Runner-up: Elaine Dann Willows Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School





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