



Learning Naturally

at Beddington Infants' School

Letter 3

Wednesday, 5th March 2025



Celebrating *Learning Naturally* at Beddington Infants' School

Dear Families,

I hope you're enjoying the sunshine!

Please find attached a report following a Challenge Partners visit before half-term.

A team of three professionals spent three days with us. The lead reviewer is also a lead Ofsted inspector.

We were delighted to be awarded Leading (the equivalent of Outstanding) in all areas.

In addition, we were awarded an Area of Excellence 'Developing Highly Independent Learners'. This accreditation adds our school to a national data base to encourage schools who are interested in this area of learning to visit.

We have been offering *Learning Naturally* visits for professionals from other settings for over a year now.

They are well attended, with many sending other members of their team on future visits. They are particularly interested in learning outdoors, transition between Reception and Year 1 and supporting children to be as independent as is possible for the individual child. Some schools have adapted their offer as a result of their visits already.

We are developing a series of *Learning Naturally* modules and a package of outreach work which will be offered for a fee. International consultants are recommending visits as they work with schools around the world – most recently Myanmar and Nigeria. We are also currently planning a shared training day with international consultant Kym Scott.

Having explored the provision across the school, it surprises everyone that we're not full. They comment on how happy the children are and the very strong academic outcomes, not to mention the social and emotional development achieved as a result of this approach to learning. They note the confidence and independence of every child and ask for details of the systems and scaffolding that we have put in place to support the children in developing to this level.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in considering Beddington Infants' School for their child, any year group, please encourage them to arrange a visit. We have been advised that it would be useful to have a few articles on our school website from parents/carers, about the experiences of their family at this school. If you would be interested in being interviewed we would be very grateful. It is important to us that as many children as possible benefit from this provision but also, our budget is based on the number of children on roll so smaller numbers impacts negatively on the amount of money we receive to run the school.

Thank you to the staff for their dedication in providing the best possible education for the children of Beddington Infants' School and to you, their families, for working so closely with us and supporting everything that we are doing. Liz Kearney

