



Celebrating Our Second Year at The Launchpad

As our second year comes to a close, we have so much to celebrate. We've had the pleasure of welcoming numerous visitors from across the borough again this year, all eager to learn more about our new provision and the positive impact it has on our entire school community. We know that we have inspired others to follow our lead and adopt similar initiatives.

We started the academic year with 11 places filled and we have made some wonderful progress with all of our pupils. Some we have been able to better place at a setting more suited to their complex needs and others we have watched flourish within the main building with their peers.

Progress Highlights

- **Of the 11 children:**
 - 4 have transitioned to specialist settings, including three year two children who were not yet ready to return to mainstream education. One child who was in Reception also transitioned to a setting to best meet his complex needs.
 - two of our children have fully reintegrated back into the mainstream classroom, which we are very proud of.
 - 5 remain at The Launchpad, and we are excited to welcome 3 new children in September.
- All children regularly access lunchtime in the main school hall and play with their peers during breaks.
- We are hopeful that we will be able to fully reintegrate one child back into year two in the next academic year as this process has already started and is going well.
- We have one child in attendance that we are looking to offer an enhanced package to in the autumn term to enable us to free up places within the Launchpad. Our current cohort for 25/26 will be 5 children. His annual review will take place early in the autumn term and we are hopeful we can find him a setting that will best meet his needs.

Challenges and Mitigations

- Some children required more support than anticipated, leading to an increase in staff to meet their needs.
- All students initially required intimate care, a demand we adapted to as the year progressed.
- We received over 40 consultations for just 3 available places for the next academic year, underscoring the growing demand for our provision.

Achievements to Celebrate

- One Year 1 children passed their Phonics Screening Test.
- One Year 2 child reached the expected standard in the optional end of KS1 tests.
- We now have weekly speech and language therapy for all children.
- Four children are now clean and dry at both school and home, with others on a similar path.
- Some children have joined their mainstream classes on school trips, for sports days and music festivals.
- We have achieved school photos both individual and class photos, firsts for some of our families
- Five children regularly attend whole-school assemblies.
- We all shared the joy of watching the Christmas performances with the entire school.
- We've welcomed families on multiple occasions to celebrate the collective progress we've made.
- We've also extended our school HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) program to include an SEND offer for Launchpad children.
- We have been on class outings to a soft play centre and we managed to access some learning at Trent View, led by their horticulture teacher and students.
- We won the education setting of the year award at the SEND award this year, what an honour that was!

Staff Reflections

What an amazing year we have had. Just when you think it can't get better it really does. The team goes above and beyond on a daily basis and they are what makes the Launchpad the special place it is to work.

We have experienced it all this year, the highs, the lows and somewhere in between. The children are what makes us keep going, first words, counting and other new skills we have the privilege to witness on a daily basis. It is hard every year to watch them move on but we know they will always be with us as our journey continues.

We have had many challenges again this year but the support from the Launchpad team, the wider school community, parents and the LA means that you are never alone. Someone, well everyone is always routing for us and always willing to help where they can. What a place to work.



Parent/carers comments:

We are trying not to think about next year and how this will be our last with you. We cannot thank you enough for everything you have done so far. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to more 'firsts' and the joy they bring! Dojo is fantastic and we love watching all they do, especially when they cannot tell us themselves. Thanks again for all of your support.



When are you getting your extension? We need more of you guys. Your dedication to our children is unrivaled to anything I have seen elsewhere. We love coming along to share in everything you do, getting to see our children in their happy place at school.