

NEWS RELEASE LOCAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL GAINS ACCREDITATION

Sunflower Montessori Kindergarten in the 20th of June 2014 has gained accreditation under the Montessori Evaluation and Accreditation Board (MEAB) scheme.

The scheme offers support and guidance to Montessori schools in order to ensure that Montessori provision is of a high quality. The scheme, which includes two visits by MEAB assessors to the setting, also seeks to reassure parents that their Montessori school meets all the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Building on the success of the MEAB scheme since it began in the summer term of 2008, a further 13 schools have been accredited and 15 re-accredited in the spring term of 2014, of which Sunflower was one. These schools represented a variety of Montessori settings, and the assessors that visited had felt that it followed the Montessori ethos and was certainly worthy of accreditation.

Dr Naira Gendi, head of the school, said we are very pleased to be the first nursery to be accredited in Brentwood.

They have received their accreditation certificate and the 'MEAB Accredited' logo for use on their website, and were presented with a plaque to further celebrate their success — along with the other accredited schools — at the awards ceremony held at the Institute of Education in London on Friday 20 June 2014.

Sunflower Montessori is based in Hutton/ Brentwood and has 30 children between the ages of 2-5 years old.

For more information on this scheme please contact Philip Davies at <u>admin@meab.co.uk</u> or phone 020 7828 7740.

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