

Mohanadevi Piratheeban and her Setting Manager Shalini Silva

We recently interviewed Mohanadevi Piratheeban and her Manager Shalini Silva from Fun Kids Nursery in Harrow who have both completed the EYPDP. Here's what they said about their experience of the EYPDP.

How did you find the EYPDP?

Mohanadevi: "It was a really amazing experience and it has really helped me to support the children in our setting."

We've really developed our knowledge across all of the subject areas of the programme and have implemented lots of new ideas to use with the children in our setting."

Can you share any examples of how the programme has helped you?

Mohanadevi: "We now have **more maths learning opportunities in our outdoor areas** where children are now playing and learning and it has really given us lots new ideas of things to try."

The children also love a game we have introduced which involves hiding sticks with numbers on in the mud. Not only are they now exploring, they're also trying to find the numbers and see how many they can find. It's great to see how excited they are."

Shalini: "With **Communication and Language**, we created story bags which we weren't doing before, the children love getting the props out of the bags and they're so interested in story time and using the props to tell a story."

Shalini: "Three of the staff from my setting did the programme and what I would say to anybody who has signed up but not yet started, is that **you don't know what the programme is about until you try it and it is a fantastic programme and definitely worth it.** It is time consuming, but it is really worth it. We really enjoyed meeting practitioners from other settings and sharing ideas. It was a great 'team building' experience and we really enjoyed it."

We also recently had Ofsted visit us it was great to be able to talk about the EYPDP and how lots of the learning we have put in place is as a result of doing the programme.

Ofsted were very impressed with what we were showing them. Doing the EYPDP definitely helped us to talk about how we are supporting children's learning."

Mohanadevi: "I really do think this is an amazing course and I am grateful for the opportunity. In fact, I think you should ask the local primary school about the children who went up from our setting last year as they told us how great the children were settling in and how well they were doing with their learning, which was so rewarding to hear! Please keep on running this course!"



Claire Heale from Harrow Council presenting Mohanadevi with her certificate of completion

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