

What we have achieved

TES Awards

On June 24th 2016 we attended the TES school awards at Grosvenor House Hotel, in London and we were delighted to win the Early Years Setting of the Year award and also Overall School of the year award.

The judges had some delightful comments to make about Boldon Nursery School – Outdoor Nursery including **“It is wonderful to see an early years setting win the overall award for school of the year, “they said. “It is great to shine a light on the fantastic work being done in the early years sector, because it is so crucial that we get education right early on.”**

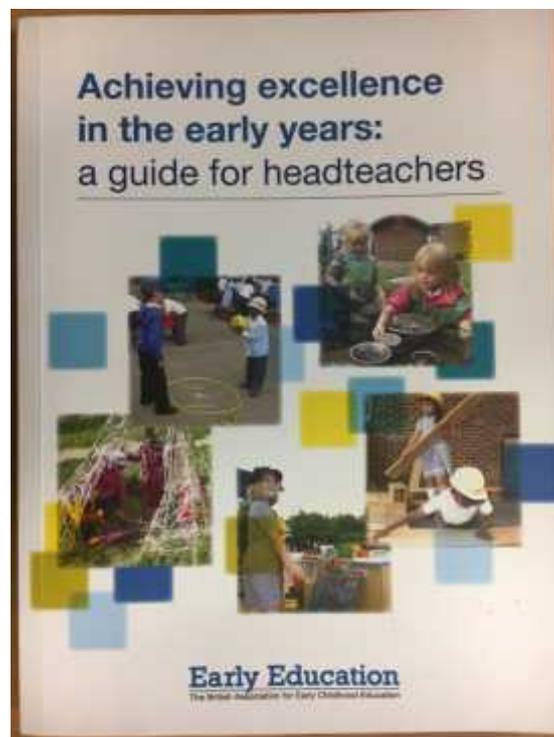
[Overall School of the Year Press Release](#)



Early Education

In 2015 Sue Stokoe Head teacher, was involved in the writing of a good practice book *Achieving Excellence in the Early Years: A Guide for Headteachers*

She co- wrote the chapter on Provision for Learning Outdoors with Author/ Consultant Jan White. The book and its conference has supported Head teachers and Leaders across the country to understand and deepen their early years knowledge.



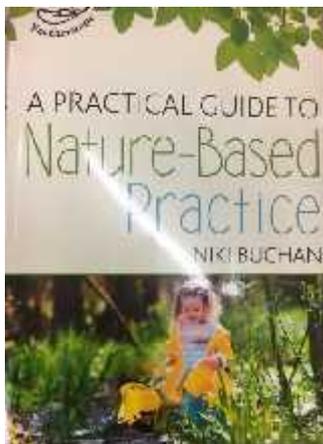
Niki Buchan

Niki is a Natural Learning Early Childhood Consultant who is based in Australia, but also works internationally.

Here at Boldon Nursery we have had the pleasure of working alongside Niki numerous times. Niki has brought many study groups to visit our nursery and has also delivered training to other nursery schools from our setting. She has included us in her books, writing up case studies about the nursery and looking at nature practice. Her latest book supports practitioners to develop nature based practice.

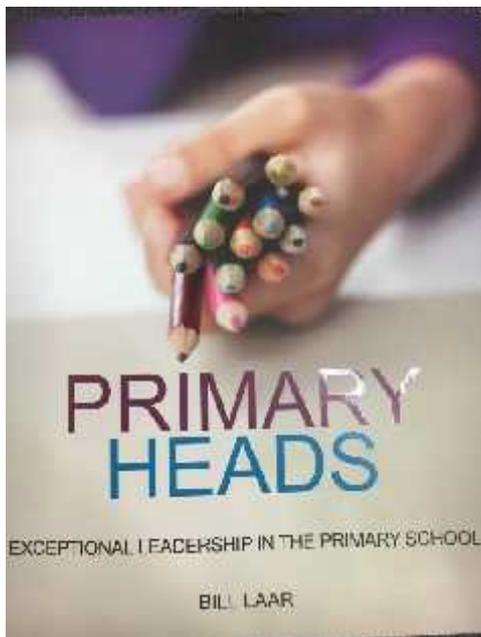


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Bill Laar is an author and editor and visited the nursery in Summer 2017. His previous book, *Primary Heads- exceptional Leadership in the Primary School* supports new head teachers. His current book is looking at leaders moving away from the norm and being more creative with their approach to the curriculum. Bill asked us to write a chapter for his new book. Sue was busy all summer getting the chapter just right!

Look out for the book launch.



To Sue,

On the occasion of my visit to this extraordinary centre of learning, I have not seen anything, in all my years, to match the insight, inventiveness and unique practice, in terms of inspired education, that I have witnessed here to-day.

With my love, best wishes and gratitude for a memorable experience.

Bill Laar

Siren Films – understanding childhood

We currently have Katrina from Siren Films, filming a group of children here at Boldon Nursery to track them in their year at nursery. We will capture the impact being outdoors has on children's Communication and Language development over the year. We are so excited to enter into this partnership and feel ever so lucky.

Siren Films are recognised as a leading expert in creating training resources for the study of child development. Their films support academics, professionals, therapists, nursery staff and anyone who aspires to help children lead happy lives and reach their full potential.

For more information please visit their website.

<https://www.sirenfilm.co.uk/>