Rewarding excellence in childcare and a unique opportunity to participate in a spectacular evening celebrating your achievements

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Closing date for entries will be Friday 17 July 2020

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We are looking to acknowledge and reward exceptional commitment to training and developing staff. The award could go to an outstanding business owner or nursery manager who is making an exceptional contribution to enhancing training within the childcare sector.

Please submit all of the following:
- Criteria
  - Give a full description of the exceptional training provided by the group, nursery or individual (up to 300 words)
  - Explain how this training has proved beneficial to the children and staff (up to 200 words)
  - 30 word biography of nominee

Supporting evidence
- Provide 1-5 testimonials from staff regarding the training and development support they receive.
- Provide details of any recognition or accreditation from any recognised bodies (if applicable).
- Provide examples of the training courses/qualifications staff have completed/are completing as part of the training.

Awarded to a nursery that has shown outstanding caring and business skills and leadership in developing a thriving, multiple group of owned nurseries (up to 100 words).

Please submit all of the following:
- Criteria
  - Give a full description of how the indoor learning environment excites and inspires the children and staff (up to 400 words)
  - Explain how the environment empowers children to drive their own learning with examples of learning materials and activities (up to 400 words)
  - 30 word profile of the setting

Supporting evidence
- Include the most recent inspection report.
- Supply 1-5 photographs showing indoor learning areas.

This award will go to a Nursery Room Leader who shows the leadership skills required to provide a safe and stimulating environment for children, excellent ability to support and develop other team members, an ability to observe, assess and track children's learning and development, someone who has a high degree of integrity and empathy when dealing with children and is an excellent verbal and written communicator.

Please submit all of the following:
- Criteria
  - Give full details of this individual's contribution to making their room an outstanding place for children to be. Provide evidence of the individual's ability to support and develop other team members, resolve conflicts and provide age-appropriate activities (300 words)
  - Give a full description of this individual's ability to observe and track children's learning and development and demonstrate how they have used their integrity and empathy to benefit the children (200 words)
  - 30 word biography of nominee

Supporting evidence
- Include the most recent inspection report.
- Provide 1-5 testimonials from children, staff and parents.
- Provide details of training, qualifications or accreditations this individual has received.

This award will go to the nursery team that has developed and maintained an excellent standard of childcare showing exceptional group values and a commitment to working together for the common good.

Please submit all of the following:
- Criteria
  - Give a full description of the environment the team is based at (up to 200 words)
  - Explain why this team would be a worthy winner of the award (up to 500 words) including how the staff have the skills, knowledge and enthusiasm to observe, assess and plan together for their children's wellbeing
  - 30 word profile of the team

Supporting evidence
- Include the most recent inspection report for the nursery where the team is based.
- Provide 1-5 testimonials from children, related staff, management and parents.
- Provide details of any recognition or accreditation from any recognised bodies.

This award will be won by the nursery which has created an environment that most inspires and excites children. The entry will show how the nursery actively involves children in their learning, as well as celebrating their achievements.

Please submit all of the following:
- Criteria
  - Give a full description of life in the nominated nursery on a day to day basis, also including the structure of learning, provisions for staff training, safety and security (up to 300 words)
  - Give a brief description of the sort of activities the children take part in and how they are designed to stimulate (up to 200 words)
  - Provide a brief summary of business performance over the last three years (up to 200 words)
  - 30 word profile of the nursery

Supporting evidence
- Include the most recent inspection report.
- Supply 1-5 testimonial photographs from nursery and activities.
- Provide 1-5 testimonials from staff and parents to support the entry.
- Provide details of any recognition or accreditation from any recognised bodies (if applicable).

This award is for its current and future success.

Please submit all of the following:
- Criteria
  - Explain how this training has proved beneficial to the children and staff (up to 200 words)
  - 30 word profile of the nursery

Supporting evidence
- Include the most recent inspection report.
- Supply 1-5 testimonials from staff and parents.
- Provide details of any recognition or accreditation from any recognised bodies (if applicable).

The nursery sector depends on the very best managers for its current and future success. This award will be won by the manager who has shown outstanding caring and business skills and leadership in developing a thriving, high quality nursery which delivers a superb environment for children, staff and parents.

Please submit all of the following:
- Criteria
  - Show in what ways the individual has (up to 300 words):
    1. Leadership skills and the ability to support, develop and motivate staff (up to 100 words)
    2. The ability to work with young children and their families in a sensitive and positive way (up to 100 words)
    3. The ability to create a safe, caring and stimulating environment (up to 100 words)
    4. A summary including examples if available, of how the individual’s role and day to day management is outstanding (up to 200 words)
  - 30 word biography of the nominee

Supporting evidence
- Include the most recent inspection report for the setting the individual manages.
- Provide 1-5 testimonials from a selection of children, staff and parents.
- Provide details of training, qualification or accreditations the individual has received.
This award will be given to an outstanding launch of a new nursery business since January 1st 2018 or to a nursery or nursery group which has expanded significantly since January 1st 2018.

**NURSERY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AWARD 2020**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Criteria**
  - Give a full description of the new launch/expansion including the rationale (200 words)
  - For a launch please explain why it has been ‘outstanding’ including how it has benefitted the children, parents, staff and surrounding community (300 words)
  - OR for an expansion please explain why the expansion has been ‘significant’ including how it has benefitted your children, parents, staff and surrounding communities (300 words)
  - 30 word biography of nominee

- **Supporting Evidence**
  - Include the most recent inspection report if available
  - Supply 1-5 testimonials highlighting the best details of the launch/expansion
  - Provide 1-5 testimonials to support the entry

The winning Operations or Area Manager will have demonstrated exceptional vision and leadership across the settings they are responsible for, enhancing the reputation and success of the Group as a whole.

**NURSERY OPERATIONS/AREA MANAGER AWARD 2020**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Criteria**
  - Give a full description of the individual’s role and day to day leadership (up to 200 words)
  - Provide examples of where the individual has (up to 300 words):
    1. Promoted good practice in their settings
    2. Provided support, training and guidance for the managers they are responsible for
    3. Summarise the positive management impact the individual has had on their children and staff (up to 200 words)
    4. 30 word biography of nominee

- **Supporting Evidence**
  - Include the most recent inspection report/s for the setting or settings the individual is responsible for
  - Provide details of training, qualification or accreditations the individual has received

This award will go to the nursery Supply Company that has, in the view of the judges, brought to the nursery sector a new or wide development in addition to staff skills and management.

**NURSERY STAFF RESOURCE AWARD 2020**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Criteria**
  - Provide exam ples of where the individual has (up to 300 words):
    1. Provided support, training and guidance for the managers they are responsible for
    2. Summarise the positive management impact the individual has had on their children and staff (up to 200 words)
    3. 30 word biography of the nominee

- **Supporting Evidence**
  - Provide 1-5 testimonials from staff to support the entry
  - Include the most recent inspection report/s for the settings the individual is responsible for
  - Provide 1-5 photographs highlighting the best details of the resource

This award will be made to the Chef or Cook in a nursery setting, who shows exceptional ability in providing well-balanced, nutritious and delicious food, that takes into account individual needs of children, giving special attention to allergies, sensitivities, cultures and food hygiene. Applicants will be asked to supply a genuine 2 course menu from the nursery at the ‘Cook Off’ as well as supplying an example of a weekly menu plan created within the last three months.

**NURSERY CHEF AWARD 2020**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Criteria**
  - Outline the reasons how the nominee shows exceptional ability in providing well-balanced, nutritious and delicious food that takes into account individual needs of children (up to 250 words)
  - Explain how the nominee develops menus for the nursery, giving special attention to the nutritional needs of under-fives (up to 250 words)
  - 30 word biography of the nominee

- **Supporting Evidence**
  - Provide a copy of a monthly menu served within the last 3 months
  - Supply 1-5 photos of the resource
  - Include the most recent inspection report
  - Supply 1-5 photographs showing outdoor learning areas

This award will go to the nursery which has, in the view of the judges, created an outdoor ‘living classroom’ that inspires and excites children. Activities that promote physical well-being, creativity and first-hand learning experiences will be sought.

**NURSERY OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AWARD 2020**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Criteria**
  - Give a full description of how the outdoor learning environment excites and inspires the children (up to 400 words)
  - Explain how the environment empowers children to become more confident and creative, including examples of activities and resources (up to 400 words)
  - 30 word profile of the setting

- **Supporting Evidence**
  - Include the most recent inspection report
  - Supply 1-5 photographs showing outdoor learning areas

This award will be won by the nursery which has put eco-friendly approaches at the forefront of its priorities. The nursery will actively have an environment focus in their day-to-day management of the setting. This can include the use of sustainable materials and teaching children about being eco-friendly at nursery and at home.

**ECO-NURSERY OF THE YEAR AWARD 2020**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Criteria**
  - Give a full description of how the nominated nursery has implemented environmentally friendly measures and activities. Examples might include making buildings energy efficient, using renewable energy and how the nursery involves children in their goals (up to 300 words)
  - 30 word profile of the nursery

- **Supporting Evidence**
  - Include the most recent inspection report
  - Supply 1-5 photographs showing the nursery setting, and highlighting environmental projects and schemes

This award recognises the outstanding childcare provided by a Nursery Nurse/Childcare Practitioner. The childcare will include: warmth, equality, responsibility, safety, fairness and being supportive in all relationships involving the children, parents and organisation.

**NURSERY CHILDCARE PRACTITIONER AWARD 2020**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Criteria**
  - Give full details about the positive effect the individual has had on the children, parents and staff within the setting since being in their role (up to 300 words)
  - Give a full description of why and how the nominee has proved to be exceptional within their day to day duties (up to 200 words)
  - 30 word biography of nominee

- **Supporting Evidence**
  - Provide 1-5 testimonials from children, staff and parents
  - Provide details of training, qualification or accreditations the individual has received

This award will be made to the forest or beach school / kindergarten which can demonstrate their focus on developing personal, social and emotional life skills through learner led, nature-based learning. The entry will show how children are inspired creatively with activities and experiences with an outdoor approach.

**FOREST OR BEACH SCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN AWARD 2020**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Criteria**
  - Give a full description of how the forest or beach school / kindergarten creates an exciting environment for children (400 words)
  - Explain how learning in a woodland or coastal environment empowers children to grow in confidence, self-esteem and co-operative play with examples of activities and experiences (400 words)
  - 30 word profile of the setting

- **Supporting Evidence**
  - Include the most recent inspection report
  - Supply 1 – 5 photographs showing the forest or beach school / kindergarten

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**ENTRY FORM**

**HOW TO ENTER**

This is your chance to nominate a colleague (or yourself) for the recognition their (your) excellent work deserves.

**Enter the 18th National NMT Nursery Awards 2020 now!**

- Choose the category or categories you wish to enter
- Write an entry, referring to the criteria and supporting evidence for the category you have chosen
- Enter online at: nmt-magazine.co.uk/awards or call 0207 720 2109
- Complete this entry form and attach it to your entry

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 17 July 2020**

**ENTRY CHECKLIST**

- This entry form signed and dated by you.
- You have covered all the criteria.
- Additional typed testimonials from colleague or parent(s) if required.
- Ofsted inspection report(s) if required.
- Additional photographs if required.
- Any details of training, recognition or accreditation if required.
- A 30 word biography/profile.
- Full contact details for the nominee on the form below.

**ENTRY CATEGORIES**

- Nursery Training & Development Award 2020
- Individual Nursery Award 2020
- Nursery Indoor Learning Environment Award 2020
- Nursery Room Leader Award 2020
- Nursery Team Award 2020
- Community Nursery of the Year
- Nursery Manager Award 2020
- Nursery Business Development Award 2020
- Nursery Operations / Area Manager Award 2020
- Nursery Chef Award 2020
- Nursery Staff Resource Award 2020
- Nursery Outdoor Learning Environment Award 2020
- Eco-Nursery of the Year Award 2020
- Nursery Childcare Practitioner Award 2020
- Forest or Beach School / Kindergarten Award 2020
- Nursery Personality of the Year Award 2020
- Nursery Group (Under 10 settings) Award 2020
- Nursery Group (Over 10 settings) Award 2020

**RULES FOR ENTRY**

- The competition is open to all staff working in a nursery setting. In the case of the Nursery Staff Resource Award, a proven supplier to the industry
- Entrants are treated in the strictest confidence
- Entries will be judged by a panel of eminent and impartial adjudicators appointed by NMT
- Finalists will be required to attend the Judging Day in during October 2020 – date tbc. Judging for the Chef Award will also take place during October 2020 – date tbc.
- Entries will not be returned
- One copy of the submission is required
- Use one entry form per entry. Photocopies are acceptable
- Employees of NMT and their families are not entitled to enter
- All winners will be announced at the Gala Night on 30 November 2020
- There will be four or five finalists in each category
- Award winners and finalists may state in advertising or other promotional material that they are or have been winners or finalists. The year that the Award was won must be included in the same typeface and size as the statement of the Award.

**ANY QUESTIONS?** email THE EVENTS TEAM on events@investorpublishing.co.uk or call 0207 720 2109