

Party time after nursery earns outstanding report

CHILDREN and staff at a nursery are celebrating after it was awarded top marks by inspectors.

A team from Ofsted examined the care on offer at Hempstead Day Nursery and decided it was "outstanding" in every category – the highest rating available.

Nursery manager Anna Fisk said: 'This is a great tribute to the hard work of the staff but we couldn't do it without the help of a wonderful group of children. They make our job a delight.'

The Ofsted report said: "Overall the quality of the provision is outstanding. The nursery is highly effective in providing outstanding care for children.

"This is because the provision has extremely competent and well informed staff. They use the range of excellent resources to provide innovative and interesting activities for the children.'

Staff, parents and the children celebrated the report with a beach party. The fun event featured a Punch and Judy show from Mrs Back to Front, a splash in the paddling pool and a visit from an ice cream van.

Parent Lesley Everett has a four-year-old son, George, at



Nursery manager Anna Fisk celebrates with four-year-old Diya Manju and 14-month-old Hugo Scott, who is getting a cuddle from dad Edward

the nursery, which is run from purpose-built buildings in the grounds of Hempstead Infants School.

She said: 'He's very happy here and as a parent you know that

your child is in good hands when you drop him off. It's very good preparation for when they go up to the infants too.'

Hempstead Day Nursery has 146 children on the roll from

three months upwards and is part of the Kinder Group which also includes Meredale Independent School, Rainham.

■ Call the nursery on 01634 261156 for details.