

Sathya Sai Schools

Formal Ending of the Sathya Sai School, St Andrews, Scotland and its recent renaissance

The school was started in January 2002 with a small number of children and two staff volunteers, one of which was the Head Teacher and eventually expanded to having 30 children and 3 paid members of staff as well as the original 2 staff volunteers in 2007.

Despite a number of relocations as well as financial difficulties, the school was successful in utilizing the Sathya Sai Education in Human Values programme within its curriculum. This has been recognized in the Early Years inspection report by Equate as well as the HMI Inspection report in February 2007. Parents have appreciated the SSEHV input greatly.

During the 5 year period, due to the Head Teacher being a Montessori teacher, the curriculum was delivered using the Montessori method. In the spring of 2007, the Head Teacher and the parents asked for a full Montessori Curriculum with accreditation by Montessori UK to be implemented. This was not consistent with the original intention of Sathya Sai School, St Andrews and its mission and hence, after consultation with all the parties, and with the advice and approval of the Education Committee of the Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation, the Board of Directors were not able to accede to the parents' request. As a result, the parent body decided to set up a new Montessori School and all children and staff transferred to a new Montessori School. With these developments, the Board of Directors of the Sathya Sai School, St. Andrews undertook a formal closure process that was completed on 7th August.

All possible help has been given to the parent body in assisting with the handover to the new school called **Casa Della Pace Montessori Eco School**. The school hopes to continue with the Sathya Sai EHV along with the full Montessori curriculum.

We extend our good wishes to parents and children and hope that the children will continue to benefit from the application of the Sathya Sai Education in Human Values programme. And we are pleased and happy to have been able to really support the school and get it up and on to its feet.

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