

Parameters of Excellence: Delhi's Top Preschools

TO CONSTRUCT THE EW INDIA PRESCHOOL RANKINGS 2012 league tables of early childhood education (ECE) institutions, 600 preschools were shortlisted by *EducationWorld*, of whom 128 were sufficiently well-known to be assessed by the respondents base comprising 1,967 SEC (socio-economic category) A parents with at least one child in preschool, and 317 principals/teachers across 10 parameters or attributes. Preschools or ECE institutions need to be evaluated according to separate and distinct parameters from primary-secondary schools. For instance, apart from competence of teachers (given double weightage), parameters such as individual attention to students, parental involvement, and safety and hygiene are specially important in preschool education.

Sample respondents in six cities were asked to rate preschools in their civic limits on 10 parameters — competence of teachers, individual attention to students, value for money, leadership quality, parental involvement, innovative teaching, infrastructure, safety and hygiene, special needs education and teacher welfare and development.

The ratings awarded under each of these 10 parameters were then aggregated to rank the most preferred preschools in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and Hyderabad. The rankings of Delhi's Top 20 preschools under each parameter of excellence are set out below.



EuroKids' CEO Prajodh Rajan with early learners

On the critical parameter of teacher competence (given double weightage), Magic Years, Vasant Vihar is top-ranked for the third year in a row

Rank			Competence of teachers	Rating (200)
2010	2011	2012		
1	1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	184
4	2	2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	183
2	2	3	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	181
NR	5	4	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	176
6	3	4	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	176
NR	6	5	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	175
3	4	5	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	175
NR	11	6	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	174
6	8	7	EuroKids, Dwarka	172
8	7	8	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	171
NR	NR	9	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	170
15	16	10	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	165
14	14	11	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	164
13	9	12	Little Millennium, Pitampura	162
5	10	13	The Study, East of Kailash	156
10	10	13	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	156
7	12	14	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	153
12	13	15	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	152
9	15	16	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	149
17	17	17	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	147
18	N R	18	Taleem, Mehrauli	145

Rank			Innovative teaching	Rating (100)
2010	2011	2012		
2	1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	82
NR	6	2	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	81
5	2	3	Step by Step, Panchsheel	80
1	4	3	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	80
NR	4	4	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	79
6	4	4	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	79
NR	NR	5	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	78
6	3	6	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	77
13	13	6	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	77
4	6	7	Little Millennium, Pitampura	76
NR	7	8	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	75
8	8	9	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	73
7	9	10	The Study, East of Kailash	72
9	10	11	EuroKids, Dwarka	71
10	10	12	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	70
15	14	13	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	68
12	12	13	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	68
16	15	13	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	68
15	13	14	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	67
14	NR	14	Taleem, Mehrauli	67
11	1	15	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	65

Rank			Safety & hygiene	Rating (100)
2010	2011	2012		
1	1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	84
2	2	2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	82
NR	5	3	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	80
3	3	3	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	80
7	4	4	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	79
NR	7	5	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	78
5	9	5	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	78
13	6	6	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	77
NR	6	6	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	77
NR	NR	7	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	76
10	6	8	Little Millennium, Pitampura	75
11	7	8	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	75
3	5	9	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	74
7	8	9	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	74
6	7	10	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	73
5	9	10	The Study, East of Kailash	73
6	10	10	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	73
8	10	11	EuroKids, Dwarka	72
8	11	11	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	72
9	12	11	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	72
12	NR	12	Taleem, Mehrauli	71

Rank			Individual attention to students	Rating (100)
2010	2011	2012		
2	2	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	86
1	1	2	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	85
3	3	3	Step by Step, Panchsheel	84
NR	6	4	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	83
5	4	5	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	80
NR	5	6	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	79
8	3	7	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	78
NR	6	8	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	77
NR	NR	9	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	76
11	8	10	EuroKids, Dwarka	75
12	9	11	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	74
4	8	11	The Study, East of Kailash	74
18	7	12	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	73
6	10	12	Little Millennium, Pitampura	73
9	12	13	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	72
7	11	13	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	72
14	10	14	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	71
10	13	14	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	71
15	14	14	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	71
13	15	15	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	70
17	NR	15	Taleem, Mehrauli	70

Rank	Teacher welfare & development	Rating (100)
2012		
1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	80
1	Step by Step, Panchsheel	80
2	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	73
2	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	73
3	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	72
4	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	69
5	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	68
5	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	68
5	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	68
6	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	67
7	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	66
8	The Study, East of Kailash	65
9	EuroKids, Dwarka	64
9	Little Millennium, Pitampura	64
10	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	63
10	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	63
11	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	62
11	Taleem, Mehrauli	62
12	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	61
12	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	61
12	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	61

Rank			Parental involvement	Rating (100)
2010	2011	2012		
1	1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	85
NR	5	2	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	83
2	3	3	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	82
4	4	4	Step by Step, Panchsheel	81
NR	4	5	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	80
5	2	6	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	79
7	6	7	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	78
NR	NR	8	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	77
6	7	9	Little Millennium, Pitampura	76
3	7	10	The Study, East of Kailash	75
9	10	10	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	75
11	8	11	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	74
NR	9	12	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	73
10	9	12	EuroKids, Dwarka	73
9	12	12	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	73
8	10	13	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	72
13	14	14	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	70
10	NR	15	Taleem, Mehrauli	69
14	15	16	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	67
12	13	16	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	67
11	14	17	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	66

Rank			Value for money	Rating (100)
2010	2011	2012		
1	1	1	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	80
2	3	2	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	76
4	6	3	Step by Step, Panchsheel	75
6	2	3	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	75
NR	8	4	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	74
8	2	4	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	74
10	4	4	EuroKids, Dwarka	74
NR	4	5	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	73
8	5	5	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	73
7	5	6	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	72
14	NR	6	Taleem, Mehrauli	72
NR	NR	7	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	71
9	7	7	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	71
15	8	8	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	70
5	9	9	Little Millennium, Pitampura	69
10	10	10	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	68
NR	11	11	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	67
11	11	11	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	67
8	11	11	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	67
3	11	12	The Study, East of Kailash	66
16	12	13	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	64

Rank			Infrastructure provision	Rating (100)
2010	2011	2012		
3	3	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	85
2	1	2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	84
NR	4	3	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	83
3	2	4	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	82
1	2	4	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	82
NR	5	5	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	81
1	3	6	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	80
4	6	7	EuroKids, Dwarka	77
7	11	7	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	77
5	2	8	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	76
4	8	9	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	75
9	11	9	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	75
NR	9	10	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	73
6	9	10	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	73
10	NR	10	Taleem, Mehrauli	73
NR	NR	11	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	72
12	9	11	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	72
5	10	11	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	72
9	7	12	Little Millennium, Pitampura	71
8	12	13	The Study, East of Kailash	70
13	14	14	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	63

Rank			Special needs education	Rating (100)
2010	2011	2012		
6	1	1	Step by Step, Panchsheel	77
12	13	2	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	66
NR	4	3	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	65
2	2	4	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	64
1	6	5	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	60
3	5	6	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	59
NR	7	7	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	57
NR	14	8	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	56
2	7	8	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	56
5	14	8	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	56
7	3	9	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	55
4	6	9	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	55
3	8	10	EuroKids, Dwarka	54
2	9	11	Little Millennium, Pitampura	53
9	10	12	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	52
NR	NR	13	EuroKids, E Block, GK II	50
11	NR	14	Taleem, Mehrauli	49
11	12	15	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	48
4	16	16	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	46
8	14	17	The Study, East of Kailash	45
6	15	17	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	45

Rank			Leadership quality	Rating (100)
2010	2011	2012		
1	1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	85
3	2	2	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	79
2	3	3	Step by Step, Panchsheel	78
NR	8	4	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	77
4	4	4	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	77
8	5	5	Kangaroo Kids, GK I	76
4	7	5	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	76
14	15	5	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	76
NR	6	6	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	75
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