

## Parameters of Excellence: Delhi's Top Preschools

**T**O CONSTRUCT THE EW PRESCHOOLS SURVEY 2011 league tables of early childhood education (ECE) institutions, 600 preschools were shortlisted by *EducationWorld*, of whom 125 were assessed by a carefully selected respondents base comprising 1,397 SEC (socio-economic category) A parents with at least one child in preschool, and 334 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, innovative teaching, safety and hygiene and play facilities 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 provision, safety and hygiene, special needs education and play facilities.

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. In Delhi, 222 SECA parents and 65 principals/teachers were polled. Delhi's preschools ranked among the Top 20 under each parameter are set out below.



Teacher-pupil bonding @ Shemrock Heritage, Rohini

**On the critical parameter of teacher competence (given double weightage), Magic Years, Vasant Vihar was top-ranked for the second consecutive year**

Rank		Competence of teachers	Rating (200)
2010	2011		
1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	187
4	2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	186
2	2	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	186
6	3	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	184
3	4	Kangaroo Kids, GK	183
NR	5	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	182
NR	6	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	181
8	7	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	175
6	8	EuroKids, Dwarka	174
13	9	Little Millennium, Pitampura	165
5	10	The Study, East of Kailash	164
10	10	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	164
NR	11	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	163
7	12	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	162
12	13	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	160
11	14	iDiscoveri XSEED Preschool, GK	159
14	14	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	159
9	15	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	157
15	16	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	156
17	17	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	155

Rank		Infrastructure provision	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
2	1	Step by Step, Panchsheel	86
5	2	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	85
3	2	Kangaroo Kids, GK	85
1	2	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	85
3	3	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	84
1	3	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	84
NR	4	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	83
NR	5	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	81
4	6	EuroKids, Dwarka	80
9	7	Little Millennium, Pitampura	79
4	8	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	78
NR	9	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	76
12	9	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	76
6	9	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	76
5	10	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	75
7	11	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	74
9	11	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	74
8	12	The Study, East of Kailash	73
11	13	iDiscoveri XSEED Preschool, GK	72
13	14	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	70

Rank		Individual attention to students	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
1	1	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	89
2	2	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	88
3	3	Step by Step, Panchsheel	86
8	3	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	86
5	4	Kangaroo Kids, GK	84
NR	5	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	82
NR	6	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	80
NR	6	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	80
18	7	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	79
11	8	EuroKids, Dwarka	78
4	8	The Study, East of Kailash	78
12	9	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	77
9	9	iDiscoveri XSEED Preschool, GK	77
6	10	Little Millennium, Pitampura	76
14	10	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	76
7	11	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	75
9	12	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	73
10	13	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	72
15	14	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	70
13	15	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	68

Rank		Innovative teaching	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
2	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	85
5	2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	84
6	3	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	83
1	4	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	82
6	4	Kangaroo Kids, GK	82
NR	4	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	82
3	5	iDiscoveri XSEED Preschool, GK	80
NR	6	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	79
4	6	Little Millennium, Pitampura	79
NR	7	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	78
8	8	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	75
7	9	The Study, East of Kailash	74
10	10	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	73
9	10	EuroKids, Dwarka	73
11	11	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	72
12	12	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	71
15	13	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	70
13	13	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	70
15	14	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	65
16	15	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	63

Rank		Parental involvement	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	88
5	2	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	85
2	3	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	84
4	4	Step by Step, Panchsheel	81
NR	4	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	81
NR	5	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	80
7	6	Kangaroo Kids, GK	79
6	7	Little Millennium, Pitampura	78
3	7	The Study, East of Kailash	78
11	8	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	77
10	9	EuroKids, Dwarka	76
NR	9	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	76
8	10	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	75
9	10	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	75
6	11	iDiscoveri XSEED Preschool, GK	72
9	12	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	71
12	13	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	70
13	14	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	69
11	14	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	69
14	15	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	67

Rank		Value for money	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
1	1	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	88
6	2	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	80
8	2	Kangaroo Kids, GK	80
2	3	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	79
NR	4	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	77
10	4	EuroKids, Dwarka	77
8	5	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	76
7	5	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	76
4	6	Step by Step, Panchsheel	75
9	7	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	74
NR	8	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	73
15	8	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	73
12	8	iDiscoveri XSEED Preschool, GK	73
5	9	Little Millennium, Pitampura	72
10	10	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	71
NR	11	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	70
3	11	The Study, East of Kailash	70
11	11	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	70
8	11	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	70
16	12	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	60

Rank		Safety & hygiene	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	87
2	2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	85
3	3	Kangaroo Kids, GK	83
7	4	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	82
3	5	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	81
NR	5	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	81
NR	6	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	80
10	6	Little Millennium, Pitampura	80
13	6	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	80
NR	7	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	78
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11	7	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	78
7	8	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	77
5	9	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	76
5	9	The Study, East of Kailash	76
8	10	EuroKids, Dwarka	75
6	10	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	75
8	11	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	74
9	12	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	72
8	13	iDiscoveri XSEED Preschool, GK	71

Rank		Leadership quality	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	83
3	2	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	82
2	3	Step by Step, Panchsheel	81
4	4	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	80
NR	4	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	80
8	5	Kangaroo Kids, GK	79
NR	6	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	78
8	7	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	77
4	7	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	77
NR	8	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	76
5	8	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	76
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12	13	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	70
10	14	EuroKids, Dwarka	69
9	14	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	69
14	15	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	67
5	15	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	67

Rank		Special needs education	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
6	1	Step by Step, Panchsheel	80
2	2	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	67
7	3	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	65
NR	4	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	64
3	5	Kangaroo Kids, GK	62
1	6	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	60
4	6	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	60
2	7	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	59
NR	7	Little Pearls Play School, Vasant Vihar	59
3	8	EuroKids, Dwarka	58
2	9	Little Millennium, Pitampura	56
9	10	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	55
10	11	iDiscoveri XSEED Preschool, GK	53
11	12	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	51
12	13	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	50
NR	14	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	48
8	14	The Study, East of Kailash	48
5	14	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	48
6	15	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	47
4	16	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	46

Rank		Play facilities	Rating (100)
2010	2011		
1	1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	87
8	2	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	85
2	3	Step by Step, Panchsheel	83
6	4	Kangaroo Kids, GK	81
15	5	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	80
4	5	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	80
9	5	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	80
NR	6	The Ardee Montessori School, Sujan Singh Park	79
5	7	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	78
NR	8	Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning, Saket	77
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