

## Parameters of Excellence: Delhi's Top Pre-schools

**T**O CONSTRUCT THE EW PRE-SCHOOLS SURVEY 2010 league tables of early childhood education (ECE) institutions, 350 pre-schools short-listed by *EducationWorld* were assessed by a carefully selected respondents base comprising 1,232 SEC (socio-economic category) A parents with at least one child in pre-school and 290 principals/teachers across 10 parameters or attributes. Pre-schools 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 the highest weightage), parameters such as individual attention to students, parental involvement, innovative teaching, safety and hygiene and play facilities are specially important in pre-school education. Sample respondents in six cities were asked to rate pre-schools 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 pre-schools in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and Hyderabad. In Delhi, 208 SECA parents and 55 principals/teachers were polled. Pre-schools ranked among the top 20 under each attribute or parameter are set out below.



Innovative teaching @ Xseed Pre-school, Greater Kailash

Although ranked 7th and 19th overall, on parents' favourite parameter of infrastructure provision, two Vasant Kunj pre-schools — Kangaroo Kids & Adyaant — are rated highest

### Competence of teachers

		Rating (20)
1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	18.7
2	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	18.6
3	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	18.3
4	Step by Step, Panchsheel	18.1
5	The Study, East of Kailash	17.4
6	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	16.5
6	EuroKids, Dwarka	16.5
7	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	16.2
8	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	15.6
9	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	15.3
10	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	14.6
11	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	13.5
12	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	12.6
13	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	12.5
14	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	12.4
14	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	12.4
15	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	12.3
16	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	12.2
17	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	12.0
18	Taleem, Mehrauli	11.5

### Infrastructure provision

		Rating (10)
1	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	8.6
1	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	8.6
2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	8.5
3	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.4
3	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	8.4
4	EuroKids, Dwarka	8.3
4	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	8.3
5	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	8.1
5	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	8.1
6	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	7.8
6	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	7.8
7	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	7.7
8	The Study, East of Kailash	7.5
9	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	7.2
9	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	7.2
10	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	7.1
10	Taleem, Mehrauli	7.1
11	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	7.0
12	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	6.8
13	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	5.5

**Individual attention to students**

		Rating (10)
1	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	8.9
2	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.8
3	Step by Step, Panchsheel	8.4
4	The Study, East of Kailash	8.1
5	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	7.9
6	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	7.7
7	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	7.5
8	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	7.4
9	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	7.3
9	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	7.3
10	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	7.2
11	EuroKids, Dwarka	7.1
12	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	7.0
13	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	6.8
13	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	6.8
14	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	6.7
15	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	6.5
16	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	6.4
17	Taleem, Mehrauli	6.3
18	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	6.0

**Innovative teaching**

		Rating (10)
1	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	8.5
2	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.4
3	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	8.3
4	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	8.2
5	Step by Step, Panchsheel	8.0
6	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	7.8
6	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	7.8
7	The Study, East of Kailash	7.7
8	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	7.5
9	EuroKids, Dwarka	7.4
10	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	7.3
11	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	7.2
12	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	7.1
12	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	7.1
12	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	7.1
13	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	7.0
14	Taleem, Mehrauli	6.6
15	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	6.5
15	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	6.5
16	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	6.3

**Parental involvement**

		Rating (10)
1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.8
2	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	8.7
3	The Study, East of Kailash	8.3
4	Step by Step, Panchsheel	7.9
5	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	7.7
6	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	7.4
6	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	7.4
7	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	7.3
7	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	7.3
8	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	7.2
9	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	7.1
9	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	7.1
10	EuroKids, Dwarka	7.0
10	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	7.0
10	Taleem, Mehrauli	7.0
11	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	6.9
11	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	6.9
12	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	6.8
13	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	6.6
14	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	6.4

**Value for money**

		Rating (10)
1	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	8.8
2	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.2
3	The Study, East of Kailash	8.0
4	Step by Step, Panchsheel	7.5
5	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	7.2
6	The Learning Tree, Sujan Singh Park	6.8
7	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	6.6
8	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	6.5
8	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	6.5
8	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	6.5
9	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	6.4
10	EuroKids, Dwarka	6.3
10	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	6.3
11	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	6.2
12	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	5.8
12	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	5.8
13	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	5.6
14	Taleem, Mehrauli	5.5
15	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	5.3
16	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	5.0

**Safety & hygiene**

		Rating (10)
1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.9
2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	8.7
3	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	8.1
3	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	8.1
4	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	8.0
4	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	8.0
5	The Study, East of Kailash	7.9
5	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	7.9
6	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	7.6
6	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	7.6
7	The Learning Tree, Sujana Singh Park	7.5
7	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	7.5
8	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	7.3
8	EuroKids, Dwarka	7.3
8	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	7.3
9	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	7.2
10	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	6.9
11	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	6.8
12	Taleem, Mehrauli	6.5
13	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	6.4

**Leadership quality**

		Rating (10)
1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.6
2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	8.3
3	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	8.0
3	The Study, East of Kailash	8.0
4	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	7.8
4	The Learning Tree, Sujana Singh Park	7.8
5	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	7.7
5	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	7.7
6	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	7.6
7	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	7.5
8	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	7.4
8	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	7.4
8	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	7.4
9	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	7.3
10	EuroKids, Dwarka	7.2
11	Taleem, Mehrauli	7.0
12	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	6.9
13	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	6.6
13	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	6.6
14	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	6.5

**Special needs education**

		Rating (10)
1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.2
2	The Learning Tree, Sujana Singh Park	7.9
2	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	7.9
2	Shemrock Heritage, Rohini	7.9
3	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	7.7
3	EuroKids, Dwarka	7.7
4	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	7.6
4	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	7.6
5	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	7.5
6	Step by Step, Panchsheel	7.3
6	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	7.3
7	Shishuvan, Vasant Kunj	7.2
8	The Study, East of Kailash	7.1
9	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	7.0
10	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	6.7
11	Your Kids R Our Kids, Jorbagh	6.5
11	Taleem, Mehrauli	6.5
12	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	6.3
12	Shemrock Joyland, Anand Niketan	6.3
12	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	6.3

**Play facilities**

		Rating (10)
1	The Magic Years, Vasant Vihar	8.7
2	Step by Step, Panchsheel	8.6
3	EuroKids, Dwarka	8.5
4	Kangaroo Kids, Vasant Kunj	8.4
5	Mother's Pride, Punjabi Bagh	8.3
6	Kangaroo Kids, Greater Kailash	8.2
7	Roots to Wings, Pitampura	7.8
8	The Learning Tree, Sujana Singh Park	7.6
9	Tender Feet School, Vasant Kunj	7.5
9	iDiscoveri XSEED Pre-school, Greater Kailash	7.5
9	Adyaant, Vasant Kunj	7.5
10	Bachpan Play School, Pitampura	7.4
10	The Study, East of Kailash	7.4
11	Taleem, Mehrauli	7.3
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12	Kidzee, Nirman Vihar	7.2
13	EuroKids, Mayur Vihar	7.1
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