

Congratulations go to Hopes and Dreams Montessori Nursery School and the Little People Montessori Group in Teesside, both of which had a rewarding evening at the Nursery World 2010 Awards in September.

Firstly Cornelia Harrison, Hopes and Dreams' Nursery Manager, received Nursery World's Nursery Manager of the Year award. Everyone at Hopes and Dreams rightly feel very proud of this achievement, and the fact that they were also highly commended in the Nursery Food Award. All staff are involved in educating children about healthy eating habits and teaching them good table manners from an early age. Children learn about where food



Lincolnshire partnership with parents



Hopes and Dreams staff with their award

comes from, they assist in preparing snacks and they even grow some vegetables in their own garden.

Twenty-two staff from Little People Montessori Group in Teesside were also at the Nursery World Awards, where Misbah Ahmed, the youngest apprentice was highly commended for Newcomer of the Year, whilst the company as a whole was highly commended for Business Development.

Finally, Lincolnshire Montessori received a 'highly commended' at the national Nursery World Awards in the Partnership with Parents category. The award sought projects that support parents, enhance their understanding of

their children's learning and development, or improve children's outcomes through involvement and co-operation with families.

The entry was based on initiatives over recent years and projects aimed at work with parents in the life of the nursery and school. This has included Family Learning arts workshops, an Introduction to Montessori course for parents, an 'Ambassadors' forum, developing a parents' library, and regular newsletters.

The teams from all these schools were delighted with these results at the awards ceremony in the Lancaster Hotel, London.



Reading in the garden with Misbah Ahmed

