



**PROJECT**

CONSTRUCTION OF AWARD WINNING JOHN PERRY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

**CLIENT**

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING & DAGENHAM

**VALUE**

£1.2M

**CONSULTANT**

DSDHA



Lakehouse was delighted to be involved in the new build of the highly innovative single-storey John Perry Nursery, within the grounds of the existing Primary School, for local children within a deprived area.

The nursery element of the John Perry Children's Centre forms a fourth wall enclosing an existing courtyard, thereby creating an outdoor teaching area which connects the children fully to nature and daylight. The project included imaginative use of soft play external facilities combined with stunning mirrored sculptures and grassed mounds.

The steel and timber-framed structure incorporated brick cladding, under floor heating, aluminium cladding and roofing with aluminium windows which was considered so exceptional that it resulted in a RIBA Award in 2006. Judges said "The centre shows how collaborative working, and rethinking how a school and children's centre could work together, can produce a refreshing local landmark".

The project was also awarded Local Authority Award by the British Construction Industry in 2006.