

School Year 2023/24 - Brooksite Under 5's Chair Persons Report

It is with pleasure that I have the opportunity to deliver the Brooksite Under 5's Chair Persons Report for the 2023/24 School Year.

We have had yet another successful year, with some great activities, events and achievements, which I will cover in more detail later.

Staffing

The team have all completed their required training throughout the year, with some specific training to ensure that they met the children's individual needs.

Achievements

We have been in a fortunate position this year, where we have been able to do more than we done in previous years, including trips and extra-curricular activities, all aimed at getting the children school ready.

In December, we hosted our first ever pre-school trip to Bluebells farm, with the support of the team and parents/carers, we were able to make this event a great success, this was followed by the Christmas Party, which included a chippy lunch and a visit from Santa, who brought a gift for each child.

We were also able to introduce Twisten Tots, as an extra musical, movement and expressive arts activity, which has gone down well, with the children looking forward to every next session. We also continued with the fortnightly Robot Reg session, along with Forest School for the rising 5's.

In spring, we had the opportunity to host some very special eggs, where the children could be part of the egg/chick lifecycle. The children were able to look after the eggs and in turn chicks, as well as having a photo taken with a chick as a keepsake to remember their experiences. Special thanks to Lois Photography for facilitating. The activity also raised £150.

In the summer, on a wet and wonderful Sunday, we held our first open day fundraiser in 10 years, with the help of the team, parents, carers and extended family, the day was a great success with games, stalls, cakes, facepainting, bouncy castle and a special visit from the local fire engine. We also had a fantastic raffle, with some amazing prizes sought by our committee treasurer.

We held a mass garden clean up in May, where preschool parents and grandparents reinvigorated the outdoor space, also donating new outdoor tables, chairs, mud kitchen and garden accessories, which has allowed the children the opportunity to plant seeds and watch their fruit and vegetables grow, even having the chance to taste some of their efforts at snack time.

Sam completed the Hiking the Peaks Challenge, walking over 20 miles in a day, which raised over £200 for preschool, which has paid for a new fence between the two rear outdoor areas.

We held the school leavers party at the end of the summer term for the children who were going to school in September, this was really well received with a special visit from Robot Reg, a buffet lunch, with drinks and cake for parents who wished to pop in for one last time.

Other

We started using Class DoJo this year as a way to share information and to update parents and carers on how their children are getting on. This has also supported a much easier way to communicate with the team and has received some really positive feedback

We had a visit from DSB photography, who took some great photos of the children, where many parents and carers were able to purchase professional photos of their children.

Thanks

All it leaves for me to say is a huge thankyou to everyone who has given their time willingly to support and to add value and purpose to our preschool. Lets see what this year brings!

Brooksite Under 5's

Income		2023/2024
Session Fees		£9,045.90
Funding		£69,054.08
Fundraising		£1,386.26
Party		£278.60
Refunds		£0.00
Milk		£0.00
Petty Cash/Mat Pay		£0.00
Total		£79,764.84
Expenditures		
Wages		£56,477.11
HMRC		£840.33
Committee Expenses		£859.12
Consumables		£1,248.44
New Equipment		£757.94
Pension		£1,765.37
Insurance/PSLA		£930.50
Training		£145.00
Ofsted Reg		£50.00
Building		£928.65
Rent		£4,972.41
Sundries		£15.97
Refunds		£0.00
Admin		£2,828.48
Total		£71,819.32
Balance B/Fwd		£24,790.51
Income		£79,764.84
Expend		-£71,819.32
Total		£32,736.03
Buildings Acc		£18,529.24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brooksite Under 5's

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Brooksite Under 5's Trust for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

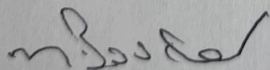
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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