

BEEHIVE PRESCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1029550

Details

Other names	BEEHIVE PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1993-12-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL ARE TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY:(A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;(B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS;(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: The aim of the preschool is to enhance the development and education of 2-5 year old children by offering appropriate play facilities and training courses. Also bringing awareness to the children of other religions, cultures and abilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Windsor And Maidenhead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£81,618	£87,765	-	-
2024-03-31	£86,745	£92,591	-	-
2023-03-31	£83,225	£96,695	-	-
2022-03-31	£84,510	£88,588	-	-
2021-03-31	£121,065	£90,260	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aliya Akhtar		2022-05-18
Krishna Anantha Melkote		2022-11-10
Merib Gill		2022-05-18
Sally Worman		2019-10-22

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Accounts

Trustees' Report 2024 – 2025

For the year ended 31 March 2025

This report is presented on behalf of the Trustees and provides an overview of the charity's activities, governance, and financial position during the 2024–2025 financial year.

Activities and Achievements

Summer Term 2024

During the summer term, staff undertook an inset day focused on safeguarding training and updates to the safeguarding policy, incorporating recent national and local guidance. In addition, a qualified Speech and Language Therapist delivered bespoke in-house training to all staff, supporting the development of children's vocabulary, communication, and language skills.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) priorities focused on supporting each child's individual learning journey, with particular emphasis on oral health and healthy eating. The setting worked alongside health professionals to provide targeted support for individual children where possible.

The preschool renewed its subscription to Tapestry, the online learning journey platform. This continued to support effective communication between staff and families and offers ongoing professional development opportunities to staff. Feedback from parents, carers, and staff remained positive.

The term started with 22 children on roll. Two senior staff members completed Designated Safeguarding Lead training and attended local authority training and network meetings to ensure best practice and professional compliance.

All Trustees were in attendance for Beehive's Annual General Meeting on 3 July 2024, chaired by S. Worman. The meeting was supported well by parents attending in person and remotely online.

Children eligible for two-year-old funding and Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) received food vouchers for £60 for the summer holiday period.

Autumn Term 2024

The autumn term marked the start of the new academic year. The number of children on roll reduced to 10 due to a considerable number transitioning to full-time school. Home visits supported new children and families joining, ensuring a smooth transition into the setting.

The Acting Manager continued in post due to ongoing recruitment challenges. 2 practitioners attended training for sensory processing.

Children participated in a range of learning experiences including "All About Me", festivals of light, Diwali, creative arts activities, and Christmas-themed stories, songs, and celebrations. The term concluded with a Christmas party, and all children received a storybook.

The charity received grant funding of £2,000 from the Windsor and Maidenhead Christian Trust. This grant supported a designated project aimed at improving and promoting outdoor play and learning, with ongoing benefits for the children.

EYPP and two-year-old funded eligible children received £40 Christmas food vouchers.

Spring Term 2025

There were 12 children on roll for spring term. Children took part in seasonal and curriculum-linked activities including calendar-making, planting seeds, Shrove Tuesday celebrations, World Book Day, and creative activities for Mother's Day and Easter. Each child received a World Book Day book voucher, and parent contributions enabled the purchase of books for shared reading.

EYPP and two-year-old funded eligible children received £20 food vouchers for the February half term and £40 food vouchers for the May holiday period.

Local infrastructure works in the surrounding area continued throughout the year. The Trustees remained proactive in monitoring the condition and maintenance of the premises and consulted with Countryside Partnerships to support a planned maintenance project, including the redecoration of the main room during the next summer closure, to ensure the environment remains safe, welcoming, and fit for purpose for the forthcoming academic year.

Trustees' Financial Review

(Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025)

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission guidance for small charities. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are maintained and that the accounts reflect the charity's financial activities during the year.

Section A: Receipts and Payments

Incoming Resources

Total receipts for the year amounted to £81,618 (2024: £86,745).

The charity's principal source of income continues to be funded childcare income, totalling £77,113, and voluntary income of £2,111. Additional income was from £30 donations and bank interest of £747.

The Trustees note a modest reduction in total income compared with the previous year, which reflects variations in occupancy and funding levels during the period. Income levels remained sufficient to support the charity's activities and charitable objectives.

Resources Expended

Total payments for the year were £89,136 (2024: £92,591).

The majority of expenditure related to staff costs, amounting to £71,000, reflecting the charity's reliance on qualified and experienced staff to deliver safe, effective early years provision in line with EYFS requirements.

Other significant areas of expenditure included:

- Premises costs, utilities, and rates
- Insurance and professional fees, including the Independent Examiner's fee.
- Learning resources, training, and operational costs
- Equipment purchases totalling £1,370

All expenditure was incurred in furtherance of the charity's objects and to ensure the continued safe and compliant operation of the provision.

Financial Result for the Year

The charity recorded a net surplus of £7,518 for the year (2024: surplus of £5,846). The Trustees consider this surplus appropriate and necessary to support ongoing operations, manage financial risk, and ensure continuity of service.

Section B: Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At 31 March 2025, the charity held total cash funds of £82,164 (2024: £89,682), held across the following:

- Lloyds Deposit Account
- Lloyds Current Account
- Petty Cash

These balances are in agreement with the receipts and payments accounts.

The charity held no restricted or endowment funds at the year end and had no material liabilities.

Reserves Position

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's reserves and consider the level of unrestricted funds held at the year end to be appropriate for the charity's size, level of activity, and foreseeable financial commitments. Reserves are held to ensure financial stability and to support the continued delivery of the charity's services.

Trustee Declaration

The Trustees confirm that the accounts give a true and fair summary of the charity's financial transactions for the year and its financial position at the year end. The Trustees are satisfied that the charity remains financially viable and able to continue delivering its charitable activities.

Report compiled by: Merib Gill, Trustee, On behalf of Beehive Pre-school Committee

Signed: Date: 24.11.2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st April 2024

To

31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - Invoiced fees	1,617			1,617	3,094
Income - Funded fees	77,113			77,113	80,915
Income - Fundraising and Donations	2,111			2,111	1,950
Income - Uniform sales				-	- 0
Income - Grants				-	- 0
Miscellaneous Income	30			30	53
Bank interest received	747			747	733
Designated fund - Deposits for places				-	-
JRS Grant				-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	81,618	-	-	81,618	86,745
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	81,618	- 0	- 0	81,618	86,745
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses/licences/ subscriptions	549			549	547
Misc expenses	39			39	77
Learning resources and special activities	960			960	2,355
Staff Costs	71,000			71,000	75,695
Rent	4,200			4,200	4,200
Water rates	275			275	239
General rates	67			67	22
Insurance	2,082			2,082	1,021
Electricity	4,621			4,621	5,002
Building improvements/repairs/ maintenance	652			652	346

Telephone	1,104			1,104	1,026
Stationery and postage	90			90	91
Bookkeeping and accounts	954			954	889
Independent examiner fee	840			840	840
Staff training	250			250	143
Refreshments	83			83	98
Reduction in deposits held				-	- 0
School uniform				-	-
Sub total	87,765	-	-	87,765	92,591
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Equipment	1,370	- 0	- 0	1,370	-
Sub total	1,370	- 0	- 0	1,370	- 0
Total payments	89,136	- 0	- 0	89,136	92,591
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,518	-	-	- 7,518	- 5,846
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	89,682	-	-	89,682	95,528
Cash funds this year end	82,164	-	-	82,164	89,682

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Deposit Account	67,708	-	-
	Lloyds Current Account	14,456	-	-
	Petty Cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	82,164	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

		-	-	-					
		-	-	-					
		-	-	-					
		-	-	-					
		-	-	-					
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)					
B3 Investment assets			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)					
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use									
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)					
B5 Liabilities	Deposits held for places	Unrestricted	-						
	PAYE, NIC and Pensions Payable	Unrestricted	-						
			-						
			-						
			-						

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval					

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Beehive Pre-School

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beehive Pre-School for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 Trustee'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 2011 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.



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Trustees' Report 2023 – 2024

This report, presented by Merib Gill, Trustee, gives an overview of activities, events, grants, fundraising and training at Beehive Pre-school during the 2023-2024 financial year.

Summer 2023

In the summer term there were 19 children enrolled at both the start and end of term. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) priorities this term focused on enhancing each child's individual learning journey and experiences. Key areas of development included promoting oral health, fostering independence skills, and encouraging participation in a wide range of physical play and outdoor activities.

The preschool renewed its subscription to Tapestry, an online learning journey platform that continues to provide significant benefits for both staff and parents. The platform enhances communication between staff and families, enabling parents to actively engage in their child's progress. Additionally, Tapestry supports staff through valuable continuous professional development (CPD) opportunities. Feedback from staff and parents has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting its role in enriching the preschool experience.

This term, the Acting Manager completed Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training, ensuring the preschool remains fully compliant with safeguarding requirements. Attendance at local authority network meetings and training sessions further ensured that best practices were maintained. These meetings also helped strengthen professional connections with the local authority and Achieving for Children Services.

The children were fortunate to receive a visit by two local Thames Valley Police Community Support Officers. The children learnt about their job and how they help and assist people. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. The experience included trying on a police hat, sitting inside a police car and learning about the blue lights and sirens!

Creative activities continued to play a significant role in the children's development. For Father's Day, the children designed cards and created unique arts and crafts gifts. Transition training supported staff to implement support for children leaving to start reception in September. Children moving on to reception class had transition visits to their new classrooms and we welcomed their new teachers to the preschool. We welcomed parents and carers to a Graduation Ceremony for the children leaving and returning. The term concluded with a farewell fancy dress party to celebrate the children's achievements. Photos were taken to commemorate the occasion, creating lasting memories for children and families alike.

In line with with the local authorities and our commitment to supporting the well-being of children and families, all 2-year-old funded children and those eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) received food vouchers to help alleviate financial pressures during school breaks. £20 vouchers were provided at half term, and £80 vouchers were distributed during the summer holidays.

Autumn 2023

The autumn term marked the start of a new academic year, with 13 children enrolled at both the beginning and end of the term. Trustees and staff worked closely to ensure full compliance and readiness for the new school year. Despite recruitment challenges within the early years sector, the Acting Manager continued to lead effectively, fulfilling the responsibilities of the Manager's role with dedication. During this term, we also welcomed a committed volunteer who provided valuable support while gaining experience in the early years sector.

The term began with a staff inset day, which focused on safeguarding training and updates to the safeguarding policy to reflect the latest national and local changes. Staff also benefitted from bespoke in-house speech and language training delivered by a speech and language therapist and Early Years Communication and Language Consultant. This training aimed to enhance children's vocabulary and communication skills, supporting a recovery strategy to address the lasting impacts of the pandemic.

Children explored a variety of creative and cultural themes throughout the term. These included "All About Me," festivals of light, Diwali, and Christmas. They enjoyed making vibrant firework pictures, painting rangoli patterns, and engaging in festive stories, songs, and crafts.

On 26th September 2023, Beehive Pre-school received an Ofsted inspection. The Chair of Trustees and the Acting Manager met with the inspector to review the preschool's performance. We were delighted to retain our "Good" rating, a reflection of the dedication and hard work of both staff and trustees.

The term concluded with a joyful Christmas party. Children celebrated together, participated in games, and received books as gifts to nurture their love of reading and learning.

We were fortunate in receiving a £2,000 grant from the Windsor and Maidenhead Christian Trust and the Louis Baylis Charitable Trust donated £500 for designated projects to improve and promote outdoor play.

All 2 year old funded children and Early Years Pupil Premium children received £20 food vouchers at half term and £40 Christmas food vouchers for the Christmas period.

Spring 2024

The spring term began with four new children joining Beehive, followed by three more after the February half term, bringing our total to 20 children by the end of the term.

The children celebrated the New Year by creating their own calendars and exploring the Chinese New Year festival, welcoming the Year of the Dragon. They planted seeds and enjoyed making and eating pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

World Book Day was a highlight, with children dressing as their favourite storybook or nursery rhyme characters. Each child received a World Book Day voucher to

choose a book, and parents and carers generously donated £25. These funds were used to purchase new books for Beehive, enriching our story time sessions both one-on-one and as a group.

The children showed their creativity by making thoughtful Mother's Day gifts and personalised(cards. As the term ended, they enjoyed crafting Easter gifts, participating in an Easter egg hunt, and celebrating with a lively end-of-term party filled with games and laughter.

Food vouchers for £20 for for the half term and £40 food vouchers for the Easter closure period were issued again for EYPP and 2 year old funded children.

Over the financial year 2023 to 2024 donations, fundraising effort, and grants raised a total of £1,950. We are incredibly fortunate to be awarded, £500 from the Maidenhead Advertiser Louis Baylis Charitable Trust and £1,350 from Windsor & Maidenhead Christian Trust. We are extremely grateful for the generosity and support of our community, which enables us to continue enhancing the preschool experience for our children.

Regrettably, the year saw an overspend of £5,846. This was primarily due to rising costs, including increased insurance premiums, annual licensing and subscriptions, and higher utility bills. Wage costs also rose in line with the national minimum wage increase. Additional expenditure was incurred for essential premises maintenance, ongoing staff training, and CPD opportunities for both staff and trustees. A decrease in funded fees, resulting from lower attendance post-pandemic and recruitment challenges in the early years sector, further impacted upon our financial position. These challenges limited the number of children the preschool could admit.

Despite these financial pressures, we were fortunate to receive support from Countryside, the company overseeing local infrastructure projects. Their generosity funded two key maintenance projects to improve our facilities: upgrading the hot water supply to children's and adult washbasins and carrying out PAT annual safety testing. They also replaced the roof of the large sandpit and provided fresh play sand, significantly enhancing our outdoor play area.

We remain committed to overcoming these challenges and continuing to provide a nurturing and inspiring environment for all our children.

Report compiled by Merib Gill, Trustee on Behalf of Beehive Pre-school Committee

Signed:



Signed by: Merib Gill Trustee on behalf of Beehive Pre-school
22.01.2025

Date:



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

1st April 2023

To

31st March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - Invoiced fees	3,094			3,094	5,112
Income - Funded fees	80,915			80,915	75,177
Income - Fundraising and Donations	1,950			1,950	2,726
Income - Uniform sales				-	-
Income - Grants				-	-
Miscellaneous Income	53			53	75
Bank interest received	733			733	135
Designated fund - Deposits for places				-	-
JRS Grant				-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	86,745	-	-	86,745	83,225
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,745	-	-	86,745	83,225
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses/licences/subscriptions	547			547	1,472
Misc expenses	77			77	220
Learning resources and special activities	2,355			2,355	4,444
Staff Costs	75,695			75,695	73,270
Rent	4,200			4,200	4,200
Water rates	239			239	223
General rates	22			22	62
Insurance	1,021			1,021	981
Electricity	5,002			5,002	6,212
Building improvements/repairs/maintenance	346			346	2,045
Telephone	1,026			1,026	895
Stationery and postage	91			91	162
Bookkeeping and accounts	889			889	903
Independent examiner fee	840			840	840
Staff training	143			143	650
Refreshments	98			98	116
Reduction in deposits held				-	-
School uniform				-	-
Sub total	92,591	-	-	92,591	96,695
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	92,591	-	-	92,591	96,695
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,846	-	-	- 5,846	- 13,470
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	95,528	-	-	95,528	108,998
Cash funds this year end	89,682	-	-	89,682	95,528

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Deposit Account	66,961	-	-
	Lloyds Current Account	22,720	-	-
	Petty Cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	89,682	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Deposits held for places	Unrestricted	-	
	PAYE, NIC and Pensions Payable	Unrestricted	1,040	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Summer 2022

The staff inset day focused on safeguarding training and updates to the safeguarding policy in line with national and local partner changes to policy. Beehive prepared for the likelihood that an Ofsted inspection was expected. The EYFS was discussed with its new emphasis on the child's learning journey in the setting, extending children's vocabulary, oral health and the impact and recovery strategies needed to support children who have been impacted by the effects of the pandemic. Beehive resubscribed to Tapestry online Learning Journey which has proved to be very beneficial to all users and offers staff CPD. In addition, the Co-leaders attended designated safeguarding lead training this term. All local authority and outside training and meetings were attended.

The summer term began and ended with 19 children on roll. We encouraged the children to enjoy indoor and outdoor planting and the children took their cress plants home to eat. We studied lifecycles and enjoyed watching our caterpillars change into butterflies. 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' proved to be a popular story which supported our lifecycles topic and encouraged creative work such as the butterfly artwork and handprints. We focused on sports activities both indoors and outdoors to promote the children's physical development and these observations were accessible to parents and carers to view through their child's personal Tapestry Learning Journal.

The children designed cards and made unique arts and craft gifts for Father's Day. Children who were leaving to start reception in September welcomed visiting teachers into the preschool and also enjoyed transition visits to their new classrooms. At the end of term everyone celebrated with a farewell fancy dress party, and we took photos.

Our 2 year old funded children and Early Years Pupil Premium children received £20 in food vouchers at half term and an additional £80 in food vouchers during the summer holidays.

Autumn 2022

The autumn term and new academic year started with just 9 children on roll as most of our children left to start full time school. We had 12 new starters and by the end of the autumn term there were 19 children on roll. In October, Julie attended training relating to supporting children to make an application for EHC Needs Assessments. Early Years Network meeting was attended by the Co-Leaders.

We were fortunate in receiving a £2,000 grant from the Windsor and Maidenhead Christian Trust and the Louis Baylis Charitable Trust donated £500 for designated projects to improve and promote outdoor play.

Two members of staff resigned at the same time and left at the end of December 2022. Carol, a trustee and Co-Leader left to take up a different role within the early years sector, and Megan a level 2 practitioner pursued new career. The 2 vacancies were advertised, and all statutory safeguarding practice and safer recruitment guidance were adhered to. With staff shortages in the early years sector, it proved challenging to recruit a manager position, which was not fulfilled. Therefore, the existing Co-Leader took up the sole responsibility and leadership position as acting manager. The trustees were

pleased to successfully recruit 2, level 3 early years practitioners, with previous experience of working at Beehive and they took up their positions in the Spring Term 2023.

Topics and activities for this term included welcoming new starters, 'All about me', festivals of light, Diwali, firework pictures, creating and painting rangoli pattern artwork, and Christmas songs, activities and stories. We celebrated the end of term with a Christmas party and provided books as presents for all the children.

All 2 year old funded children and Early Years Pupil Premium children received £20 food vouchers at half term and £40 Christmas food vouchers during the Christmas closure period.

Spring 2023

We welcomed 2 new early years practitioners, Filza and Alenuo who took up their employed position in January and February 2023 respectively.

The spring term commenced with 18 children on the register, due to 1 child moving to another setting. There were no new starters. 1 child left in the half term, due to a walking route access closure. The register closed with 17 on roll at the end of the spring term.

The children celebrated the New Year by making calendars. They planted seeds and enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday with pancakes. The children were invited to dress up as a favourite story or nursery rhyme character for World Book Day and they were provided with World Book Day book vouchers for a book of their choice. Parents and carers donated towards World Book Day and the money raised enabled us to buy more books for Beehive to share both one to one and at carpet time with the whole group. The children made gifts for Mother's Day and a unique card. Towards the end of term, we made Easter gifts, arts and crafts, and the children took part in an Easter Egg hunt.

Food vouchers were provided again for EYPP and 2 year old funded children at half term and over the Easter holidays. £20 food vouchers were sent out at half term and £40 food vouchers for the Easter closure period.

In total over the 2022-2023 financial year, donations, fundraising effort and grants raised a total of £2,696. There were no uniform sales during this year.

Regrettably, in spite of a slightly reduced wage bill this year, there was an overspend of £13,470. This was mainly due the increase in utilities costs, annual licensing and subscriptions. The extra expenditure included maintenance of the premises, staff training, which comprised of ongoing CPD and complying with statutory requirements such as safeguarding and paediatric first aid training. There was a slight decrease in funded fees due to fewer children attending the setting. Attendance has been lower since the pandemic, with parents seemingly more reluctant to send children back to nursery. Given the lack of social mixing and closure of playgroups and other support groups for families, those children entering nursery for the first time have also required much more adult support to settle into preschool life. Coupled with staff retention and recruitment difficulties, lower staffing levels has further restricted the number of children the preschool has been able to admit. As we continue to recover from the effects of the pandemic, we hope to see this situation improve. Furthermore, a much needed and overdue improvement to Early Education funding rates is required to support our children and reward the invaluable work of all those working in Early Years.

Local infrastructure work nearby to Beehive, included the closure of public access through the Magnet Leisure Centre site due to demolition work, which also coincided with work at the Town Moor area to replace the footbridge over Strand Water (from 18.07.22 for 21 weeks). Both works restricted pedestrian access to Beehive Pre-school and this had a negative impact upon families attending and deterred some potential families from enrolling. On a positive note, access has improved.

Report compiled by Sally Worman, Trustee on Behalf of Beehive Pre-school Committee)

Signed:

Date: 18.01.2024

Chair: Mrs Sally Worman

Signed:

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Date: 18.01.2024



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - Invoiced fees	5,112	-	-	5,112	3,407
Income - Funded fees	73,057	2,120	-	75,177	77,863
Income - Fundraising and Donations	2,726	-	-	2,726	2,829
Income - Uniform sales	-	-	-	-	404
Income - Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	75	-	-	75	-
Bank interest received	135	-	-	135	7
Designated fund - Deposits for places	-	-	-	-	-
JRS Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,105	2,120	-	83,225	84,510
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,105	2,120	-	83,225	84,510
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses/licences/subscriptions	1,472	-	-	1,472	463
Misc expenses	220	-	-	220	573
Learning resources and special activities	2,324	2,120	-	4,444	942
Staff Costs	73,270	-	-	73,270	75,343
Rent	4,200	-	-	4,200	4,200
Water rates	223	-	-	223	270
General rates	62	-	-	62	20
Insurance	981	-	-	981	989
Electricity	6,212	-	-	6,212	2,004
Building improvements/repairs/maintenance	2,045	-	-	2,045	652
Telephone	895	-	-	895	831
Stationery and postage	162	-	-	162	167
Bookkeeping and accounts	903	-	-	903	1,492
Independent examiner fee	840	-	-	840	300
Staff training	650	-	-	650	10
Refreshments	116	-	-	116	47
Reduction in deposits held	-	-	-	-	-
School uniform	-	-	-	-	285
Sub total	94,575	2,120	-	96,695	88,588
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Equipment	-	-	-	-	552
Sub total	-	-	-	-	552
Total payments	94,575	2,120	-	96,695	89,140
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,470	-	-	- 13,470	- 4,630
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	108,998	-	-	108,998	113,628
Cash funds this year end	95,528	-	-	95,528	108,998

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Deposit Account	71,228	-	-
	Lloyds Current Account	24,299	-	-
	Petty Cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	95,528	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
	Deposits held for places	Unrestricted	-	-
	PAYE, NIC and Pensions Payable	Unrestricted	1,040	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Beehive Pre-School

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beehive Pre-School for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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 Trustee'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 2011 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.



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Date:.... 19/12/2023.....

BEEHIVE PRESCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1029550

Accounts

Trustees' Report 2021 – 2022

This report, presented by Carol Franks, Co-Leader and Trustee, gives an overview of activities, events, grants, fundraising and training at Beehive Pre-school during the 2021-2022 financial year.

Summer 2021

Our staff inset day focused on safeguarding training and updates to the safeguarding policy in line with national and local partner changes to policy. Carol informed all staff that Ofsted onsite inspections would be resuming and that from September 2021 Ofsted would be inspecting under the new EYFS framework. The revised EYFS was discussed with its new emphasis on the child's journey in the setting, extending children's vocabulary and oral health. Staff discussed the changes that would be made to the Tapestry online Learning Journey to address the revised September EYFS. In addition, the Co-leaders attended designated safeguarding lead training this term and Carol attended an emotional wellbeing meeting. All local authority and outside training and meetings were still being conducted online at this point.

The summer term began term with 22 children on roll. This increased to 26 by the time term finished at the end of July. We encouraged the children to enjoy indoor and outdoor planting and the children took their cress plants home to eat. We studied lifecycles and enjoyed raising chicks through the Living Eggs programme in addition to watching our caterpillars change into butterflies. 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' proved to be a popular story which supported our lifecycles topic and encouraged creative work such as the butterfly handprints. We did not hold a sports day this year as indoor gatherings were still restricted, and as our local Magnet Leisure Centre has closed, will need to find another local venue in the future to host such events. Focused sports activities still went ahead on site both indoors and outdoors and these were videoed for parents and carers to watch via the Tapestry Journal.

The children designed cards and made money boxes for Father's Day. Children who were leaving to start reception in September welcomed visiting teachers into the preschool and also enjoyed transition visits to their new classrooms. At the end of term everyone celebrated with a farewell fancy dress party.

Our 2 year old funded children and Early Years Pupil Premium children received £20 in food vouchers at half term and an additional £80 in food vouchers during the summer holidays.

We were fortunate in receiving a £2000 grant from the Windsor and Maidenhead Christian Trust this term and in August, during our summer holidays, the Louis Baylis Charitable Trust donated £500.

Autumn 2021

The autumn term and new academic year started with just 5 children on roll as most of our children left to start full time school. We had 12 new starters and by the end of the autumn term there were 17 children on roll. One fee-paying child then left suddenly during the Christmas holidays. The committee had ensured that all debts owing were paid by the family prior to the child leaving. Alysia, one of our level 3 practitioners, also left in October of this term, having been with us for almost a year. This was a career change for her, moving from childcare to recruitment. With pupil numbers lower since the pandemic Beehive decided not to recruit a replacement staff member at this time.

Student placements resumed for the first time since the Covid pandemic, and we welcomed Megan who was studying for her childcare level 2 through the Berkshire College of Agriculture.

All schools and Early Years settings were required to have procedures for dealing with the spread of Covid, so Carol wrote our Covid Outbreak Plan for this term.

On 30th November our Co-leader Julie attended the Early Help Symposium in Windsor in her role as the setting SENCO. Carol, our other Co-leader, gave additional training to staff for the new EYFS updates, covering the Julian Grenier and HMI Ofsted Webinar on the revised EYFS.

Sovereign Playgrounds came to inspect our outdoor playground area, reviewing the safety of the sandpit, catboat and wetpour surface.

Topics and activities for this term included welcoming new starters, 'All about me', festivals of light, Diwali, firework pictures, creating and painting clay models, and Christmas songs, activities and stories. We celebrated the end of term with a Christmas party and provided books as presents for all the children. 2 year old funded children and Early Years Pupil Premium children also received £20 food vouchers at half term and £40 Christmas food vouchers during the Christmas closure period.

Spring 2022

The spring term commenced with 16 children on the register. There were 5 new starters, taking the register to 21 and then 2 leavers. Both leavers moved on to attend other settings, one of which was in a different local authority. The register closed with 19 on roll at the end of the spring term.

We welcomed additional students into Beehive, both of whom were studying at Berkshire College of Agriculture. Emily was studying for her level 3 in childcare and Mariyah for her level 2 childcare qualification. After a spell at another setting Megan also returned to finish her placement at Beehive and to complete her level 2 childcare qualification. From 25th March 2022 until the end of the spring term, Megan was given a temporary contract to provide additional staff cover.

The children celebrated the New Year by making calendars. They planted seeds, celebrated Chinese New Year and enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday with pancakes. The children were invited to dress up as a favourite story or nursery rhyme character for World Book Day and they were provided with book vouchers for a book of their choice. Parents and carers donated towards World Book Day and the money raised enabled us to buy more books for Beehive to share both one to one and at carpet time with the whole group. In March we enjoyed Mother's Day activities and were very pleased to see the return of our Mother's Day lunches. The weather was good and we were able to serve food and drinks outside to our parents whilst they sat and enjoyed a meal with their children. Towards the end of term we made Easter gifts, and the children took part in an Easter Egg hunt.

Sovereign came again to do a further playground inspection in January. Then on Friday 18th February there was a huge storm. Only 3 children attended as the weather was so bad. We lost part of our fence in the back garden and incurred further expense having to have this repaired to secure the garden and make it safe for the children.

Julie and Carol attended a meeting about redevelopment in Holmanleaze and the local area. Originally this meeting was scheduled to take place at Maidenhead Town Hall. The venue was then changed to Beehive Pre-school itself, which was fortuitous, as it enabled us to show off our site and talk about the essential services we provide to our children and families.

Carol attended training via Zoom in March. This focused on understanding and supporting children with attachment needs.

Food vouchers were provided again for EYPP and 2 year old funded children at half term and over the Easter holidays. £20 food vouchers were sent out at half term and £40 food vouchers for the Easter closure period.

In total over the 2021-2022 financial year, fundraising raised £60, and Beehive received £668 in general donations. Toy Fund donations, including the income from World Book Day dressing up, came to £101 and there was one grant of £2000. There was also a slight increase in uniform sales this year.

Sadly, in spite of a reduced wage bill this year, there was an overspend of £4630. This was mainly due to a marked decrease in funded fees due to fewer children attending the setting. Attendance has been lower since the pandemic, with parents seemingly more reluctant to send children back to nursery. Given the lack of social mixing and closure of playgroups and other support groups for families, those children entering nursery for the first time have also required much more adult support to settle into preschool life. Coupled with staff retention and recruitment difficulties, lower staffing levels has further restricted the number of children the preschool has been able to admit. As we gradually recover from the effects of the pandemic, we hope to see this situation improve. Furthermore, a much needed and long overdue improvement to Early Education funding rates is required to support our children and reward the invaluable work of all those working in Early Years.

Report compiled by Carol Franks (Co-Leader and Trustee on Behalf of Beehive Pre-school Committee)

Signed:



C.J. Franks

Date: 05.12.2022

Chair: Mrs Sally Worman

Signed:



Date: 05.12.2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

1st April 2021

To

31st March 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - Invoiced fees	3,407	-	-	3,407	51
Income - Funded fees	77,863	-	-	77,863	109,229
Income - Fundraising and Donations	2,829	-	-	2,829	1,118
Income - Uniform sales	404	-	-	404	378
Income - Grants	-	-	-	-	10,000
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest received	7	-	-	7	12
Designated fund - Deposits for places	-	-	-	-	-
JRS Grant	-	-	-	-	380
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	84,510	-	-	84,510	121,065
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,510	-	-	84,510	121,065
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses/licences/subscriptions	463	-	-	463	583
Misc expenses	574	-	-	574	769
Learning resources and special activities	942	-	-	942	618
Staff Costs	75,343	-	-	75,343	77,190
Rent	4,200	-	-	4,200	4,200
Water rates	270	-	-	270	158
General rates	20	-	-	20	80
Insurance	989	-	-	989	185
Electricity	2,004	-	-	2,004	2,004
Building improvements/repairs/ maintenance	652	-	-	652	1,381
Telephone	831	-	-	831	872
Stationery and postage	167	-	-	167	101
Bookkeeping and accounts	1,492	-	-	1,492	1,391
Independent examiner fee	300	-	-	300	300
Staff training	10	-	-	10	169
Refreshments	47	-	-	47	44
Reduction in deposits held	-	-	-	-	-
School uniform	285	-	-	285	377
Sub total	88,588	-	-	88,588	90,260
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	552	-	-	552	-
Sub total	552	-	-	552	-
Total payments	89,140	-	-	89,140	90,260
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,630	-	-	- 4,630	30,805
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	113,628	-	-	113,628	82,823
Cash funds this year end	108,998	-	-	108,998	113,628

Categories

Details

Unrestricted funds to nearest £

Restricted funds to nearest £

Endowment funds to nearest £

B1 Cash funds

Lloyds Deposit Account	71,094	-	-
Lloyds Current Account	37,904	-	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-
Total cash funds	108,998	-	-

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £

Restricted funds to nearest £

Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Prepayments	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

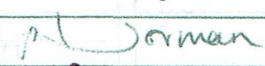

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	1,645	487
Plant and machinery	Unrestricted	1,092	587
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Deposits held for places	Unrestricted	-	
PAYE, NIC and Pensions Payable	Unrestricted	1,131	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SALLY WORMAN	06.12.22
	C.J. FRANKS	06.12.22

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Beehive Pre-School

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beehive Pre-School for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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BEEHIVE PRESCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1029550

Accounts

Trustees' Report 2020 – 2021

This report, presented by Carol Franks, Co-Leader and Trustee, gives an overview of activities, events, grants, fundraising and training at Beehive Pre-school during the 2020-2021 financial year.

Summer 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and government restrictions, Beehive did not reopen at the beginning of the summer term. At this time, we had no children classified as vulnerable on roll and all key worker children were cared for in their own homes. With the spread of an unknown virus, many parents were very concerned about the safety of sending their children into preschool. Officially we had 35 children on roll at the beginning of term and 25 of these moved on to infant school in September 2020.

All teaching staff of level 3 or below were furloughed, receiving 80% of their pay, according to government guidelines at the time. The Co-Leaders continued to work remotely, liaising with the Committee to manage the setting, to keep in touch with children and their parents, and to continue to perform the many additional financial and administrative tasks that the pandemic produced. As the majority of our children at this time were fully funded, we were only able to reclaim a small percentage of staff wages paid out under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, represented by our fee-paying children. Parents of fee-paying children were offered a full refund of sessions which they did not take up at the end of March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic and sessions being cancelled when lockdown was imposed.

The loss of these fees and the expense of paying wages for furloughed staff had an impact on Beehive's income for the summer term. Our local authority continued to pay the Universal Funding for those children still on roll, even though they were not in attendance, and this enabled us to stay afloat. Officially there were no new starters this term, but we did receive funding for those children whose registrations had been completed and *should* have started at the beginning of the summer term. Beehive Pre-school also received a Small Business Grant Fund of £10,000 from the local authority in May 2020 to help with ongoing costs and sustainability during the Covid-19 pandemic.

All meetings and discussions with the Committee were moved online from March 2020 onwards. Julie and Carol also regularly kept in contact with staff members through our online groups or through phone calls and messages. Since then, Committee meetings have continued to remain online. We kept in touch with all parents remotely and used Tapestry and other Early Years resources to send out ideas and activities so that parents could extend children's learning at home.

In June 2020 settings were allowed to reopen to small bubbles of children and we invited keyworker children, our older children, or any children we knew to be in need, to return for face to face learning. For those children who did not return, we continued to provide online activities. All staff members worked in a small team with their own bubble of children, and we made use of the 2 outside areas for all on site teaching. 2 gazebos were purchased to protect children and staff from rain and sun. Before the children returned, a considerable amount of maintenance work and thorough cleaning were required both inside and outside. This included a repair to the stair rail at the rear of the premises, painting of the fencing and the kitchen, clearing of weeds and other gardening, and reorganisation of the internal areas.

Our Sports Day had been scheduled for 16th June at the Magnet Leisure Centre, but sadly this had to be cancelled. The deposit fee for use of the hall was refunded during the summer holidays.

This term we subscribed to Tapestry and set up online learning journeys for our children, making use of the 5 new iPads which had recently been purchased. As parents were not able to come into our setting at this point, this enabled them to see photographs and videos of the activities their children were doing. Although Tapestry has an annual subscription, it is already beginning to cut down on our costs of printing, whilst enabling parents to view children's observations almost instantly.

During the summer we made full use of our local outdoor environment. Returning children enjoyed trips to the local moor and park, where they looked for wildlife and took part in outdoor play activities. The term ended on a positive note, and we said farewell, either in person or by video link, to all the children who were going off to start their new schools in September.

Autumn 2020

Inset training at the beginning of term focused on new updates to safeguarding policies and procedures and new legal documents. Carol gave local authority safeguarding training, which had previously been delivered to the 2 designated safeguarding leads. We welcomed most of our children back at the beginning of the autumn term and updated our cleaning and health and safety procedures again to enable more children to enter the setting. We started the term with 21 children on roll and at the end of term there were 19 children on the register. 9 of these children received 30 hours of funding, occupying both a morning and afternoon place. After returning for a couple of weeks, one child subsequently moved on to the preschool class at the school attended by their elder sibling. In addition, another child moved to a neighbouring village and consequently transferred to a different setting.

We were able to admit new starters, phasing children in a day at a time, through a 'stay and play' day with a parent. Social distancing was carefully observed and only parents of new starters entered the indoor environment, and for their child's first day only. Outside visits for potential new starters were organised outside of session times and changes made according to any updated DfE and government guidance during the term to keep everyone safe.

Sandra left abruptly in the middle of September, but we recruited Alysia as our new level 3, working 5 days a week. There was no community lateral flow testing for Covid at this time, but parents kept children away and organised testing for children with symptoms. In the final week of the autumn term a staff member tested positive for Covid, and we followed the isolation procedures advised by the DfE at the time.

Julie and Carol attended the online course 'Wellbeing for Education Return' in October. This focused on supporting the emotional wellbeing of both staff and children following lockdown due to the pandemic.

The second half of term featured festivals of light, fireworks and Christmas activities. Sadly, there was no Christmas show, but we recorded Christmas songs and activities and parents were able to watch these online via Tapestry. We also hosted a Christmas party, organising all the activities ourselves, rather than booking an outside entertainer.

There were some positive financial developments this term. Due to Covid-19 measures to help businesses, Beehive Pre-school received a Business Rate refund of £79.87 in September and in December, the Louis Baylis Charitable Trust kindly granted us £500 towards enhancing the children's personal and social development, and emotional wellbeing. This has become particularly significant given how the current pandemic is impacting on the children and their families, making some feel increasingly isolated.

Spring 2021

Covid levels rose considerably between November 2020 and January 2021 and many parents were reluctant to send their children back into preschool at the beginning of January 2021. Our inset day focused on safeguarding, progress of individual children, and how to plan for the children's safe return to the setting. Subsequent staff meetings focused on Covid changes to first aid procedures, online safety, and emotional wellbeing. Once again we had mixed teaching, with some children having face to face contact with their Key Person in the setting and others receiving updates and activities through Tapestry, phone calls and emails. We were very happy to see feedback from parents, who sent photos or videos or uploaded them to their child's Tapestry learning journey, to keep us up to date. Gradually, as the situation improved, children began to return to Beehive.

The term began with 19 children on the register, and we welcomed 3 new starters, ending the term with 22 on role. Spring term activities included New Year calendars, winter activities, Chinese New Year, World Book Day and Mother's Day. World Book Day donations totalled £153 for Beehive to put towards the purchase of new books for the setting.

Carol attended a Covid-19 webinar provided by Hemsalls on 19th January. Alysia and Andrea attended their first aid training during January and February 2021 to renew their Paediatric First Aid certificates. Carol and Julie attended a Zoom meeting introducing the new EYFS curriculum and Development Matters which will be implemented in September 2021. They also attended a Zoom 'Early Years Network Meeting' and a 'Catch up with Early Years' session which were both run by the local authority in March. This was followed by 'Lego Therapy' training, which Andrea, Alysia, Carol and Julie all attended.

Fundraising and donations amounted to £1118 this year. We were unable to hold our usual Sports Day and Christmas Show due to Covid-19 restrictions and these events usually provide good opportunities for fundraising. Throughout this financial year Covid-19 has also had a direct impact on the number of children we have been able to admit to the setting, not only due to health and safety reasons, but also because we simply have not been able to offer our usual face to face visits to prospective parents. This in turn has continued to affect our waiting list, but we are pleased to see so many online enquiries as a result of our increased online presence.

Report compiled by Carol Franks (Co-Leader and Trustee on Behalf of Beehive Pre-school Committee)

Signed: 

Date: 26.01.2022

Treasurer: Mrs Sally Worman

Signed: 

Date: 26.01.2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

1st April 2020

To

31st March 2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - Invoiced fees	51	-	-	51	7,112
Income - Funded fees	109,229	-	-	109,229	117,574
Income - Fundraising and Donations	1,118	-	-	1,118	10,006
Income - Uniform sales	378	-	-	378	635
Income - Grants	10,000	-	-	10,000	9,997
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest received	12	-	-	12	14
Designated fund - Deposits for places	-	-	-	-	-
JRS Grant	380	-	-	380	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	121,065	-	-	121,065	145,338
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	121,065	-	-	121,065	145,338
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses/licences/ subscriptions	583	-	-	583	1,782
Misc expenses	769	-	-	769	75
Learning resources and special activities	618	-	-	618	4,162
Staff Costs	77,190	-	-	77,190	82,897
Rent	4,200	-	-	4,200	5,250
Water rates	158	-	-	158	482
General rates	80	-	-	80	80
Insurance	185	-	-	185	1,605
Electricity	2,004	-	-	2,004	2,004
Building improvements/repairs/ maintenance	1,381	-	-	1,381	2,137
Telephone	872	-	-	872	869
Stationery and postage	101	-	-	101	422
Bookkeeping and accounts	1,391	-	-	1,391	1,318
Independent examiner fee	300	-	-	300	300
Staff training	169	-	-	169	860
Refreshments	44	-	-	44	164
Reduction in deposits held	-	-	-	-	380
School uniform	377	-	-	377	551
Sub total	90,260	-	-	90,260	105,338
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	4,500
Sub total	-	-	-	-	4,500
Total payments	90,260	-	-	90,260	109,838
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,805	-	-	30,805	35,500
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	82,823	-	-	82,823	47,323
Cash funds this year end	113,628	-	-	113,628	82,823

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Deposit Account	71,086	-	-
	Lloyds Current Account	42,542	-	-
	Petty Cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	113,628	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Prepayments	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	1,645	1,036
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Deposits held for places	Unrestricted	-	
	PAYE, NIC and Pensions Payable	Unrestricted	681	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Beehive Pre-School

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beehive Pre-School for the year ended 31st March 2021.

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 Trustee'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 2011 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.



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Date: 26/1/22