

Trustee report. Bright Sparks.

The group are still feeling the aftermath of Covid. Despite this the number of younger children has increased as shown in the accounts by the non funded children.

There has been little chance to fundraise as families are under increasing pressure due to the cost of living.

Staff wise, two members are attending training for higher qualifications and one is about to go on maternity leave.

Overheads have been reduced by good housekeeping although there has been a slight increase in wages, groceries and craft materials.

Numbers are good for the next academic year possibly due to the Ofsted rating of Outstanding.

The group looks forward to the proposed increase in Early Years funding with baited breath!

Success to the lovely little group.

Liv Moss

Trustee.

13.09.23

BROADLANDS BRIGHT SPARKS PLAYGROUP
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023
AS EXTRACTED WITHOUT AUDIT FROM THE RECORDS

INCOME	2022-2023		2021 - 2022	
	£		£	
NEF FEES	£	80,528.83	£	92,911.64
OTHER FEES	£	33,173.04	£	24,538.62
MILK REFUNDS	£	608.86	£	616.05
FUND RAISING	£	31.33	£	11.69
GRANTS / DONATIONS	£	3,135.00	£	6,918.75
RESALE	£	82.47	£	95.76
SNACKS	£	-	£	18.00
DEPOSIT A/C	£	4,500.00	£	7,024.79
REFUNDS	£	194.05	£	144.95
LOANS	£	1,583.07	£	-
	£	123,836.65	£	132,280.25
EXPENDITURE				
	£		£	
WAGES	£	104,009.28	£	100,402.28
ADMIN	£	2,429.09	£	2,610.68
ART - CRAFTS	£	1,072.39	£	986.92
GROCERIES	£	1,195.80	£	725.86
MILK - REFRESHMENTS	£	613.52	£	660.50
TOYS - EQUIPMENT	£	340.65	£	3,633.87
TRAINING	£	1,021.00	£	570.40
MISC.	£	10.00	£	80.74
ENTERTAINMENT	£	495.00	£	1,082.50
RENT	£	10,999.92	£	11,002.92
P.P.E.	£	-	£	23.96
LOAN REFUNDED	£	1,583.07	£	-
DEPOSIT A/C	£	-	£	7,612.50
UNIFORM	£	-	£	29.79
	£	123,769.72	£	129,422.92
PROFIT	£	66.93	PROFIT	£ 2,857.33

PREPARED AND CHECKED BY P.F.C. COWELL

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Manager's Report



September started off busy from the beginning, with lots of new little faces and lots of things planned for the year ahead.

We registered for the Morrisons Garden initiative, and from families linking grow tokens to how much they spend when they shop, we successfully gained a new water butt, magnifying glasses, watering cans, seeds, and a water gauge. Our secret helper also revamped nearly all our outdoor areas! Thank you!

We welcomed two new fabulous members to our team, with one being specifically trained in Autism and additional needs so she could be our 121-support person and the other to support our little Sparklers, and they both fitted in perfectly.

We had many visits from Abby from Dino phonics, who joined us for some block weeks over the year to provide fun singing activities linked to letter sounds. The children were all so excited to see her and join in the fun, and the adults too!

Our secret helper created a whole new outdoor pebble and water area late in the Autumn term which was and still is used everyday by all!

In November we joined in with World Nursery Rhyme week singing Incy Wincy Spider, Sleeping Bunnies, Wind the Bobbin up, Head Shoulders Knees and Toes & Down in the Jungle and had plenty of fun activities to link up with this. All the children loved this, and they can still be heard singing these songs often!

We helped our lovely friend Lynne who was helping with the Children's Hospital Pyjama appeal by families and those in the community giving pyjamas of all different sizes for poorly children in hospital at Christmas.

We also registered for St Michaels Hospice Rudolph Run and had great fun all week running around our playground dressed as Rudolph the reindeer and we raised over £200 for this great cause. We followed this with a visit from Pedro the music man, where we dance, sang, and played games.

In the new year we started with a bang, joining in all the new year events, and key dates in the Spring Term such as Pancake Day, World book day, Mother Day etc We also received some tadpoles from one of our lovely parents and we watched them grow over several weeks as well as some butterflies! We were also successful in accessing a small outdoor play grant to enable us to be out in all weathers with our waterproof suits and more!

As most of the world we also celebrated the Queens Platinum jubilee and planted our very own commemorative tree which was kindly donated by Allensmore nurseries.

The year ended with a fun week of activities such as art day, physical day, water day, sensory day & box day, which was an absolute hit! And then all our Rockets had their final day together celebrating at their graduation!

But that's not it!!!

In July we had our OFSTED inspection which went extremely well as we retained our 'OUTSTANDING' grade!

What a year!

Kate Shepherd - Bright Sparks Manager