

## **Burniston & Cloughton Pre-school Chairs report 2023**

### **Summary**

Another successful year in playschool with a consistent cohort of children, enjoying a wide range of learning activities delivered by the dedicated staff team.

The environment for the children is very nurturing and caring and the staff team adapt to the ever-changing needs of the children on an individual and collective basis. The building is safe and maintained to a high standard and the outdoor area has been updated with new play equipment which allows for a free flowing internal, and external learning environment for the children to thrive in.

### **In more detail**

A wide range of topics have been covered for the children over the past year. A snapshot of this includes:

- Under the Sea (including learning about different sea creatures, rhyme and song, pollution and litter and group work to encourage problem solving and working together)
- Transport (including road, air, water and rail and the inclusion of computer work and art work to draw out the children's imagination and learning)
- Weather (linked to rhyme and song, the different seasons, spelling and sounding, and role play)
- Harvest (including Communication & Language and Literacy through Farm animal puppets / Stories with props / Songs and Rhymes. Understanding the world through visiting a farm & Food from around the world. Expressive Arts & Design through Small world farm – on play mat/in tray with sand, earth or straw. Mathematics through things such as egg boxes and counting toy eggs and Survey of the children's favourite animals.
- Senses through things such as **Sight:** Nature Trail / **Taste:** Food tasting / **Hearing:** Listening walk and a Visit from musician / **Smell:** Scented containers (good/bad smells) / **Touch:** Feely feet – take a textured walk

The enthusiasm of the parents continues to shine through and there is a strong community connection between the playschool and the local community. We

really appreciate the parent and carer volunteers that help out at playschool whether through the committee, helping out at events, coming into playschool to talk about their work or share their talents... all of this helps to ensure that playschool continues to thrive and opens up new experiences for the children.

We saw a fantastic turn out of parents and carers for the Kings Coronation and this ensured that a fun time was had by all (young, old and those in the middle! ☺).. this was a great day which celebrated a momentous occasion in British history.

Post Covid - it's been nice to welcome in the local folk again – for example church leaders/dental health team/local school all of which play an important role on broadening the children's horizons in terms of the wider world.

Local businesses continue to supply playschool, for example a local electrician for PAT testing/local plumbers for gas boiler checks/local farm for fruit and veg supply/local milkman for milk delivery/local retailers for carpet supply/local decorators, all of which we really appreciate.

### **In numbers**

At its highest over the last 12 months playschool had 40 children registered. 22 of these children went into mainstream school in September 2023. Currently we have 26 children registered and interest remains consistent with new enquiries weekly. This is testament to the long-standing positive reputation that playschool has and the profile of the experienced, hard working and most importantly, caring and child centred staff we have looking after the children.

### **Conclusion**

A big thank you to the amazing staff team; Liz, Kath, Josie & Korin for their ongoing hard work and commitment. They provide the foundation for the children to learn, play and develop, and they ensure that they are safe and happy.

A big thank you to our committee members, Jo Vickerman (H&S) , Jo Taylor (officer) Claire Turnbull (treasurer) Kate Townsend (officer) and Rebecca Hazard (secretary). They give their time up to contribute to key aspects of playschool

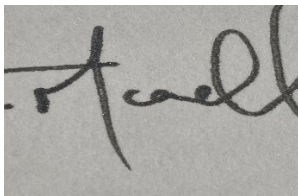
and work hard behind the scenes. They play a vital role, and I am very grateful to them.

I also want to thank Karen Magson for her support at times throughout the past year stepping in to provide staffing cover and being so kind and caring to the children.

Finally (and as always) a thank you to the children. As a parent of three boys who have gone through playschool and in capacity as chairperson, it is a privilege to be a small part of such a wonderful aspect of the local community. This playschool provides children with a warm and friendly environment, with staff who genuinely care, and who give the children a great insight to the world outside of the family bubble.

Sincerely

Tom Maxwell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Maxwell', on a light-colored background.

Chairperson

Dated 26/9/23

**BURNISTON AND CLOUGHTON PLAYGROUP**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	<u>2022</u>				<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:						
Fees		20,659			25,116	
Funding						
Early Years Entitlement	22,040			12,159		
2 Year Olds	1,695			2,109		
3 and 4 Year Olds	60,053			45,098		
Additional Funding	485			388		
		84,273			59,754	
Fundraising and Grants		2,271			-	
Bank Interest Received		149			4	
			107,352			84,874
Expenses:						
Food and Provisions		2,754			1,447	
Equipment and Resources		6,656			5,570	
Direct Staff Costs		66,104			59,497	
Pensions		1,181			1,020	
Supply Costs		502			915	
Rent		2,198			2,160	
Water Rates		376			399	
Gas		893			1,070	
Electricity		463			693	
Training		971			714	
Telephone and Broadband		642			945	
Postage		15			27	
Insurance		1,237			1,210	
Repairs and Renewals		1,924			3,937	
Cleaning and Pest Control		2,431			3,063	
Computer Expenses		238			197	
Miscellaneous		485			618	
Accountancy and Payroll		917			972	
Bank Charges		76			77	
Depreciation of Equipment		853			681	
Depreciation of Fixtures and Fittings		718			767	
			(91,634)			(85,979)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year			<u>15,718</u>			<u>(1,105)</u>

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Burniston and Cloughton Playgroup**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act;

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.

John Richard Flinton ACA FCCA

