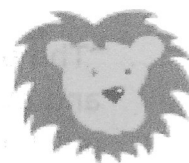


Allsort Chair's Report 2024



Committee Members 2023 - 2024:

Beth Cragg, Rosie Davies, Petra Czajbok

Introduction

It has been such a pleasure to be on the parent committee for the last two years. Rosie and Petra, as well as Kathryn and her team, have been brilliant to work with and I am so happy to have been able to help, albeit in a small way, such an exceptional little preschool.

The team's unswerving commitment to providing the highest quality evidence-based early years education is truly exceptional. Their passion for their job is palpable and they live and breathe their philosophy and values. We are incredibly lucky to have such a setting in our community.

One huge draw for us as a family was Allsorts' 'planning in the moment approach'. Underpinned by the work and pedagogy of educational consultant Anna Ephgrave, this approach promotes child-led learning in which children are given autonomy and respect. The basic principle is that children learn best when they are following their own interests and the staff at Allsorts are so skilled at facilitating this more organic approach to learning. This style of educating children isn't easy. It requires high levels of skill, knowledge and expertise, so much so, a lot of settings and educators veer away from the approach. Thankfully, Allsorts haven't and this approach was really celebrated in their recent Ofsted inspection.

Achievements

-Ofsted inspection - **OUTSTANDING** in all areas. It is such a glowing report and truly captures the essence of Allsorts.

Inspection of Allsorts Pre School

Bollington St. John's C of E Aided Primary School, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire SK10 5LY

Inspection date:

5 March 2024

Overall effectiveness

The quality of education

Behaviour and attitudes

Personal development

Leadership and management

Overall effectiveness at previous inspection

Outstanding

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Good



Snapshots from the report:

"The pre-school curriculum is firmly underpinned by professional knowledge...The team conveys an unmistakeable quest for excellence that has the progress and well-being of children at its heart."

"The pre-school day evolves around children's self-motivated interests and exploration. This creates an atmosphere of happy energy. Staff are quick to spot moments when their skilful intervention will extend children's knowledge and skills."

"Staff's excellent knowledge of child development enables them to precisely sequence children's learning."

"Staff's trust in children to organise their own time in a resource-rich environment, promotes powerful learning. Children know what they want to achieve and show a purposeful determination to succeed."

"The busy buzz of play and talk in the pre-school promotes children's exceptional progress in learning to communicate. They develop a rich vocabulary."

Fundraising

Allsorts Preschool is a non-profit-making charity and, as such, fundraising is a vital element of the committee's activities. Thanks to the support of the parents, staff, committee members and wider Allsorts community, we have had another successful year of fundraising. Fundraising activities included:

St John's Christmas Fair (£135) - key game, lucky dip and cookies. The key game was especially popular and lucrative; the new committee are welcome to borrow it for this year's fair, if they wish.

The Poachers' Quiz Night (£350) - time was invested in getting high-quality raffle prizes which really bolstered sales of raffle tickets. Some examples included: free yoga lessons, Happy Valley Honey hampers, Hollin Hall vouchers, Kickback Coffee bag and a Loose Leaf flower arrangement.

White Nancy Sponsored Hike (£817.50) - this was another successful event. It was well attended, a fun morning and wonderful community atmosphere helped by the perfectly blue skies.

Coop Local Community Fund (£1292.92) - secured by Kathryn
+ £2235.30 which will go on next year's accounts

Tesco grant, blue tokens (£1000) - secured by Helen

Easy Fundraising (£61.34) - Please check this out if you haven't already. It is very easy to set up and requires no additional work. Whenever you shop, if the brand has set it up (most bigger brands have), a % of your spend is donated to Allsorts preschool. This could be as simple as your weekly shop.

Fundraising expenditure:

<u>Income</u>					
<u>Autumn Term 2023</u>		<u>Spring Term 2024</u>		<u>Summer Term 2024</u>	
Beer Festival	£350.00	Easy fundraising	£24.95	Easy fundraising	£16.70
Easy fundraising	£19.69	Coop donation	£1,292.92	photo money	£75.50
Christmas fair	£135.00	Pub Quiz	£354.05	Sponsor money	£817.50
				Tesco	£1,000.00
Total	£504.69	Total	£1,671.92	Total	£1,909.70
Total income	£4,086.31				
<u>Expenditure</u>					
<u>Autumn Term 2023</u>		<u>Spring Term 2024</u>		<u>Summer Term 2024</u>	
Community playthings -	£2,354.40	Charity shop -	£10.00	Potting shed	£1,162.07
Kitchen units		Shoes		Climbing frame -	£1,130.39
Community playthings -	£230.40	Charity shop -	£53.45	equipment	
Table for home corner		Home corner and water play		Photos - end of year	£29.00
Planters for garden	£341.98	Storage pans	£12.00	Leaving gifts	£19.50
Till/sensory toys/storage	£85.45			Bolly bikes	£50.00
Library - photos	£10.00				
Total	£3,022.26	Total	£75.45	Total	£2,390.96
Total spent	£5,488.67				
Total funds carried over from 22/23		£2,625.66			
Total income 23/24		£4,086.31			
Total spent 23/24		£5,488.67			
Total funds remaining 23/24		£1,223.30			

Raising Awareness

Promoting Allsorts Preschool is another important job for committee members and indeed, the parent body. In Autumn 2023, Kathryn was a little concerned about the low numbers of children enrolled at Allsorts so help promote and raise awareness, we actioned the following:

Google Reviews - We contacted existing and former parents to ask them to review Allsorts on Google. Pleasingly, we now have fourteen 5* reviews on Google Maps which is fantastic. It would be wonderful if even more parents could add reviews so perhaps this could be a starting point for the new committee.

Advertorials - Three articles about Allsorts preschool featured on Macclesfield Nub News' website and social media platforms. These referred to the White Nancy sponsored walk, Coop grant and the Ofsted inspection, all of which helped to raise awareness and promote the preschool. We also wrote a report for Bollington Live! which featured in the magazine and was delivered to every home in Bollington.

Facebook - Members of the community were encouraged to actively share Facebook posts; although, the momentum with this could have been better.

Open Mornings - led by the preschool staff

Possible next steps:

Google Reviews - continue to build on the work done over the last two years.

Google Photos - Improve these by adding more images of the preschool when the light is wonderful and the setting is neat and tidy. If any members of the Allsorts community are budding photographers with a strong skill set, perhaps they could volunteer their time to take some shots of professional quality?

Instagram - Since Millennials and Gen Zs are more likely to engage with Instagram over Facebook, the former could have greater impact at raising awareness and promoting preschool.

Community Events

Playground "Refresh" - committee members, parents and wider family members generously spent two Sunday mornings rejuvenating the playground. Examples of work undertaken included: painting the sheds, powerhosing the playground, weeding, building planters, cleaning the canopy, removing the greenhouse, fixing doors, removing spiders' webs and tidying up the allotment area. Ideally, this should be an annual event

Mini graduation picnic and play - To mark the end of preschool for the older children, we held an informal picnic and play at Coronation Gardens. Rebecca (Edith's mum) also organised locally and sustainably made leavers' medals.

White Nancy walk - as above

Closing Statement

Due to my daughter now at primary school, I am stepping down from the committee. It has been an honour and privilege to play a small part in the running of the preschool this year, and I would like to thank the staff for their incredible hard work and dedication to the nurture and care of all the children at Allsorts. Finally thank you to my fellow committee members, Rosie and Petra, for all their hard work, energy, and the fun we have working as a team this year. I wish the next parent committee lots of success for the year ahead.

ALLSORTS PRE-SCHOOL BOLLINGTON

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

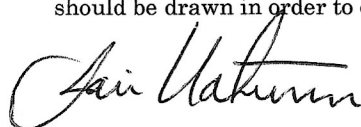
	YEAR TO 31/08/2024 £	YEAR TO 31/08/2023 £
INCOME		
Donations & fundraising	4,086	4,098
Fees from parents	9,939	13,880
Vouchers	-	-
NEF 3/4 year olds	34,679	33,219
EYPP	-	125
Inclusion funding	2,822	-
Forest School	854	892
Bank interest	-	-
Other receipts	834	85
Total Income	53,214	52,299
EXPENDITURE		
Fundraising costs	-	-
Salaries - General	57,130	54,683
HMRC - JRS Scheme	-	-
Rent	2,481	2,508
Catering costs	-	-
Equipment	5,489	2,447
Office costs	-	-
Grant related expenditure	-	-
Colourstrings	-	-
Other expenditure	3,365	2,842
Total Expenditure	68,465	62,480
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	- 15,251	- 10,181

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash - Current Account at 1 September 2023	26,415	36,596
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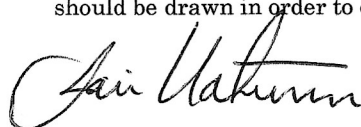
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