

Cobnuts Steiner Kindergarten

Chairperson's Report 2022-2023

Cobnuts Steiner Kindergarten continues to thrive as a popular kindergarten setting, offering an alternative approach – based on the Steiner Waldorf curriculum – to mainstream early years provision. The setting has proved to be financially resilient over the year, with many sessions close to capacity.

The four Trustees together with a co-opted colleague and the Kindergarten Teacher/Manager form the Management Committee. This group supports the work of the Teacher through reviewing and monitoring policies and practices, with a particular focus on Child Protection. At each Committee meeting we also hear about the practical work of the children and staff and explore ways to improve the provision and address administrative issues. In Committee Meetings over the last year we have found ways to address management issues more efficiently so as to have more time to understand and support the life of the community.

The celebration of the yearly cycle of festivals is an important part of the life of the Kindergarten. Two festivals (Michaelmas and May) are opened to friends and families of kindergarten children past and present, as well as families attending the Parent and Child Group. Families considering joining us often attend these events. These social occasions take place in the garden of Cobnuts, and this year as usual were lively and well-attended.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees I should like to thank Diane for her leadership of the Kindergarten and to acknowledge all the extra time she gives to nurture and sustain the health of the kindergarten community.

Julian Ritchie

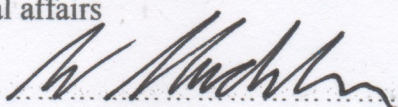
Chair of Trustees

Maidstone Steiner Kindergarten Initiative
Registered Charity No 1086476
Income and Expenditure Account to 31.08.2023

INCOME	Year End 31/08/23	Year End 31/08/22
Kindergarten fees	2,169.50	2,520.00
Parent and toddler fees	746.00	692.00
Kent County Council funding (fees)	28,711.66	25,205.67
Interest on deposits	85.67	5.22
Regular donations	5160.00	5160.00
Irregular donations	199.79	277.70
Activities	166.20	147.50
Gift aid repayments (I.R)	1,956.67	1,395.85
Fundraising	254.80	234.46
Other	300.00	749.09
Total	39,750.29	36,387.49
EXPENDITURE		
Wages	30,103.60	26,478.49
Rent	4,800.00	4,800.00
Gas and Electricity	847.43	916.82
Water	327.30	486.33
Telephone and post	264.17	170.29
Printing and Stationery	11.74	249.14
Equipment	273.18	604.26
Food	667.02	520.81
Materials (craft and garden)	440.72	265.86
Publicity	71.86	197.37
Cleaning and Maintenance	391.86	428.25
Staff Training	159.00	441.00
Memberships & subscriptions	556.00	525.00
Insurance	612.98	447.02
Miscellaneous	47.65	400.70
Bank Charges	60.00	93.00
Total	39,634.51	37,024.34
Surplus for the year	115.78	-636.85
Bank Balance brought forward	4,589.00	5,230.28
CAF Gold A/C brought forward	7,025.67	7,021.24
	11,730.45	11,614.67
Carried forward		
Current account	4,634.78	4,589.00
CAF Gold A/C	7,095.67	7,025.67
	11,730.45	11,614.67

I, Warren Haddon, have examined the accounts and can confirm they represent a true picture of the charity's financial affairs

Signed:



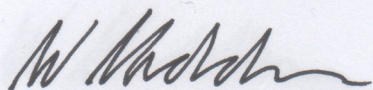
Date:

1st November 2023

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10th June 2024

I, Warren Haddon, have examined the accounts of Maidstone Steiner Kindergarten Initiative for the year ending 31st August 2023. I confirm that they represent a true picture of the charity's financial affairs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Haddon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Warren Haddon