

**NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER : 1101482
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**

**JC Accounting & Taxation Services
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Jennifer Collins FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant

14th May 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Fees & Grants	61,782.38		71,679.44	
Fundraising	702.09		208.69	
Uniform Sales	201.83		28.50	
Interest on Savings	428.26		27.86	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		63,114.56		71,944.49
LESS PAYMENTS				
Wages	66,438.64		54,098.06	
Staff Pension	921.45		969.50	
Refreshments, consumables and cleaning	2,570.09		1,062.73	
Advertising	302.40		45.94	
Rent	3,760.00		3,840.00	
Rates	2,688.00		-	
Insurance	1,464.41		793.54	
Subscriptions & Registration Fees	418.59		487.33	
Staff training	350.80		350.00	
Trips (net cost)	(310.40)		71.78	
Accountancy	175.00		170.00	
Stationery, Telephone and Postage	805.17		900.86	
Uniform Purchased	838.96		92.95	
End of Year Gifts	-		120.00	
Repairs and Renewals	102.00		1,152.79	
Sundries	-		-	
Bank Charges	60.00		93.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		80,585.11		64,248.48
Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		(17,470.55)		7,696.01

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
CAF Current Account	11,709.09		29,567.50	
CAF Savings Account	39,326.45		38,938.59	
Cash in Hand	-		-	
	<u>51,035.54</u>		<u>68,506.09</u>	
 Less: Fees in advance	 -		 -	
	<u>51,035.54</u>		<u>68,506.09</u>	
	<u><u>51,035.54</u></u>		<u><u>68,506.09</u></u>	
 Represented by:				
General Fund Balance brought Forward	68,506.09		60,810.08	
Surplus for the Year	(17,470.55)		7,696.01	
	<u>51,035.54</u>		<u>68,506.09</u>	
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APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We hereby approve the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2023 and are authorised to sign on behalf of the Trustees.

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Date:.....

Supervisor report AGM 25th June 2023

Year September 2022 to August 2023 —present day (June 2024)

Children on role

September 2022 started with 11 children increasing quickly to 14 children and ending in July 2023 with 26 children on role. We had 11 leavers, 15 remaining and 3 more children started in September 2023.

COVID

We are still seeing some of the effects of COVID and the impact of the changing pressures of life. Immune systems continue to be at a low and illnesses seem to linger. The last couple of years have shown a definite increase in personal, social and emotional needs in the children. Staff remain aware of these needs, attend training and look at strategies to give support as needed, including providing safe, quiet spaces to aid the children to self-regulate.

We feel very privileged that Sophie agreed to stay and join our team. She has brought a breath of fresh air with her enthusiasm and ability to keep the children fully participating and engaged in craft activities. Early Years craft is very much about the process (and inevitably the mess), Sophie understands this and the children love creating with her, seeking her out to help them. Having four of us has meant that we can support each other and continue to give the children the understanding, time and care that we have established.

With COVID we still continue ask that anyone with symptoms stays away until a test shows negative. We also ask that children are not given any paracetamol based medicines or the like, such as calpol, that will mask temperatures linked to illness including COVID. We consider that if a child needs these types of medication, then they are ill and are better to be resting at home to aid a speedy recovery.

Trips and Outings

On the last day of the academic year we took our usual trip to knockhatch. We invited some of our prospective parents to join us and most of our existing families came along. Some made arrangements for their children to go with their friends. We met at the entrance and this year the organiser was very efficient and we were in very quickly. At lunchtime, those that wanted to, met together to eat, before going off to explore again. Staff had a great time meeting the children and 'borrowing' several of them to play with on the slides and play areas.

We were lucky with the weather and had an enjoyable day as we said good bye to our Rising 5 children. We are now looking forward to this year's trip, especially trying out the new splash play area.

Staff training and qualifications

Staff have completed several online webinars and any mandatory courses needed. This included Yve and Lee attending the Annual Safeguarding Conference at the Amex Brighton. Yve completed Elklan training for speech and language support. She also continues to attend inclusion support group meetings, Manager's meetings and various online courses. Lee has also attended online seminars and short courses. Donna has attended online seminars and short courses. She has also, with Sophie, attended a course on attachment, organised by the HALO team. In addition to online courses, Sophie started her NVQ Level 3 with Best Practice Network, and is working steadily through the units.

Transition and links to school

During the Summer term last year, Yve met with the new reception teacher, Mrs Harris. Together they discussed the children's profiles and assessments, highlighting any additional support to help with a smooth transition.

The children made their weekly Rising 5's visits to the reception class to familiarise them with their new teacher and the school environment. In the Pre-School we started our Rising 5's activities to help prepare them for their transition to school.

For children not attending the school next door we arranged for the reception teachers to visit the setting and play with the child. We also encouraged parents to take their child to any fetes or events held by their new school.

Website/ Facebook

We continue to use our website/ Facebook page to advertise events and available spaces. We occasionally post interesting links, related to early years and children, to keep the page active.

Pre-School Home links

We seem to have settled into the pre-covid drop offs and pick-ups now. We hope this has made it easier for face to face conversations and booking appointments for more sensitive conversations. Wix, and particularly Whats App, have become our preferred and most efficient way to successfully keep communication going. We also use it to message questions in the day, or to reassure a parent that their child has settled. It gives us the means to contact parents with non-urgent things and they can respond when available.

As always, Tapestry is only successful if accessed regularly. Therefore, we encourage you all to log in to avoid your accounts becoming inactive. Tapestry is where we share photographs and videos of your child for you to see what they have done during their time with us. Since the start of the new Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, we have started to reduce the amount of writing we do. When a child is settling in, we take lots of photographs regularly to share with them and their family. As they progress, we reduce this to, as needed for our observations. However, we try to ensure we take additional pictures of each child termly to share with parents. We also ask you to add your own photographs so that the children can share them with us. Thank you to those of you that already do this, it is much appreciated, especially when supporting the children to settle.

Looking forwards

As always, we would like to thank all the parents, past and present, for their continued support in raising funds and helping out in the setting.

We would also like to thank the Trustees for volunteering to oversee the running of the setting, offering advice and counsel when necessary.

And finally on a sad note,

Sam Phyll, Chair of Trustees

As you will now know, Sam has decided that he would like to step down as Chair. We will be sorry to see him leave our little pre-school, he has always been at the end of a phone, or 'message', to give us good counsel when we have needed it. It has been a difficult few years and for that we would like to thank him and wish him well in his new ventures too.

We will keep you updated on the changes to the Trustees. Anyone wishing to join us, please express your interest and we can direct you to Sam and he can discuss the details.

Many thanks and best wishes Yve Puxty

Manager/Early Years Teacher

Netherfield Pre-School AGM Minutes 25th June 2024

Present:

Trustees: Sam Phyll, Yve Puxty,

Parents/Others: 4

Start: 09.05

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Item 2: Approve last AGM minutes - Approved

Item 3: Chairs Report – Attached as a separate document

Item 4: Setting Managers Report – Attached as a separate document

Item 5: Accounts – Attached as a separate document

Item 6: AOB:

The following details in response to questions are recorded:

- The reasons given for the A/C being removed as we are a tenant and the landlord made the decision, also discussed the possibility of introducing fans and other options for ensuring the setting doesn't overheat. Noted that the front room stays cooler during the day so will be utilised more in hotter weather.
- Discussed fund raising and the possibility of another Dog Show.
- Discussed the nature of a trustees role and responsibilities and the requirements of a nominated person, with the setting looking for Yve to take over as nominated person, and the addition of one or two more trustees from outside the setting to take over from Sam.
- We are still awaiting the new front fence and gate, with work being carried out around the main school site.

End: 09.35