

Dandelion Preschool

England & Wales · Charity number 1133135

Details

Other names RAINBOW PLAYGROUP, RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2009-12-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 2.1 THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL ARE TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY: (A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY; (B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS; (C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: Rainbow Preschool provides daily childcare for the village of Colden Common near Winchester in Hampshire, together with the local rural area. The preschool offers a safe, happy and stimulating environment, where children from 2 to 5 years old learn through play in a wide range of activities whilst fulfilling the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£126,267	£116,629	-	-
2024-08-31	£116,948	£118,659	-	-
2023-08-31	£123,952	£123,804	-	-
2022-08-31	£106,434	£97,944	-	-
2021-08-31	£111,881	£94,371	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ellie Ashton	Chair	2023-10-03
Amanda Adams		2025-10-07
Amanda Rowe		2024-10-08
Ben Radford		2023-10-03
Daniel Taylor		2025-10-12
Victoria Overington		2025-10-07

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

For year ended 31 August 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year
1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

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	Committee 10 Oct 2024 - 7 Oct 2025	Changes at AGM 7 Oct 2025	Current Committee 7 Oct 2025 - Current
Joint Chair	Ellie Ashton		Ellie Ashton (<i>Chair</i>)
Joint Chair	Irene Anderson	RESIGNED	(<i>No joint Chair</i>)
Secretary	Rachel Crossland	RESIGNED	Layla Cook
Treasurer	Andy Hagell	RESIGNED	Daniel Taylor
	Ben Radford		Ben Radford
	Tracy Gilmour	RESIGNED	
	Mariola Hinton		Mariola Hinton (<i>resigned on 19 Jan 2026</i>)
	Sarah Basford	RESIGNED	
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Structure, governance and management

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Achievements and performance

There were 34 children on role by the summer term 2024 and of these, 31 were in receipt of early years funding.

We had 8 members of staff and 2 volunteer students working at Rainbows during this period. All staff members hold appropriate early years qualifications. Our Manager and Deputy Manager are qualified to Foundation Degree.

Yearly Overview

Both the Chair and the Manager presented their yearly reports for 2024-2025 at the AGM. These reports are included below.

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Chair's Annual Report 2024-2025

This year has been yet another year in which Rainbows has continued to thrive and play an important role in supporting young families in our local community, and nurturing and shaping the adults of the future.

Parents have been able to come into the preschool and watch their children sing, dance and partake in the Harvest Celebration, Christmas show, and Easter service with the wonderful bonnet parade. After a few years break during Covid, Rainbows has restarted their monthly stay and play sessions, which has seen both current parents and some new families spend time in the preschool, joining in with activities and seeing what a wonderful place it is for children to play and learn in. In the second half of the year, the older children have continued the practice of visiting Colden Common Primary School, maintaining the strong relationship between these two settings and supporting these children to make a smooth transition on to the next stage of their education.

The range of activities has continued this year, from the children watching the caterpillars and tadpoles transforming, to baking cakes, to taking part in road safety week, to dressing up for World Book Day. A variety of visitors has also been warmly received, with the children enjoying dance, drama, animal experiences, and even oral hygiene lessons! These were an exciting opportunity for all the children who were lucky enough to take part, and we are thankful to all this year's visitors for enriching the children's experiences further. The staff have continued to utilise the local spaces around them, taking the children for regular trips to the park and to the allotment where lots of vegetable growing has been taking place!

Each time I have visited the setting, I have been so impressed with the dedication and commitment of the staff to providing the best possible care to the children, and maintaining the Outstanding provision for which Rainbows is so well known. From September, Rainbows began taking 2 year olds which has been a big change to the setting, but thanks to our established and nurturing staff team, the younger children have settled well, and the team have been adapting the setting and activities on offer.

At the end of the academic year, our manager of 23 years decided that it was her time to step down and spend more time with her family. Tracy has been the heart of Rainbows and has been a part of many children's early education. We are hugely grateful for her commitment and passion she has shown Rainbows over the years, and she will be greatly missed. However, we feel exceptionally lucky to be able to welcome Mandy to the team, who has years of preschool leadership experience, and we are confident she will continue to lead our team and Preschool to an exceptional standard.

We are very thankful for the support provided by the committee and their breadth of knowledge and skills which are invaluable to the setting, including the sub team that has created our brand new website in the past few months. We are pleased that many are able to continue in their roles for the next academic year but would like to particularly express our gratitude to those whose children have moved on to pastures new, and are therefore stepping down at this time. Without a dedicated committee, Rainbows would not be able to operate, and we look forward to welcoming new members this coming year.

Above all, the staff at Rainbows are passionate about nurturing our children, smoothing the transition into a school setting, helping them to feel settled and secure, whilst engaging in new experiences and learning important skills, and I am confident that this will continue into the next academic year with our new manager Mandy.

Ellie Ashton & Irene Anderson
Co-Chairs

Manager's Annual Report 2024-2025

Our first event this year was our Harvest Concert including a Macmillan coffee morning (afternoon) in September. The children enjoyed sharing a few familiar songs to their families. Thank you to the parents for supporting Macmillan Cancer Charity and for Rev Ruth for sharing a short address with the children.

We were visited by two lovely Eastern Hermanns tortoises, Heidi and Hamoun, thank you to Karon for bringing them into visit us.

We have started regular fortnightly visits from Charlie from Diddi Dance.

During the Autumn term we acknowledged Halloween, Bonfire night, Remembrance and of course Christmas. Pudsey bear could be found in a variety of different areas around Rainbows in support of Children in Need. We coloured, painted, and collaged pictures, large and small showing our wonderful fine and gross motor skills. We joined in with Nursery Rhyme week, a world-wide initiative celebrating the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development. The children enjoyed singing a variety of rhymes whilst baking and creating crafts.

We took part in the Holy Trinity Church 'Festival of Angels' by creating a wonderful big angel for them to display. Thank you to Helen and Fiona for sharing their creativity with the children.

The Christmas Nativity went well. Once again, this year we performed a mixture of our old and new songs and acted out the Christmas story and the children were wonderful. Thank you to the parents for supporting the raffle and for the donations from the Co-op. We would also like to thank Rev Ruth (again) for sharing a short address with the children.

The Methodist Church gifted each child with a lovely Christmas book, "Who can it be?".

We also had our Christmas party with entertainment from Charlie from Diddi Dance and a surprise visit from Father Christmas. Many thanks go to Charlie, the staff and Wayne French for their contributions to a successful party. We also purchased a gift for each child again this year due to the Discretionary funding we received. Each child had a book, bubbles, and chocolate from Father Christmas.

Our fundraising this term included a Jumble sale and a Tombola table at the Winter Market. The children each created a handprint which was then transformed by All My Own Work into wonderful keepsakes and Christmas gifts for their families. We also held a Bags2School collection post jumble sale. We have purchased some great new equipment this term with the money raised.

During the Spring term we led the children through an exciting Chinese New Year Celebration. We would like to thank the two mums who came into Rainbows to share a cooking and craft activity with the children. We would also like to thank John who brought in his pet snake for a visit (CNY of the year of the snake). We also supported World Book Day, enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day, planted a flower for Mother's Day, as well as making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We were also visited in January by our local policing team following children's interest in the police.

We were delighted to start our weekly visits to Colden Common Primary school in January to use the hall for a PE session (just the school leavers). These visits are very helpful for the children as they become familiar with the school and to recognise some teachers and reception staff.

The children really enjoyed Anna from Zoo Lab coming into visit us with a variety of different creatures.

During the spring term we reintroduced monthly 'Stay and Play' sessions on the first Wed of each month. These were popular with new families as well as families who already had children attending.

At our Easter Celebration and Bonnet Parade we performed a selection of songs and the children looked wonderful wearing their Easter Bonnets. Thank you to the parents for supporting the raffle and for the donations from the Co-op.

Our fundraising this term included a tombola table at the Spring Market and the raffle at the Easter Celebration.

Before Easter we watched our frog spawn transform into tadpoles. We also welcomed five little ducklings to Rainbows. This was a lovely experience for the children and one that has now become an annual event. We also watched ten hungry caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies. Thank you so much to Helen for looking after the tadpoles, caterpillars/butterflies and ducklings so well outside of Rainbow opening hours, they were in good hands.

Walk with Wheels - it was great to see so many children (and parents) taking part in our Walk with Wheels week. Walk with Wheels is an initiative designed to encourage active travel to and from preschool/school.

We took part in the Holy Trinity Church, Flower festival in June by creating a display around the hungry caterpillar book. Thank you to Helen and Fiona for sharing their creativity with the children once again.

The children really enjoyed a second visit from Zoo Lab this term, this time Sam came in with a variety of different creatures.

We also had a visit from Yasmin, Hampshire Healthy Hero's workshop, talking about oral care. The children really enjoyed her visit especially cleaning the giant teeth.

We have also enjoyed half termly visits throughout the year from Chloe from Debutots who told a selection of stories through music, dance and guided dramatic play.

Aswell as the weekly visits to the school hall we were also invited during the summer term for transition visits. The children were given the opportunity to spend some time in the reception classroom with the teachers. We felt that the children really benefited from these visits.

The children once again really enjoyed our allotment venture this year. We are always modifying our allotment to provide the best learning opportunities for our children. The allotment is proving a wonderful learning and play area for the children, and they really enjoy visiting it regularly.

The children really enjoyed our Leavers Farewell. We had entertainment from Immie, Debutots with a story about starting school. We welcomed the parents to a short leaver's presentation where the children received either a book bag or PE bag. This is also a very emotional time, but we know that the children are prepared and ready for their next step, school.

We would like to thank two students from Kings school for choosing to come into Rainbows for the last week of term for their Work Experience.

We decided not to fundraise again this year at the Common have a go event but use it more as an outreach to the village. This worked really well, but a few more helpers on the day would have been appreciated but we managed to chat to a few families during the afternoon.

We arranged a Photo session in May (individual and group) with a percentage going to preschool as well as the photos being a lovely gift for you.

Our thanks go to the committee and staff for all their efforts in making these events a great success. We have purchased some great new equipment this year as well as receiving some lovely donations from the families leaving off our wish list.

All staff have completed some essential courses throughout the year, Safeguarding (and Prevent), First Aid and Food Hygiene. They have also completed a variety of other courses including a course 'Thriving with 2yr olds' back in September. This was following our decision to reduce our starting age to 2yrs from September 24. These courses have given the staff an opportunity to gain knowledge and expertise enabling us to help and support the children in our care.

We were delighted to finally launch our new website, just before the end of term. We would like to thank the committee (especially Ben) for all their help in getting it up and running.

The end of the summer term also saw me leaving Rainbows. This was a very difficult decision but I feel the time is right for me to start a new chapter, whatever that may be! I would like to thank everyone for all the gifts, cards and kind words and my lovely farewell party, I felt truly blessed. I can't wait to go up, up and away on my hot air balloon ride soon!

We are delighted to be welcoming Mandy to Rainbows as our new manager. I have known Mandy for many years, whilst she managed another local preschool and I know Rainbows will be in good hands.

This September Rainbows has enjoyed welcoming a few new families and hopefully some of the parents are here tonight, to hear all about what we have been up to and possibly join our committee!!

..... and finally, I would like to say an especially big thank you this year to our staff, committee and admin as without their support and commitment we wouldn't have the fantastic Outstanding preschool we can offer today. Tracy Gilmour

Manager

Treasurer's Annual Report – Sept 2023 - Aug 2024

In the year 2023-2024 Rainbows made a profit of £9,637.30. There were a couple of reasons for this:-

- Compared to last year our income increased by £9,300
- We were granted an EYE Grant supplement totalling £6,259.19
- Staff wages for the Spring term were £9,500 less than for Spring 2022/23
- Increase in grant rate from £4.97 to £5.61 for 3/4 year olds, and from £5.94 to £7.81 for 2 year olds

At the end of the year (2023-2024) we had 38 children enrolled.

It was decided to grant the 8 permanent staff members a £200 bonus (totalling £1600) in August 2024, and once the end of year finances had been completed the staff bonuses were awarded a bonus totalling £7,337.29. This bonus was paid to the staff in October 2024.

This year Rachael (Deputy Manager – Business & Finance) set up a new savings account and closed the HSBC account so that we didn't have to pay the monthly banking fees. It was decided to open a UTB bank account, which was set up January 2023. £75,000 was transferred from the HSBC account by 23 January 2024 and the HSBC account was closed in January 2024. There are still £15,000 in reserves the Coop account as cash flow.

I would like to thank Rach for all the hard work that she has put in and the many hours that she spent sorting out our finances and providing valuable support to myself as Treasurer.

The reserves required for redundancies and running costs were reviewed this year. The parent fees were also reviewed and an increase from £5.00 to £5.50 was introduced from September 2024. The National Living Wage increased in April 2024 to £11.44 and the staff pay rates were increased in April 2024 to ensure that all pay was above NLW.

The preschool remains in a very secure financial position but going forward will need to see how the introduction of 2 year old funding for working families will affect the preschool.

The capital at the end of the year stands at £27,305.12 in the Co-Op charity account and £75,000 in the UTB business account, totalling £102,305.12. There is also £20 in petty cash held at the setting.

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Signed accounts

Income / Expenses Overview As At 09 October 2024

<u>Account Details</u>	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
0 Petty Cash	£0.00	-£47.51
10037607 United Trust Bank	£0.00	£75,000.00
31541366 HSBC - Current Accoun	£73.67	£0.00
31541374 HSBC - Savings (Reserv	£74,150.84	£0.00
67249503 Cooperative Bank	£18,395.79	£27,305.11

TOTAL IN BANK	£102,257.60
REQUIRED RESERVE	£90,000.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE	£12,257.60

This Year's Profit / Loss £9,637.30

Income / Expenses Overview As At 09 October 2024

INCOME	<u>AUTUMN</u>	<u>SPRING</u>	<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Clothing	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
Donation	£10.00	£0.00	£0.02	£10.02
EYE Grant	£23,811.17	£28,993.03	£40,096.74	£92,900.94
EYE Grant - Discretionary Grant	£900.00	£975.00	£500.00	£2,375.00
EYE Grant - EY Supplementary Gra	£0.00	£396.61	£0.00	£396.61
EYE Grant - EYPP	£390.60	£356.40	£481.44	£1,228.44
EYE Grant - IF Funding	£1,260.00	£1,620.00	£2,160.00	£5,040.00
EYE Grant - Supplement	£2,972.79	£3,286.40	£0.00	£6,259.19
Fees	£6,933.00	£3,441.00	£5,205.25	£15,579.25
Fundraising	£1,210.62	£210.28	£126.39	£1,547.29
Interest	£474.30	£145.57	£0.00	£619.87
Internal Transfer	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Registration Fee	£120.00	£75.00	£75.00	£270.00
INCOME TOTALS	£38,082.48	£39,539.29	£48,644.84	£126,266.61
EXPENSES	<u>AUTUMN</u>	<u>SPRING</u>	<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Advertising	£0.00	£351.90	£129.60	£481.50
Annual Fees	£114.99	£0.00	£840.02	£955.01
Bank Fees	£20.00	£5.00	£0.00	£25.00
Bin Collection	£144.00	£115.20	£172.80	£432.00
Clothing	£42.00	£95.38	£470.24	£607.62
Consumables - Equipment / PPE	£674.16	£344.90	£1,398.13	£2,417.19
Consumables - Experiences	£55.00	£429.80	£1,185.71	£1,670.51
Consumables - Groceries	£206.09	£227.83	£270.01	£703.93
Consumables - Office	£199.41	£39.98	£318.88	£558.27
consumables - tos	£0.00	£0.00	£7.35	£7.35
Consumables - Toys	£973.42	£69.17	£282.98	£1,325.57
DBS	£21.10	£319.00	£173.40	£513.50
Fundraising	£273.13	£15.00	£0.00	£288.13
Gifts	£300.25	£20.94	£96.99	£418.18
Mobile	£19.80	£14.85	£29.70	£64.35
Purchased on wrong card	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Rent	£3,058.00	£2,439.00	£2,718.00	£8,215.00
Staff Welfare	£421.52	£0.00	£201.60	£623.12
Training	£56.20	£165.00	£606.00	£827.20
Wages	£26,700.89	£20,803.90	£43,456.59	£90,961.38
Wages - HMRC - NI	£129.51	£104.27	£231.77	£465.55
Wages - HMRC - Tax	£326.20	£329.80	£1,000.40	£1,656.40
Wages - Payroll	£89.63	£89.63	£171.63	£350.89
Wages - Pension - Employee	£438.36	£365.03	£946.06	£1,749.45
Wages - Pension - Employer	£328.80	£273.81	£709.60	£1,312.21
EXPENSES TOTALS	£34,592.46	£26,619.39	£55,417.46	£116,629.31

TERM PROFIT / LOSS

£3,490.02

£12,919.90

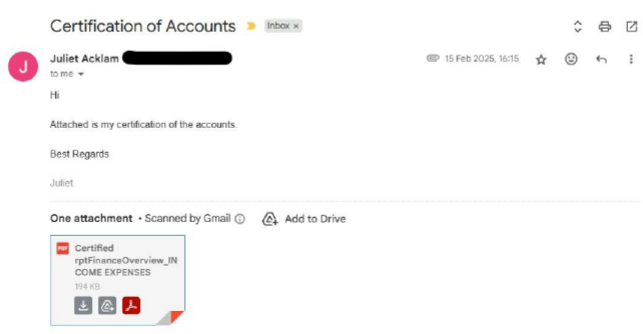
-£6,772.62

£9,637.30

I certify that these documents are in accordance with the documents provided

J. Acklam

certified on 15th Feb 2025 by email



Declaration

The Trustees report has been approved by the Management committee and signed on their behalf by

Irene Anderson & Ellie Ashton – Co-Chairs

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Chair's Annual Report 2023-2024

This year, it has been wonderful to see Rainbows continue to thrive, as stability has returned following a turbulent few years. The Christmas show, Macmillan coffee morning, and Easter service with memorable bonnets were all a triumph. Parents enjoyed being able to watch their children participate and to share in the children's experiences at Rainbow Pre-school. In the second half of the year, the older children have continued the practice of visiting Colden Common Primary School, maintaining the strong relationship between these two settings, and supporting these children to make a smooth transition on to primary school.

The variety of activities has continued this year, with children enjoying watching the caterpillars and tadpoles transforming and even having the opportunity to climb into a campervan as part of Road Safety Week! A variety of visitors has also been very well received, with the children enjoying dance, drama, science, and animal experiences. These were an exciting addition for all the children who were privileged to participate, and we are thankful to all this year's visitors for enriching the children's experiences further and building their cultural capital.

This year has, in large part, seen staff operate in an environment of greater stability: we are pleased to hear that both Rachael and Laurie are doing well after their operations and wish them well in their continued recovery. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tilly and Tobis for their work covering for these staff. It was, however, with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Cleo, another member of the team covering for staff absence. Cleo won hearts and minds of both staff and children alike with her warm-hearted, caring approach, creative ideas, and professionalism. She had a long association with Rainbows, and she will be sorely missed by all. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

Each time we visit the setting we are always impressed by the dedication and commitment of the staff to providing the best possible care to the children and maintaining the Outstanding provision for which Rainbows is so well known in the local community. Feedback surveys from parents show that staff ensure children feel safe, that behaviour is excellent, and that the children benefit from the wide range of activities on offer.

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Manager's Annual Report 2023-2024

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During the Autumn term we acknowledged Halloween, Bonfire night, Remembrance and of course Christmas. Pudsey bear could be found in a variety of different areas around Rainbows in support of Children in Need. We coloured, painted, and collaged pictures, large and small showing our wonderful fine and gross motor skills. We joined in with Nursery Rhyme week, a world-wide initiative celebrating the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development. The children enjoyed singing a variety of rhymes whilst baking and creating crafts.

We were very pleased to have a new outside flooring laid during half term (and beyond due to the weather). The surface is much better for the children with no trip hazards like the old paving. The church also took away one of the boarders and the two big fir trees giving us a much bigger surface area to play on. We would like to thank the church for listening to our concerns and amending the premises to suit our needs.

We visited Mary and Jim's home again this year to see their Christmas window display. The children enjoyed the visits and sang some lovely songs whilst we were there before having one of Mary's star biscuits (or two!).

The Christmas Nativity went well. Once again, this year we performed a mixture of our old and new songs and acted out the Christmas story and the children were wonderful. Thank you to the parents for supporting the raffle (£40.50) and for the donations from the Co-op. We would also like to thank Rev Ruth (again) for sharing a short address with the children.

The Methodist Church gifted each child with a lovely Christmas book, "It's Nearly Time".

We enjoyed a visit from Chloe from Debutots who told the story of the Cheeky Plum Pixie through music, dance and guided dramatic play.

We also had our Christmas party with entertainment from Sophie from Diddi Dance and a surprise visit from Father Christmas. Many thanks go to Sophie, the staff and Wayne French for their contributions to a successful party. We also purchased a gift for each child this year due to the Discretionary funding we received. Each child had a book, bubbles, and chocolate from Father Christmas.

Our fundraising this term included a Jumble sale and a Tombola table at the Winter Market. The children each created a handprint which was then transformed by All My Own Work into wonderful keepsakes and Christmas gifts for their families. We also held a Bags2School collection post jumble sale. We arranged a Family Photo session but unfortunately, due to low numbers this was postponed. We have purchased some great new equipment this term with the money raised. Two rocking Volcanos, Large red Trike, Aurora Northern Light projector, Balancing track, two Balance bikes, a home corner sink and cooker, Paw patrol toys, Octonaut figures, Bubble Machine and mixture and a play sink.

During the Spring term we led the children through an exciting Chinese New Year Celebration, we supported World Book Day, enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day, planted a flower for Mother's Day, as well as making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

We were delighted to start our weekly visits to Colden Common Primary school in January to use the hall for a PE session (just the school leavers). These visits are

very helpful for the children as they become familiar with the school and to recognise some teachers and reception staff.

We enjoyed two visits from Chloe from Debutots who told a story about Chinese New Year and Easter through music, dance and guided dramatic play.

We have also started regular fortnightly visits from Sophie from Diddi Dance.

The children really enjoyed Ben from [Zoo Lab](#) coming into visit us with a variety of different creatures.

At our Easter Celebration and Bonnet Parade we performed a selection of songs and the children looked wonderful wearing their Easter Bonnets. Thank you to the parents for supporting the raffle (£35.54) and for the donations from the Co-op.

We welcomed Clio to Rainbows as Bank Staff just before Easter to help with our busy summer term.

Our fundraising this term included a tombola table at the Spring Market and the raffle at the Easter Celebration. We have purchased some new items with the money raised a second play sink as the first one was very popular, some more paw patrol toys and a new motorbike ride on.

Before Easter we watched our frog spawn transform into tadpoles. We also welcomed five little ducklings to Rainbows (eventually). This was a lovely experience for the children and one that has now become an annual event. Thank you to Arthurs family for arranging this experience for us. We also watched ten hungry caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies. Thank you so much to Helen for looking after the tadpoles, caterpillars/butterflies and ducklings so well outside of Rainbow opening hours, they were in good hands.

Walk with Wheels - it was great to see so many children (and parents) taking part in our Walk with Wheels week. Walk with Wheels is an initiative designed to encourage active travel to and from preschool/school.

The children really enjoyed a second visit from [Zoo Lab](#) this term, this time Anna came in with a variety of different creatures.

We also had a visit from Julie, Hampshire Healthy Hero's workshop, talking about oral care. The children really enjoyed her visit especially cleaning the giant teeth.

We were very lucky to have Georgia from Mini Professors into Rainbows to share with the children some wonderful science experiments this term.

Aswell as the weekly visits to the school hall we were also invited during the summer term for transition visits. The children were given the opportunity to spend some time in the reception classroom with the teachers (and the current children). We felt that the children really benefited from these visits, especially the child needing 1-1 support.

The children once again really enjoyed our allotment venture this year. We are always modifying our allotment to provide the best learning opportunities for our children. The allotment is proving a wonderful learning and play area for the children, and they really enjoy visiting it regularly.

The children really enjoyed our Leavers Farewell. We had entertainment from Natalie, TibyKidz and a visit from Marucci's ice cream van. We welcomed the parents to a short leaver's presentation where the children received either a book bag or PE bag. This is also a very emotional time, but we know that the children are prepared and ready for their next step, school.

We welcomed Tilly and Tobis to Rainbows as Bank Staff to help with our busy summer term. They were a great help due to the fact we had two staff Laurie and Rach absent from work due to having surgery.

We would like to thank two students from Kings school for choosing to come into Rainbows for the last week of term for their Work Experience.

We decided rather than fundraise this year at the Common have a go event we would use it more as an outreach to the village. This worked really well, and we managed to chat to quite a few families during the afternoon.

We arranged a Photo session in May (individual and group) with a percentage going to preschool as well as the photos being a lovely gift for you.

Our thanks go to the committee and staff for all their efforts in making these events a great success. We have purchased some great new equipment this year as well as receiving some lovely donations from the families leaving off our wish list. A local preschool closed, they kindly let us take a few of their resources (before they went in a skip) which I'm sure the children are going to love.

All staff have completed some essential courses throughout the year, Manual handling, Safeguarding, First Aid and Food Hygiene. They have also completed a variety of other courses. These courses have given the staff an opportunity to gain knowledge and expertise enabling us to help and support the children in our care.

We made the decision to reduce of starting age to 2yrs just before we finished in the summer. This will enable us to remain competitive with the other village preschool and with the government offering funding for working families from 9 months (we are not going that low!) we hope this will encourage more families to join us over the next few months.

This September we have enjoyed welcoming a few new families to Rainbows and hopefully some of the parents are here tonight, to hear all about what we have been up to and possibly join our committee!!

..... and finally, I would like to say an especially big thank you this year to our staff, committee and admin as without their support and commitment we wouldn't have the fantastic Outstanding preschool we can offer today.

Tracy Gilmour

Manager

Treasurer's Annual Report – Sept 2022 - Aug 2023

In the year 2022-2023 Rainbows made a loss of £1,710.99. There were a couple of reasons for this:-

- Compared to last year our income reduced by £5,500 (EYE grant hours increased by £3,700 but parent paid hours decreased by £9,200).
- The majority of our income (89%) comes from the EYE grant (11% from parent paid fees). We have no control over the amount per hour that we receive for EYE grant and although it was increased in April 2023, it is still only £4.97 which is below our parent paid hourly rate of £5.00
- A temporary Manager and additional staff hours were required in the Spring term which increased the wage cost.
- The National Living Wage increased in April 2023 to £10.42. Staff pay rates were increased in January 2023 to ensure that all pay was above NLW.
- Our rent increased slightly for the first time in at least 7 years (now £6.00 per hour from £5.40 per hour) due to the nationwide increase in utility costs but is still considerably lower than the rents that other preschools pay.

At the end of the year (2022-2023) we had 39 children enrolled with us of which 36 received the EYE grant.

As per the bonus scheme policy, no staff bonuses were awarded at the end of the year (August 2023)

This year Ben (Treasurer) and Rachael (Deputy Manager – Business & Finance) were going to set up a new savings account and close down the HSBC account so that we didn't have to pay the monthly banking fees. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, Ben stepped down from the Treasurer role in December and the new savings account was put on hold. It was decided that as all of our committee would be stepping down in Oct 2023 there would be too much work involved in setting up a new savings account and then having to change all of the signatories in October. The new savings account will now be set up in the year 2023-2024 with the new Treasurer.

I would like to thank Ben for all the hard work that he put in and the many hours that he spent sorting out our SSP processes, formalising the staff bonus scheme, and setting up the online receipt filing during his time with Rainbows as Treasurer.

I would also like to thank Celia, who stepped in as Treasurer for the remainder of the year. Without a Treasurer we would not have remained quorate and Rainbows would have had to close. I would like to thank her for all her time and help behind the scenes with the Finances and Wages.

The 'End of Year bonus scheme' (including weightings for the different staff levels) and the reserves required for redundancies and running costs were formalised this year.

The preschool remains in a very secure financial position but going forward will need to analyse whether the increase in the EYE grant that came into effect in April 2023 (3-4 year old funding increased from £4.76 to £4.97 per hour which helped to cover costs in the summer term 2023) and the one-off supplementary grant which the government have announced for the next financial year (October 2023) will be sufficient to cover our expenditure during the year. If it is not, then the committee may need to review our parent paid hourly fee which has been at £5.00 since April 2019 (was previously £4.50)

Capital at the end of the year stands at £18,395.79 in the Co-Op charity account and £74,224.51 in the HSBC business account, totalling £92,620.30. There is also £20 in petty cash held at the setting.

The accounts for 2022-2023 have been independently examined by Juliet Acklam.

Signed accounts

**Income / Expenses Overview
As At 10 October 2023**

<u>Account Details</u>	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
0 Petty Cash	£0.00	£20.00
31541366 HSBC - Current Accoun	£72,431.92	£73.67
31541374 HSBC - Savings (Reserv	£0.00	£74,150.84
67249503 Cooperative Bank	£21,919.37	£18,395.79

TOTAL IN BANK	£92,640.30
REQUIRED RESERVE	£80,000.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE	£12,640.30

This Year's Profit / Loss **-£1,710.99**

Income / Expenses Overview As At 10 October 2023

INCOME	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
Clothing	£104.00	£30.00	£15.00	£149.00
Deposit	£135.00	£120.00	£165.00	£420.00
Donation	£2.00	£0.00	£50.00	£52.00
EYE Grant - 15hrs / 30hrs	£28,467.34	£30,838.60	£38,355.17	£97,661.11
EYE Grant - EYPP	£723.30	£680.40	£781.20	£2,184.90
EYE Grant - IDACI	£244.77	£0.00	£0.00	£244.77
EYE Grant - IF Funding	£0.00	£0.00	£1,677.00	£1,677.00
Fees	£4,206.35	£3,851.15	£4,687.50	£12,745.00
Fundraising	£1,118.61	£293.82	£201.26	£1,613.69
Insurance	£0.00	£0.00	£2.90	£2.90
Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£197.94	£197.94
Internal Transfer	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
INCOME TOTALS	£35,001.37	£35,813.97	£46,132.97	£116,948.31

EXPENSES	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
Advertising	£0.00	£0.00	£52.00	£52.00
Annual Fees	£35.00	£179.74	£65.48	£280.22
Bank Fees	£25.00	£15.00	£52.00	£92.00
Bin Collection	£134.40	£67.20	£182.40	£384.00
Clothing	£158.22	£104.76	£0.00	£262.98
Committee Expenses	£57.40	£0.00	£0.00	£57.40
Consumables - Equipment / PPE	£820.02	£992.98	£599.10	£2,412.10
Consumables - Experiences	£530.80	£1,183.00	£725.71	£2,439.51
Consumables - Groceries	£170.09	£208.86	£289.73	£668.68
Consumables - Office	£478.50	£42.91	£76.15	£597.56
Consumables - Toys	£206.09	£156.63	£0.00	£362.72
Co-Op	£6.10	£0.00	£0.00	£6.10
DBS	£13.00	£0.00	£52.00	£65.00
Fees	£10.00	£50.00	£0.00	£60.00
Fundraising	£247.80	£10.00	£4.90	£262.70
Gifts	£6.75	£109.20	£202.17	£318.12
HMRC - NI	£122.58	£309.03	£686.30	£1,117.91
HMRC - Tax	£73.60	£564.20	£1,277.00	£1,914.80
Insurance	£0.00	£636.11	£0.00	£636.11
Mobile	£10.00	£21.98	£18.81	£50.79
Payroll	£166.50	£96.77	£136.38	£399.65
Pension - Employee	£613.90	£573.33	£756.19	£1,943.42
Pension - Employer	£460.44	£430.02	£567.17	£1,457.63
Policies	£53.05	£0.00	£0.00	£53.05
Postage	£13.40	£0.00	£0.00	£13.40
Rent	£3,015.50	£2,505.00	£2,664.00	£8,184.50

Staff Welfare	£536.97	£355.75	£161.15	£1,053.87
Training	£0.00	£138.50	£85.00	£223.50
Wages	£25,703.21	£30,250.44	£37,335.93	£93,289.58
EXPENSES TOTALS	£33,668.32	£39,001.41	£45,989.57	£118,659.30

TERM PROFIT / LOSS £1,333.05 -£3,187.44 £143.40

I certify that these documents are in accordance with the documents provided

J. Aekman.

27/05/24.

Declaration

The Trustees report has been approved by the Management committee and signed on their behalf by

Irene Anderson & Ellie Ashton – Co-Chairs

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Accounts



(Registered Charity No. 1133135)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For year ended 31 August 2023

Rainbow Preschool
Trustees' Annual Report for the year
1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

Reference and administration details

Address Methodist Church
 Spring Lane
 Colden Common
 Winchester
 SO21 1SB

Names of charity trustees

	Committee 20 Sept 2022 – 3 Oct 2023	Changes at AGM 3 Oct 2023	Current Committee 3 Oct 2023 - Current
Chair	Victoria Hammond	RESIGNED	
Vice Chair	Kate Zurowski	RESIGNED	
Joint Chair			Ellie Ashton
Joint Chair			Irene Anderson
Secretary	Alexandra De Wet	RESIGNED	Kerri Crutchfield
Treasurer	Ben Beech – RESIGNED & replaced at a committee meeting on 09/01/2023 Cecilia Reid	RESIGNED	Andy Hagell
	Amanda Rowe	RESIGNED	Mutlu Mersin
	Katie Peden	RESIGNED	Marianna Nyalka
	Clio Barton	RESIGNED	Ben Radford
			Tracy Gilmour

Structure, governance and management

Rainbow Preschool is a registered charity (number 1133135), which has adopted the Pre-school Learning Alliance Model Pre-school Constitution (2011) within which it operates (adopted at EGM 8 March 2016). The preschool is an association consisting of Family members (parents or guardians of the children attending the preschool) and Affiliate members (individuals interested in supporting the aims of the preschool). Trustees (Officers and Committee members) are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting held in June. Retiring Officers and Committee members are eligible for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years. The preschool is a registered member of the Pre-school Learning Alliance and also with Ofsted.

Objectives and activities

The aims of the preschool are to enhance the development and education of children, primarily under statutory school age, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups. The preschool offers a safe, happy and stimulating environment, where children learn through play in a wide range of activities whilst fulfilling the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We acknowledge the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of our group and we offer opportunities for all children, whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability. We encourage the study of the needs of all children and their families and promote public interest in and recognition of such needs in our local area.

The preschool services the village of Colden Common, together with the local rural area in an effort to ensure that the public all have access and can benefit from the service provided within the preschool learning environment. The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and by opening their doors to all local communities, feel they fulfil their requirements to demonstrate the services provided are for the benefit of the public.

Achievements and performance

There were 39 children on role by the summer term and of these, 36 were in receipt of early years funding.

We had 8 members of staff working at Rainbows during this period. All staff members hold appropriate early years qualifications. Our Manager and Deputy Manager are qualified to Foundation Degree.

Yearly Overview

Both the Chair and the Manager presented their yearly reports for 2022-2023 at the AGM. These reports are included below.

Due to the Financial year finishing in September, the accounts for 2022-2023 have not yet been audited. The Treasurer's report for 2021-2022 was presented at the AGM. The Treasurer's report for 2022-2023 will be presented at next years AGM.

Chair's Annual Report 2022-2023

This year it has been wonderful to watch Rainbows move further again from the restrictions that have been in place the last few years. The Christmas show, Macmillan coffee morning, easter service and the picnic in the park to celebrate the coronation were all a success. I'm aware how much the parents enjoyed being able to come into the setting and proudly watch the performances and share time with their children. The trips to school in the second half of the year for the older children has continued the strong connection Rainbows has with Colden Common Primary school. I know these trips were enjoyed by children and staff alike and I'm sure played a big part in the recent smooth transition for children from Rainbows to school this year.

The variety of activities has continued this year both in and out of the setting. I know the allotment has once again been well enjoyed by all and the experiences with duck eggs, tadpoles and caterpillars will have made special memories for the children. A special thank you to Helen for always looking after these so well for the children. A variety of visitors has also been very well achieved and added to the experience the children had this year. The visiting animals and dance classes were an exciting addition to the days for all the children and we are thankful to all this years visitors for enriching the children's experiences further.

We also need to thank Nelianne for her excellent session on wellbeing for the staff and Laura from Stokes studio for providing staff with an afternoon of pottery bringing out the creative side of the staff.

This year has presented many challenges both professionally and personally for many of the Rainbows team. However, as always, the staff stepped up and supported one another throughout which allowed Rainbows to continue its Outstanding provision to children and their families. They have all demonstrated their strength and commitment to provide the best care possible to the children which has been evident each time I have visited the setting. My favourite part of this role has been visiting the setting in working hours, watching the staff and children interact and engage in activities. It reminds me of the warmth and kindness of all the staff which allow children to feel safe and thrive during their time at Rainbows.

We are grateful to Jenny who stepped up to support the staff as temporary manager which occurred with minimal disruption to the setting and the children. She was a wonderful member of the team and we were lucky to have her for this time. We are also grateful for all the additional time, flexibility and effort put in by each and every staff member across this year to support one another and the setting.

The committee as well has stepped up and strongly supported the setting throughout and I am grateful for the support they given myself and the team. The breadth of knowledge and backgrounds has been invaluable and I am very grateful for the support they have shown. Ann-Marie as a supporter of the committee has also given a tremendous amount of hours, knowledge and support to the committee and staff which has been invaluable.

On a personal note, I am sad to have come to the end of my Rainbows journey. The staff at Rainbows nurtured my children in their time there allowing them to thrive and have a smooth transition to the journey to school. They are now well settled into their second and fourth years of school now and so the time has come for me to also move on. I have no doubt in Tracy's ability to lead and support a new committee through the next year and I am certain Rainbows will continue to play a large and important role in the Colden Common community and the young families it supports.

Victoria Hammond
Rainbow Committee Chair
October 2023

Manager's Annual Report 2022-2023

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During the Autumn term we acknowledged Diwali, Halloween, and Bonfire night as well as Remembrance.

Pudsey bear could be found in a variety of different areas around Rainbows in support of Children in Need. We coloured, painted and collaged pictures, large and small showing our wonderful fine and gross motor skills. Some of the children also came in with wonderful Children in Need outfits. Thank you all for your kind donations.

We joined in with Nursery Rhyme week, a world-wide initiative celebrating the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development. The children enjoyed singing a variety of rhymes whilst baking and creating crafts.

Mary and Jim brought their Christmas window display into Rainbows for the children to see this year. Mary came in daily and told the children the Christmas story which they really enjoyed, she also shared some star biscuits with them.

The Christmas Service went well. Once again, this year we performed a mixture of our old and new songs and acted out the Christmas story and the children were wonderful. The Methodist Church gifted each child with a lovely Christmas book, "Amazing days".

We also had our Christmas party with entertainment from Moo Music and a surprise visit from Father Christmas. Many thanks go to the staff and John Archer for their contributions to a successful party.

On our Inset Day in January the team shared a wellbeing session in the morning and a creative pottery experience in the afternoon. We would like to thank Nelianne, for coming to run the morning session. It was a fantastic opportunity for the team to take some time out to think about what makes us feel good and how our positive emotions and character strengths can help us to achieve wellbeing at work. The afternoon gave us a chance to be creative with Laura, Stoke Studio we would like to thank her for her patience and for giving us a wonderful creative experience.

During the Spring term we led the children through an exciting Chinese New Year Celebration including a visit from two rabbits, we supported World Book Day, enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day, planted a flower for Mother's Day, as well as making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We also had a visit from Julie, Hampshire Healthy Hero's workshop, talking about oral care. The children really enjoyed her visit especially cleaning the giant teeth.

At our Easter service we performed a selection of songs and the children looked wonderful wearing their Easter Bonnets. Thanks also go to Ruth for her participation once again.

After the Easter break, I was away from Rainbows for six weeks following surgery. We would like to say a big thank you to Jenny who covered my absence. I am sure you will agree she did a fantastic job, and we were delighted that she continued to help with some cover once I returned.

Walk with Wheels - it was great to see so many children (and parents) taking part in our Walk with Wheels week. We tried to stamp their passports appropriately each day. Walk with Wheels is an initiative designed to encourage active travel to

and from preschool/school. We were very lucky to win their Early Years competition and we have recently received a lovely wellie boot stand as our prize.

We celebrated the Kings coronation with a picnic at the park. The children received a lovely coronation medal.

We were very fortunate to be able to watch tadpoles changing into frogs again. We also welcomed five little ducklings to Rainbows. This was a lovely experience for the children and one that has now become an annual event. Thank you to Arthurs family for agreeing to have them and for sending over some videos and photos that we could share with the children on Facebook. Thank you so much to Helen for looking after the tadpoles and ducklings so well outside of Rainbow opening hours, they were in good hands.

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The children really enjoyed Anna from Zoo Lab coming into visit us with a variety of different creatures twice this year, which was a real treat. Throughout the year we have also welcomed Boggie Mites, Diddy dance and Debutots into Rainbows and Yoga through cosmic kids. We also welcomed Karon with her two tortoises.

The children once again really enjoyed our allotment venture this year. We are always modifying our allotment to provide the best learning opportunities for our children. The allotment is proving a wonderful learning and play area for the children, and they really enjoy visiting it regularly.

Following last year's success, we decided to have a Leavers Farewell once again this year. We repeated entertainment from Big Cat Jungle Party and a visit from Marucci's ice cream van as it worked so well last year. We welcomed the parents to a short leaver's presentation where the children received either a book bag or PE bag. This is also a very emotional time, but we know that the children are prepared and ready for their next step, school.

Unfortunately, we have had limited opportunities to attend Colden Common Primary school this year to use the hall for a weekly PE session, but we were delighted when they eventually started after Easter. These visits are very helpful for the children as they become familiar with the school and to recognise some teachers and reception staff. We were not able to visit the reception classroom as in previous years but hopefully, we will improve on this for next year fingers crossed.

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Our fundraising this year included a jumble sale, a tombola at the Winter Fayre and Easter Market, a Nerf gun alley at the Common have a go event. The children each created a handprint which was then transformed by All My Own Work into wonderful keepsakes and Christmas gifts for their families. We also held a Bags2School collection post jumble sale. We arranged a Family Photo session that proved very popular again in September, with a percentage going to preschool as well as the photos being a lovely gift for you. We have also had another couple of visits from a photographer throughout the year. Our thanks go to the committee and staff for all their efforts in making these events a great success. We have purchased some great new equipment this year as well as receiving some lovely donations.

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Tracy Gilmour

Manager

Treasurer's Annual Report – Sept 2021 - Aug 2022

This year the Preschool made a profit of £148.24, however, the Committee decided to pay two bonuses to the staff. A 'Covid' bonus of £10,000 plus pension contributions and an end of year bonus of £5,000 plus pension contributions was paid, divided pro-rata amongst the staff. The budget for these came out of this year's profit and so without payment of bonuses the profit for the Preschool would have been in excess of £15,000 for 2021-2022.

This year the committee decided to transfer Rainbow Preschools' bank account to a new bank due to extra charges HSBC were introducing. It was also identified that the preschool was not fully covered by the Financial Conduct Authority protection scheme of £85,000 per financial institution, so it was decided to also open a savings account. The committee decided to open a charity account with the Co-Operative Bank for the main Rainbow Preschool bank account and this open by Summer 2022 with parents paying fees into it from the beginning of the Autumn term 2022. The committee has not yet opened a savings account, though when they do so the preschool can expect a large return on the money banked there due to higher interest rates. Income from savings interest alone may be in the region of £1500-£2000 per year based on current interest rates, which will significantly contribute to the preschool's running costs.

The costs of the preschool went up this year due to an increase in the National Living Wage. This was calculated to have a significant impact on the preschool's outgoings and so it was decided that the L3 grades would receive a larger percentage pay rise than the Manager and Deputy Manager. This was required to ensure the L3 grades were sufficiently above the National Living Wage to ensure the grades below L3 were also above the National Living Wage. As the Manager and Deputy Manager grades did not receive quite such a large pay rise it was decided these grades would receive a greater weighting of the end of year bonus to make up for this difference going forwards. During 2022-2023 this bonus weighting is planned to be formalised in a 'End of Year bonus scheme' to ensure it is applied correctly by future Treasurers.

For 2022-2023 the committee needs to bear in mind that high inflation is going to result in increased costs for the preschool. Consideration needs to be given to how rising costs can be balanced against funding if this does not also rise sufficiently. Luckily the preschool is in a very secure financial position and would be able to shoulder small losses for a few years if needed. However, going forwards it would be prudent to review income and outgoings regularly as small changes (e.g. small fee increases) carried out early over a long period of time will be easier to manage than larger changes made later if profitability becomes an issue.

Capital at the end of the year stands at £21,919.37 in the Co-Op charity account and £72,431.92 in the HSBC business account, totalling at £94,351.29.

The accounts for 2021-2022 are being audited by Juliet Acklam.

Ben Beech

Treasurer

Income / Expenses Overview As At 18 October 2022

<u>Account Details</u>	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
1 Petty Cash	£26.00	£26.00
31541366 HSBC - Current Accoun	£59,042.97	£72,431.67
31541374 HSBC - Savings (Reserv	£35,160.08	£0.00
67249503 Cooperative Bank	£0.00	£21,919.62

TOTAL IN BANK	£94,377.29
REQUIRED RESERVE	£35,000.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE	£59,377.29

This Year's Profit / Loss £148.24

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Juliet Acklam

28/02/2023.

GDPR	£35.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gifts	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00
HCC	£0.00	£0.00	£109.92
HMRC - NI	£308.30	£1,744.94	£1,322.82
HMRC - Tax	£140.60	£1,808.00	£1,952.00
Hope	£0.00	£0.00	£218.10
Insurance	£0.00	£738.31	£0.00
Payroll	£89.25	£166.50	£94.50
Pension - Employee	£241.66	£905.83	£689.59
Pension - Employer	£181.26	£679.42	£517.22
Preschool	£0.00	£0.00	£8.75
Rent	£2,691.90	£2,430.00	£2,189.70
Staff Welfare	£223.25	£0.00	£381.19
Supervision Secretary	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00
Tennis	£0.00	£0.00	£288.00
Training	£0.00	£80.00	£1,550.00
Travel	£0.00	£0.00	£42.30
Wages	£24,418.02	£34,298.50	£34,916.59
Website	£0.00	£0.00	£91.19
EXPENSES TOTALS	£30,575.63	£45,341.16	£47,887.18

TERM PROFIT / LOSS **£9,016.85** **-£6,913.05** **-£1,955.56**

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28/02/2023.

Declaration

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Victoria Hammond - Chair

Dandelion Preschool

England & Wales - Charity number 1133135

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(Registered Charity No. 1133135)

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Secretary	Emma Mobsby	RESIGNED	Alexandra De Wet
Treasurer	Ben Beech	NO CHANGE	Ben Beech
	Kate Zurowski	BECAME VICE CHAIR
			Amanda Rowe
			Katie Peden
			Clio Barton

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Achievements and performance

There were 45 children on role by the summer term and of these, 38 were in receipt of early years funding.

We had 8 members of staff working at Rainbows during this period. All staff members hold appropriate early years qualifications. Our Manager and Deputy Manager are qualified to Foundation Degree.

Yearly Overview

Both the Chair and the Manager presented their yearly reports for 2021-2022 at the AGM. These reports are included below.

Due to the Financial year finishing in September, the accounts for 2021-2022 have not yet been audited. The Treasurer's report for 2020-2021 was presented at the AGM. The Treasurer's report for 2021-2022 will be presented at next years AGM.

Chair's Annual Report 2021-2022

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the rainbows committee again this year, working alongside the ever-committed rainbows staff.

Yet again, rainbows preschool has had a successful year and I know all the children and parents are grateful to the staff for this. Once again, Rainbows has attracted high numbers of children, keeping staff busy from day 1; demonstrating the strong reputation Rainbows Pre-school still has in our community.

I have been incredibly lucky to be surrounded by a hard-working, kind and fun committee this year, with the guidance of Tracy at hand. Our treasurer, Ben, has worked incredibly hard this year, working alongside Rachael to ensure pay was always delivered on time. He has also created a very well-deserved pay rise in addition to the covid and end of year bonuses for the staff. We are all grateful to the many hours he has put into calculations, formula's and spreadsheets, to ensure that the staff got the acknowledgement we all knew they deserved for their hard work and commitment.

Kate, as health and safety officer, alongside Charlotte, has worked hard to create, and then recreate covid policies, keeping the staff and parents up to date with the ever-changing government guidance as well as ensuring staff members were treated fairly and kept as safe as possible.

Emma has been fantastic at providing accurate and easy to read minutes - ensuring we were able to remember what to do in time for the next committee meetings – and holding us accountable when we haven't!

I would also like to thank the committee supporters this year, who supported fundraising events, as well as contributing with ideas at each committee meeting. Kat's IT skills have been appreciated in ensuring the new job descriptions were up to the Rainbows standard of presentation.

Tracy, as always has done an incredible job as manager, well supported by Charlotte. Supporting children, their families, staff and committee alike and putting in countless hours to ensure we have all known we are well supported. She has made the job as Chair a relatively easy one, always by our side to advise and guide us. I am aware of the many extra meetings she has attended with us this year, always readily and happy to support. I have no doubt that this dedication will be forever appreciated by staff, committees, rainbows children and their families. Despite the many hours she puts in; she has always had the time to ensure every single child and family is heard and their needs understood and supported.

It has been lovely to experience rainbows being able to restart fundraising projects again this year, with the added benefit of giving the chance to interact with potential new rainbows families – it is clear to see that Tracy has not lost her touch at enticing new families to chat about and explore rainbows as a setting for their children (even when it was already full to capacity!). The winter fayre was a success with a popular tombola; our annual Jumble Sale was also well received. Ian did a great job leading the NERF gun alley in the common-have-a-go. In addition, I loved seeing rainbows able to open it's doors again to parents and families to celebrate the success of the children. It was a shame the Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations were unable to take place due to covid, but this was made up by the absolutely fantastic jubilee themed sports days which children and families really enjoyed.

I have been touched by the team spirit of rainbows this year. With the staff supporting each other through the uncertainties of covid, illnesses and bereavement. This strong team and family spirit, no doubt contributes to the

success of rainbows preschool with parents feeling confident that their children are a part of a supportive and loving environment.

On a personal note, I could not have asked for a better environment for my daughter to start her career in education. Coming to Rainbows from a life previously lived in lockdown was a daunting thought for her and for me as her mum. However, the staff showed incredible support and understanding, allowing her, and me to feel safe and supported. This allowed her to thrive and leave Rainbows feeling confident and happy; I could not have asked for more.

I have full confidence the next year will again be a successful one for rainbows. With the dedication of such a wonderful workforce and the support of a hard-working committee I have full confidence that there is no other option available!

Victoria Hammond

Chair

Manager's Annual Report 2021-2022

We returned to Rainbows in September with the pandemic still ongoing but not at the levels of the previous year. We still had some restrictions in place but the children didn't seem to notice. We would like to thank the committee for all their support this year. It was very reassuring for the staff team to know that provisions were put in place to ensure they were financially covered should we have a covid incident or if they needed to isolate. I would also like to personally thank the staff team for their commitment to Rainbows throughout this time once again. The staff were also delighted to finally have a rubbish collection from Rainbows rather than having to take it home each day.

During the Autumn term we acknowledged the significance of Remembrance Day, supported Children in Need and joined in with Nursery Rhyme week. The Methodist Church gifted each child with a lovely Christmas poem book. We also created a 'Village Life at Christmas' contribution for Holy Trinity Church Festival. Thanks to the staff and children for producing such a wonderful creation to display.

This year again we performed our traditional Nativity without an audience as due to the circumstances at the time we felt safer not inviting the parents in to watch. However, parents did not miss out on seeing their children take part as we shared a recording of it with them.

We also had an in-house Christmas party with entertainment from the staff team and a surprise visit from our very own Father Christmas.

During the Spring term we led the children through an exciting Chinese New Year Celebration, we supported World Book Day, enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day, planted a flower for Mother's day, as well as making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We also gave some of the children a lovely Book start pack around World Book Day. We also had a visit from Julie, Hampshire Healthy Hero's workshop, talking about oral care. The children really enjoyed her visit especially cleaning the giant teeth.

We had to close for a day due to Storm Eunice, made a change from having a snow day!

We were very fortunate to be able to watch tadpoles changing into frogs again. We also welcomed two little ducklings to Rainbows. This was a lovely experience for the children and one that has now become an annual event. Thank you so much to Helen for looking after the tadpoles and ducklings so well outside of Rainbow opening hours, they were in good hands.

During the summer term we looked after ten very hungry caterpillars and watched them transform into butterflies before releasing them up at the allotment. The children really enjoyed Anna from [ZooLab](#) coming into visit us with a variety of different creatures twice this year, which was a real treat.

Our fundraising this year included a jumble sale, a tombola at the winter fayre and a Nerf gun alley at the Common have a go event. The children each created a handprint which was then transformed by All My Own Work into wonderful keepsakes and Christmas gifts for their families. We also held a Bags2School collection post jumble sale. We arranged a Family Photo session that proved very popular again in September, with a percentage going to preschool as well as the photos being a lovely gift for you. We have also had another couple of visits from a photographer throughout the year.

Thanks to the fundraising we have purchased some great new equipment this year as well as receiving some lovely donations.

Majority of staff have completed some essential courses including a face to face level 3 Safeguarding and First Aid. They have also completed a variety of other online courses including Food Hygiene. These courses have given the staff an opportunity to gain knowledge and expertise enabling us to help and support the children in our care. We also welcomed Summer Chan for her Work Experience.

The children once again really enjoyed our allotment venture this year. We are always modifying our allotment to provide the best learning opportunities for our children. The allotment is proving a wonderful learning and play area for the children, and they really enjoy visiting it regularly.

Following last year's success, we decided to have a Leavers Farewell once again this year. We repeated entertainment from Big Cat Jungle Party and a visit from Marucci's ice cream van as it worked so well last year. We welcomed the parents to a short leaver's presentation where the children received either a book bag or PE bag. This is also a very emotional time but we know that the children are prepared and ready for their next step, school.

Lots of our usual activities and events didn't happen once again this year including the Harvest service and Easter service. However, we did manage to take part in Tennis Tots and welcome Boogie Mites and Mini Professors into Rainbows. We also held a Jubilee Party (including sports) which the children, and families really enjoyed. It was lovely finally to be able to have an event as a Rainbow family.

Unfortunately, we have had limited opportunities to attend Colden Common Primary school this year to use the hall for a weekly PE session due to the school commitments and then Covid 19. However, it was lovely that we were invited in during the summer term for transition visits as the children really benefited from these.

It was lovely to get our committee meetings back face to face at Rainbows after a while via Zoom. We have had a very active committee this year who have tackled a lot of ongoing admin and are continuing to finish off what has been started which is really appreciated.

This September we have enjoyed welcoming a lot of new families to Rainbows and hopefully some of the parents are on here tonight, to hear all about what we have been up to and possibly join our committee!!

..... and finally, I would like to say an especially big thank you this year to our staff, committee and admin as without their support and commitment we wouldn't have the fantastic Outstanding preschool we can offer today.

Tracy Gilmour
Manager

Treasurer's Annual Report – Sept 2020 - Aug 2021

This year the preschool made a healthy Profit £8489.97 again this year, considering the committee made refurbishments to the cupboards and other expenses, other implications this year was the introduction of a staffing pay policy to enable us to continue to provide care for the children while also supporting the members of staff during covid restrictions. The preschool has also benefitted this year by having a large number of children by the end of the year.

We had outstanding fees £770 of which £755 were carried forward for payment 2021-22. £15 was written off.

This year fundraising was limited due to restrictions, but we did manage to raise £684.17. Which has allowed the preschool to purchase new toys and equipment, and also the entertainment for the Christmas party.

During the year we were able to renew a number of policies including how cash is handled, limits for payments and an expenses policy. These policies should help to provide a greater stability to the preschool for the coming years.

Brian Crockford

Treasurer

Income / Expenses Overview As At 07 September 2021

INCOME	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Clothing	£67.00	£132.00	£42.00
Deposit	£210.00	£45.00	£135.00
Donation	£0.00	£5.00	£0.00
EYE Grant - 15hrs / 30hrs	£26,929.16	£26,387.74	£32,282.68
EYE Grant - CAF	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00
EYE Grant - Covid	£168.96	£80.00	£0.00
EYE Grant - EYPP	£419.23	£532.65	£736.70
EYE Grant - IDACI	£53.46	£11.88	£49.50
Fees	£3,905.00	£4,885.00	£5,835.02
Free School Meals	£360.00	£342.00	£975.00
Fundraising	£868.29	£681.64	£160.14
Fundraising - External Charity	£80.00	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£1.18	£0.87	£1.48
Paid in Error	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
INCOME TOTALS	£33,112.28	£33,103.78	£40,217.52

EXPENSES	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Advertising	£95.20	£0.00	£0.00
Annual Fees	£85.00	£0.00	£82.00
Auditor	£0.00	£0.00	£80.00
Clothing	£249.88	£129.22	£339.72
Consumables - Equipment / PPE	£699.90	£362.57	£936.21
Consumables - Experiences	£1.99	£312.00	£447.73
Consumables - Groceries	£307.68	£337.87	£265.43
Consumables - Office	£518.14	£85.02	£1,074.04
Consumables - Toys	£285.58	£20.56	£5.98
Credit Card	£0.00	£0.00	£726.95
DBS	£13.00	£0.00	£78.00
Fees	£0.00	£0.00	£825.00
Free School Meals	£360.00	£342.00	£150.00
Fundraising	£284.17	£0.00	£400.00
Fundraising - External Charity	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gifts	£70.29	£0.00	£0.00
HMRC - NI	£180.68	£331.87	£926.58
HMRC - Tax	£39.60	£371.60	£960.20
Insurance	£0.00	£0.00	£619.11
Payroll	£178.50	£83.25	£90.75
Pension - Employee	£240.04	£334.15	£560.85
Pension - Employer	£180.05	£250.68	£420.68

Training	£35.00	£0.00	£192.62
Wages	£21,660.60	£23,280.00	£29,456.17
EXPENSES TOTALS	£28,363.70	£28,415.64	£41,164.27

TERM PROFIT / LOSS	£4,748.58	£4,688.14	-£946.75
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Juliet Aduam.

J. Aduam.

16/10/2022.

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Chair's Annual Report 2020-2021

The past year at Rainbows has been a special one given the 'not so subtle elephant in the room' of COVID. This has forced the setting into new ways of working, confronting both difficult decisions and situations; obviously this has not been just isolated to the work setting, it has reached all of us and our families at home. From the outset Tracy, Charlotte and the team have been incredible at rolling with the punches that this year has offered and dealt with the situations presented professionally, with class and with true Tracy style organisation. All this whilst not losing what makes Rainbows special the love and affection the staff are able to give our children. This is not and has never been a faceless organisation bent on merely looking after children whilst parents go to work. This is a place where our children love to attend because of the way in which they are treated, the manner in which they are cared for as one of their own and obviously having the great array of different play options open to them on a daily basis. This is the reason why my wife and I chose Rainbows – despite hearing the screams and shouting on a daily basis!

I feel slightly fraudulent as chair this year as there has been very little to do in terms of the face to face meetings or fundraising events that crop up in a regular year. No Nerf gun alley at 'Common-have-a-go', no fetes and no jumble sales combined with trips to charity shops afterwards - offloading the unwanted handaway's. That said I don't think Brian and Rach will be losing too much sleep over our financial position despite not raking in the 'substantial' monies from these events. Largely as this year, alongside the past few years, have seen record numbers of children, which is fantastic - as we like to keep the staff busy! In all seriousness it shows how amazing the setting is even without Tracy being able to sell it as she normally would do when people were allowed to attend the standard stay and play sessions. As with all successful business' we have adapted in order to do what we can in this regard like we have with the Christmas and summer leaving parties, all were incredibly well received and really successful. I mean an ice cream van was inspired - the highlight of any child's year is an ice cream! However, on the flipside our financial performance may be impaired when Victoria finally submits her expenses from all the present's she's bought and Rach's long-awaited printer arrives.

As most of you know I am stepping down this AGM from the committee after a year as chair and being part of the committee for two years previous to that. Its fitting that we have managed to get to the Rising Sun this year as it was here that I committed to not committing too much, when joining as a floor member all that time ago. The AGM last year was virtual, as has every committee meeting that has followed to date, and whilst this has its benefits it would certainly be nice to see these meetings become face to face at every other meeting at least. However, that will be for the new committee to decide.

So my final act of chair is to thank everyone that has made Rainbows what it is and what it will continue to be. As a steward of Rainbows it has always been important to me to take responsibility of trying to leave the business in a better place than we found it, and it was in a really good place to start with! The whole committee around me have been brilliant in helping shape this and I know will continue to do this, plus they have all put up with me and my childish comments, thanks Suzanne for keeping me on the straight and narrow as vice chair! I know that Brian is stepping down too and I'd like to thank him for his sterling (see what I did there) work over the past few years. The treasurer's job is difficult especially fitting it around normal work and life so a real genuine thanks for all that you have done. Thanks to the members of the sub committees as well, they have given up extra time to work on things for the staff that will provide some real longevity and

clarity to roles now and moving forward, hopefully going some way to help future proof the setting. I hope the committee continues to do all they can to help the biggest asset that we have, the staff. I am very proud of how we have driven change to enable bonuses, presents and the reviewing contracts all with the lens of looking to the best for our employees. Which finally leads me on to the staff. What can I say about their hard work in difficult times, their love for our children, their dedication, their passion and desire to be there for us and our children. I think Ofsted summed it up with outstanding. My last thanks goes to Tracy, I'm sure you won't miss having to organise me but thank you for all you do for the setting – you are Rainbows, you make it happen but remember you don't have to do it on your own.

Mark Greenhalgh

Chair

Manager's Annual Report 2020-2021

We returned to Rainbows in September with the pandemic still ongoing. We still had some restrictions in place but the children didn't seem to notice. We would like to thank the committee for all their support this year. It was very reassuring for the staff team to know that provisions were put in place to ensure they were financially covered should we have a covid incident or if they needed to isolate. I would also like to personally thank the staff team for their commitment to Rainbows throughout this time. We did really feel the pressure in January when we went back into lockdown and we were expected to just carry on. I know we were all worried how continuing to work may affect our own families, especially whilst we awaited the vaccinations.

During the Autumn term we acknowledged the significance of Remembrance Day, supported Children in Need and joined in with Nursery Rhyme week. The Methodist Church gifted each child with a lovely Christmas story book.

This year we performed our traditional Nativity without an audience as due to the current circumstances we were not able to invite the parents in to watch. However, parents did not miss out on seeing their children take part as we recorded it (four times!) and created a DVD.

We also had an in-house Christmas party with entertainment from the staff team and a surprise visit from our very own Father Christmas.

Unfortunately, we were back in Lockdown at the start of the Spring term. Many families decided to keep their children at home. We supported these families by providing activities on our Parent Facebook Page. We hope that these daily challenges helped to entertain the children at home and keep their connection to Rainbows going.

During the Spring term we led the children through an exciting Chinese New Year Celebration, we supported World Book Day, enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day as well as making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We also gave the children some lovely Book start packs on World Book Day.

We were very fortunate to be able to watch tadpoles changing into frogs again. We also welcomed three little ducklings to Rainbows. This was a lovely experience for the children and one we will definitely repeat. Thank you so much to Helen for looking after the tadpoles and ducklings so well outside of Rainbow opening hours, they were in good hands.

During the summer term we looked after ten very hungry caterpillars and watched them transform into butterflies before releasing them up at the park. We took part in the Walk with Wheels campaign and won a Balance Bike for the children. We supported the village by joining them for the British Spring Clean. The children really enjoyed Anna from ZooLab coming into visit us with a variety of different creatures. We will definitely repeat again next year (maybe even twice!)

Our fundraising has been a bit restricted this year, no jumble sale or raffles at the Harvest, Christmas and Easter services etc. However, we still managed to come up with a couple of fundraising ideas. The children each created a handprint which was then transformed by All My Own Work into wonderful keepsakes and Christmas gifts for their families. We held a joint Easter Event with the other village preschool. We held a Bags2School collection. We would also like to thank Matt for undertaking a sponsored walk to raise funds to enable us to purchase waterproofs for the children. We would also like to thank Shauna for creating a wonderful Mud Kitchen for our allotment.

Thanks to the fundraising we have purchased some great new equipment this year as well as receiving some lovely donations.

All staff have completed some essential online courses, Safeguarding and Food Hygiene. They have also completed a variety of other online courses during lockdown. These courses have given the staff an opportunity to gain knowledge and expertise enabling us to help and support the children in our care. We also welcomed Francesca Kitt for her Work Experience as part of her degree.

The children once again really enjoyed our allotment venture this year. It was a lovely safe outdoor space to take the children. We also won an Allotment award at their AGM, this was in an 'activity' category. We are always modifying our allotment to provide the best learning opportunities for our children. During the summer term we extended the area to incorporate a larger area for the children to move around and create with tyres, planks of wood etc. We have also created a small world area with diggers and trucks in the wood chip. A new seating area for the children to sit, chat and read books. We have two houses, one for the mud kitchen area and a second house for quiet/cosy play. The allotment is proving a wonderful learning and play area for the children and they really enjoy visiting it regularly.

Following last year's success, we decided to have a Leavers Farewell but this time at the end of term just for the school starters. We organised entertainment from Big Cat Jungle Party and a visit from Marucci's ice cream van. We then welcomed the parents to a short leaver's presentation where the children received either a book bag or PE bag.

Lots of our usual activities and events didn't happen once again this year including the Harvest service, Easter service, Tennis, Explorers, Summer outing, School visits (transition) and Sports day. However, this has given us an opportunity to stand back and evaluate the reasoning behind why we do each of these activities, maybe we could look at doing things differently in the future.

Committee meetings via zoom have been interesting this year but it will be nice to get back to face to face meetings.

This September we have enjoyed welcoming a lot of new families to Rainbows and hopefully some of the parents are on here tonight, to hear all about what we have been up to and possibly join our committee!!

..... and finally, I would like to say an especially big thank you this year (and what a year we have had once again!) to our staff, committee and admin as without their support and commitment we wouldn't have the fantastic Outstanding preschool we can offer today.

Tracy Gilmour

Manager

Treasurer's Annual Report – Sept 2019 - Aug 2020

This year the preschool made a healthy Profit again this year, considering the committee had to increase staff wages again due to the national minimum wage and elected to provide a bonus all staff for their hard work throughout the year, which included a provision to include this for future years, other implications this year included the closure of the preschool, however, due to the fact that we were allowed to keep the grant we were able to weather the storm and continue to pay all of our staff. The preschool has also benefitted this year by having upto 50 children by the end of the year.

Once again the preschool worked hard this year with fundraising while we were able to. Which has allowed the preschool to purchase new toys and equipment, and also the entertainment for the Christmas party and the introduction of a number of chicks to show the growth of the chicks during the year.

During the year we were able to put in place a number of policies including how cash is handled, limits for payments and an expenses policy. These policies should help to provide a greater stability to the preschool for the coming years.

Brian Crockford

Treasurer

Rainbow accounts 2019-2020

RAINBOW PLAYGROUP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 01/09/19 to 31/08/2020

<u>Income</u>	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Total
Clothing	149.00	12.50	22.00	183.50
Deposit	120.00	75.00	120.00	315.00
Donation	120.50	296.00	5.00	421.50
EYE Grant	26,921.87	29,332.76	38,022.32	94,276.95
Fees	9,914.99	5,352.50	- 39.82	15,227.67
Fundraising	759.10	634.12	5.00	1,398.22
Interest	23.46	17.52	16.85	57.83
Total Income	38,008.92	35,720.40	38,151.35	111,880.67
 <u>Expenditure</u>				
Advertising		39.54		39.54
Clothing	321.43	139.62	292.99	754.04
Consumables	1,723.64	756.69	969.63	3,449.96
Consumables - Experiences		276.00	30.89	306.89
DBS	39.00		78.00	117.00
Entertainment	120.00			120.00
Expenses	20.73	4.42	126.50	151.65
Fundraising	10.00			10.00
Gifts			21.18	21.18
HMRC	564.79	813.02	2,053.18	3,430.99
Insurance	35.00	619.11		654.11
Minibus		5.00		5.00
Office expense	79.99	76.15	188.48	344.62
Outing	180.00			180.00
Parking Ticket	60.00			60.00
Payroll	252.00	126.00	201.00	579.00
Rent	2,829.60	2,282.85	869.40	5,981.85
Staff Welfare	20.00	246.20	132.00	398.20
Training		49.54	51.60	101.14
Wages	21,681.08	17,745.13	36,157.74	75,583.95
Website	47.88		19.19	67.07
Total Expenditure	28,460.14	23,594.37	42,316.70	94,371.21
Total Income/Expenditure	9,548.78	12,126.03	-4,165.35	17,509.46

RAINBOWS PLAYGROUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 01/09/2020

<u>Cash in bank</u>	Opening	Closing
31541366 Paying out	33,104.90	50,556.53
31541374 Savings	35,098.72	35,156.55
Petty cash	26.00	26.00
TOTAL	68,229.62	85,739.08
 FINANCED BY		
Balance brought forward (2018-19)		68,229.62
Add surplus for 2019/20		17,509.46
 CAPITAL AT END OF YEAR		85,739.08
Required Reserve		35,000.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE		50,739.08

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28/4/2021

Declaration

The Trustees report has been approved by the Management committee and signed on their behalf by

Mark Greenhalgh - Chair