

## BiG KIDS Annual Report - Year Ending 31st March 2024

This year saw BiG KIDS' work in schools not only fully recover from the Covid-19 hiatus, but grow far beyond pre-pandemic levels. For example, in the final week of the Easter term we interacted with over 2,000 pupils and at harvest we accommodated 600 from a single school. Over the full year we visited 15 different schools, many on a regular basis, providing lessons, assemblies and after-school clubs that were hugely appreciated by both children and their teachers. One particular highlight was the 'Boro Cereal' initiative that helped pupils from four schools develop their ideas for projects to help their local communities, culminating firstly in a major public event where they presented their plans to a large audience of parents, teachers, supporters and local councillors, and secondly in continuing support to turn their plans into action.

Partnerships with local churches also thrived across a variety of activities and a range of denominations. At St Barnabas, links were strengthened and the role expanded to include toddler groups as well as school-age children. At St Oswald's and St Chad's the relationship with the Genesis Trust was formalised and we were delighted to have played a small part in their success as their community work was recognised with the award of the King's Medal, presented by the Lord Lieutenant.

Beyond the regular commitments, the team also found time to answer a last-minute call to run the children's work at the Cedarwood Festival and have also been involved in the forward planning for Festival Teesside in June 2024 where they will co-ordinate the provision for young people. It is encouraging that these opportunities have arisen as the quality of Big KIDS' work has been recognised by others. This is also shown by the fact that BiG KIDS' resources have been used by other groups from as far afield as northern Scotland and the southwest of England.

The trustees continue to be thankful for the talents, commitment and dedication of the three principal BiG KIDS, but are also extremely grateful for the many volunteers whose involvement makes it possible for events to take place. Nor do we underestimate the contribution made by those individuals who support our work with their prayers and through regular financial giving. Many have journeyed with the charity ever since it was first established seven years ago. We must also thank those institutions who have provided generous grants to support our work. In particular, the 'Boro Cereal' initiative would not have been possible without funds provided by Westhill ([westhillendowment.org](http://westhillendowment.org)).

Although our annual accounts show a small deficit for the year, finances remain on an even keel. They will however require boosting if future opportunities are fully to be grasped.

We look forward to 2024/25 with renewed enthusiasm, thankful for the privilege of serving in ways that have a positive impact on so many young people.

<b>Big Kids</b>			
<b>Finance Statement @ 31st March 2024</b>			
		April 2022 - March 2023	April 2023 - March 2024
<b>Income</b>			
Grants		4,131	2,500
Donations		24,114	19,468
Regular Giving		12,324	10,943
Gift Aid		2,763	2,917
Activity / Events		3,226	30,576
Fund Raising		1,181	306
Gap Year Fees		-	-
Bank Interest		98	425
Loans		-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>47,836</b>	<b>67,134</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Payroll		46,430	63,225
Staff Expenses		185	182
Activity Cost		1,500	5,174
Publicity		-	-
Insurance		284	284
Admin incl P&S		244	251
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>48,644</b>	<b>69,117</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>(808)</b>	<b>(1,983)</b>
		<b>26,430</b>	<b>24,447</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balances</b>			
Community Account		820	2,027
Business Money Manager		25,610	22,421
<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCES</b>		<b>26,430</b>	<b>24,447</b>

**Examined and Verified by Gary Cox (Independent Examiner)**

**GARY COX**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Big Kids for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

The Trustees have determined that an inspection of the accounts is satisfactory.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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