

Manager's Report for Ovingham & District Under 5's AGM 2023

I would like to start by saying thank you to the wonderful committee for all the work they have done, and this year they have been really exceptional. Mike Price who has made the role of Chairperson his own and increased the financial sustainability of the nursery. The rest of the committee have worked hard to raise funds and because of this the work has started to improve and to repair the aging building.

Staffing and Staff Training

We now have five permanent members of staff who continue their training requirements to ensure all statutory requirements are met.

Staff has accessed online training provided by Northumberland Early Years SLA

Including:

Food Hygiene

Designated Safeguard Lead Refresher

Making the most of the School Readiness Passport (part 2&3)

Pediatric First Aid

Level 3 SENCO Training

Early Years SEND and Inclusion Networks

Managing Challenging Behaviour

Sarah Milligan has taken over the role of Nursery SENCO after passing the fully accredited level 3 SENCO course run by OFSTED. As the course was attended by many professionals from all services for children, this has helped increase the profile of the nursery at a strategic level. Congratulations Sarah and thank you for your commitment.

Rebecca Loughhead will be starting her level 3 (Early Years Practitioner) course in the next few weeks. This course has been organised by Northumberland Early Years Team.

Events and Outings

April we held our Annual Bunny Bounce which raised a grand total of £322.00

June our wonderful local photographer Debbie Young came to nursery to capture the children's summer/graduation photos. We received £61.00 in commission.

July we organised a bus to take the children and their parents to the beach, which was a huge success and we hope to repeat this again in the summer term.

The funds raised ensured the all the children received:

- A gift for Christmas and Graduation
- Christmas, Easter and Graduation parties, with food & entertainment
- Beach trip & ice cream
- Plus the much needed improvements to our Forest Den

Education

In July we lost 14 children as they moved on to Ovingham First school reception class. Although it's very early to say, the transition to school seems to be going well and all the children seem to have settled into school life quite comfortably.

The nursery curriculum mainly uses 'in the moment planning'. This way of planning ensures that the child is always at the forefront of the skilled Early Years Practitioners minds.

Tapestry is going well and we are still encouraging parents to add posts from home. Parental input and feedback is essential to give us a wider understanding of each child's learning styles and experiences. The verbal feedback from parents about using Tapestry has been positive and says it gives them an insight to what their child has been doing whilst at nursery.

Parents as Partners

From parent feedback we will continue to improve our parental involvement levels. This is the first year in a long time that we have been able to carry out a more planned settling in period for new children, with very flexible start/finish times, home visits for children with specific learning concerns, and face to face parental meetings to discuss the children's development. We are in the process of introducing volunteer reading sessions, to bring parents or grandparents into nursery to enhance our love of books. Plus many more opportunities to bring parents into the setting to help bridge a shared ethos towards learning goals.

Numbers

Our numbers for this academic year, although quite low this term, we have a healthy waiting list for children wanting places in the coming months, showing more evidence that **Ovingham & District Under 5's** reputation is continuing to attract new families to the setting.

Thank you

Finally I would like to thank my staff team for being so passionate, for sharing my vision and supporting me through so many changes over the past year, their hard work is invaluable to the setting. To the committee for volunteering their time not only at committee meetings, but also their commitment to ensure the nursery's future. And lastly, to all the families who attend and support the nursery with their children - the fact is we couldn't do any of this without you.

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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2023

Charity Registration Number 1176119

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Cashflow Summary from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

Business Receipts	£87949
Business Payments	£84206
Cash Generated by the Business	£0
Bank and cash balance at 1 August 2022	£9050
Bank and cash balance at 31 July 2023	£12793
Increase in bank and cash balances for the period	£3743

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Income and Expenditure

Year Ending 31 July 2023

Income

Grant Income £70254

Fee Income £14195

£84449

Other Income

NCC Community Chest Payment £3500

Total Other Income **£3500**

£87949

Expenditure**Staff Costs**

Wages/Salaries	£64535
HMRC	£7395
NEST Pension Contributions	£3788

Total Staff Costs**£75718****Non-Staff Costs**

Tapestry Online Learning Journal	£134
Early Years	£1525
Training & Development	£86
OFSTED Registration	£50
Telephone/Broadband	£674
Portable Appliance Testing	£233
Petty Cash	£1320
Reading Room Hire	£45
Capita Recruitment	£96
PHS	£163
Resource Materials	£2859
Consumables	£222
Council Tax	£658
Website	£171
Tyne Valley Coaches	£252

Total Non-Staff Costs**£8488****TOTAL OPERATING COSTS****£84206****Surplus****£3743**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 July 2023

Monetary Assets	2023	2022	2021	2020
Bank Current Account	£12793	£9050	£4688	£19061
Bank Deposit Account	£0	£0	£11031	£25028
Cash	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL	£12793	£9050	£15719	£44089



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Ovingham & District Under 5s

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1176119

Set out on pages

2-5 of attached Financial Statements

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Ray Marley

Date:

12/03/2024

Name:

Ray Marley

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A

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Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/R
