

SCHOOL LANE PRE-SCHOOL LLANDUDNO

England & Wales · Charity number 1180616

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-11-08

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN WALES, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR NEEDS THROUGH HIGH QUALITY CHILDCARE PROVISION.

Activities: We offer full day care to children aged between 2 and 4 years old, we offer a drop off and pick up service to and from our local primary school, that is within walking distanc.We provide healthy snacks, teeth cleaning and a wide variety of educational and fun activities for the children, We have one manager and two supervisors and a highly dedicated team of qualified members of staff

Classification

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

Geography

- Conwy

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£355,956	£339,076	-	-
2024-08-31	£300,312	£297,488	-	-
2023-08-31	£274,181	£255,254	-	-
2022-08-31	£227,663	£230,700	-	-
2021-08-31	£173,410	£159,861	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emma Strange		2024-10-30
Johanna elena Cornelia Valerio pop		2020-05-15
LOUISE EMERY		2018-11-07
Lorenza Sardisco		2025-10-28
Nicola jayne Hearn		2025-10-28

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Treasurer's Report

DATE: 27th October 2025

INCOME

The main difference in Income is that we are receiving more childcare grants for use by parents towards child care costs so although it looks like our fees have gone down, we have gained that extra amount in grants. Fund raising has also increased, therefore we had a total of £355,956 income for the year 1st Sept 2024 to 31st August 2025 (previous year difference of £55,644)

EXPENDITURE

Wages have risen as we have continued to give annual pay rises above the minimum wage. This has obviously affected pension contributions. The increase in NI has had a direct effect on our bottom line. Staff training has increased to bring all staff up to date. General increases in cleaning products, food, arts & crafts, postage and stationery accumulating in expenditure of £339,076 for the year 1st Sept 2024 to 31st August 2025 (previous year difference of £41,589).

Therefore, surplus income over expenditure is £16,880.

BANK DEPOSITS

Income in bank, current and deposit, as of 31st August 2025 £107,456 (including surplus above) broken down to £29,010 current and £78,465 in deposit account. Noting we must keep a minimum amount in order to pay out redundancy payments if we ever close.

Louise Emery
Treasurer

School Lane Playgroup
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the year ended 31st August 2024

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Income			
Fees		148,533.32	159,191.58
Fundraising	1	2,311.56	1,863.65
Sweatshirts		23.00	89.00
Bank interest		0.00	0.00
Grants/donations	2	203,463.28	137,623.76
Toddler Group		71.01	406.50
Bank Interest(Deposit Account)		1324.02	1,137.90
Miscellaneous		230.00	0.00
		<u>355,956.19</u>	<u>300,312.39</u>
Expenditure			
Wages & PAYE/NI		296,222.43	243,819.87
Capital equipment		3,878.53	4,650.42
Small Grant Spends		6,090.00	21,607.25
Pension		14,561.66	11,884.21
Staff training		1,336.00	283.20
Membership and insurance		1,210.20	844.07
CCBC Rent		4,000.00	4,000.00
Food & Cleaning equipment		6,115.99	5,606.19
R&R		1,479.84	909.34
Donations		18.00	0.00
Parties/trips		490.12	529.05
Bank Charges		76.92	80.56
Art & Craft		644.44	422.13
Postage and Stationary		461.30	193.24
Fair Costs		0.00	0.00
Professional Fees		0.00	0.00
photos		53.95	49.86
Accounts		1,226.00	1,092.00
Accountancy Software		206.20	196.80
Miscellaneous		1,004.58	1,319.58
		<u>339,076.16</u>	<u>297,487.77</u>
Surplus Income over Expenditure		16,880.03	2,824.62

School Lane Playgroup
Balance Sheet and Notes
for the year ended 31st August 2024

	Note	2024 £	£
Bank current account b/fwd		29,010.45	
Bank deposit account b/fwd		61,565.82	
Petty Cash		0.00	
			90,576.27
add surplus for year			16,880.03
			107,456.30
Bank Current account c/fwd	3	15,750.98	
Deposit Account c/fwd		91,705.32	
Petty Cash		0.00	
			107,456.30
Notes			0.00
1 Fundraising		2025 £	2024 £
Fairs		972.00	1,193.95
Party/trips		0.00	0.00
Sponsored Event		780.90	561.40
Graduation Day		491.30	0.00
Treasure Hunt		0.00	0.00
Photographs/raffle		67.36	108.30
		2,311.56	1,863.65
2 Grants/donations		2025 £	2024 £
CCBC Fund		13,281.30	30,847.75
Welsh Government		125,839.30	80,955.00
Referrals		770.05	299.00
Small Grants		0.00	10,895.99
Grants		34,635.70	1,955.00
Flying Start		22,968.05	3,157.39
Wales PPA		0.00	0.00
Donations		86.00	800.98
Gwynedd cc		5,882.88	8,712.65
		203,463.28	137,623.76

School Lane Playgroup
Balance Sheet and Notes
for the year ended 31st August 2024

3 Bank reconciliation

	£	£
Balance per statement on 31/8/25		
O/S fees	0	
O/S ADT	0	
Bad Debt	0.00	
less unpresented cheques	<u> </u>	0.00
		<u><u>0.00</u></u>

3 Bryn Llwyd
Caerwys
Flintshire
CH7 5FE
20th November 2025

Re: School Lane Pre School

Charity number: 1180616

I can confirm that I have inspected and audited the accounts for financial year ending 31st August 2025. All appeared to be in order. There were no issues or concerns relating to the accounts.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Filbee', with a small flourish at the end.

Caroline Filbee

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England & Wales - Charity number 1180616

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Treasurer's Report – October 2024

Grants: The Small Grant expenditure includes the deposit for the courtyard works of £4415. The remaining balance is in the accounts as the works will be completed in the following financial year. This is reflected in the bottom of the accounts by deducting the remaining balance of the small grants income from the surplus income figure. This is why we have traded at a loss this year.

Fees & Wages: We have increased our fees income by 52.3%, but the monies from grants and governing bodies is down by 17.5% making our total income rise by only 9.5%. Wages increased by 16.7% in line with rises in minimum wages and increasing staff hours.

R&R: We put £392.35 extra towards the flooring and this is reflected in the repairs & renewals column.

Bank interest: This is earned on the deposit account is almost double what it was last year which is useful.

Fundraising income remains the same

Capital costs + Rent: Capital equipment purchases, arts & craft and rent have almost doubled this year. As well as rent having gone up there is now an additional cost of repairing/maintaining the premises which again will have an impact on the surplus income.

Miscellaneous category, which is mainly mobile costs, job adverts, pet costs, have remained the same.

Food costs has increased by 25.6% as would be expected with an increase in children intake and higher food costs.

Overall expenditure costs have risen by 16.5% in comparison to income increase. This would explain why we only had a small surplus income over expenditure.

Louise Emery

Treasurer & Care Inspectorate Wales Responsible Individual for School Lane.

School Lane Preschool

School Lane Playgroup

Statement of Income and Expenditure

for the year ended 31st August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Income			
Fees		159,191.58	104,498.08
Fundraising	1	1,863.65	1,789.14
Sweatshirts		89.00	12.00
Bank interest		0.00	0.00
Grants/donations	2	137,623.76	167,006.16
Toddler Group		406.50	0.00
Bank Interest(Deposit Account)		1137.9	584.72
Miscellaneous		0.00	291.20
		<u>300,312.39</u>	<u>274,181.30</u>
Expenditure			
Wages & PAYE/NI		243,819.87	207,886.32
Capital equipment		4,650.42	2,392.92
Small Grant Spends		21,607.25	21,235.10
Pension		11,884.21	11,180.15
Staff training		283.20	199.60
Membership and insurance		844.07	796.10
CCBC Rent		4,000.00	2,917.00
Food & Cleaning equipment		5,606.19	4,463.07
R&R		909.34	0.00
Milk		0.00	0.00
Parties/trips		529.05	689.89
Bank Charges		80.56	77.86
Art & Craft		422.13	204.88
Postage and Stationary		193.24	354.26
Fair Costs		0.00	0.00
Professional Fees		0.00	0.00
photos		49.86	72.70
Accounts		1,092.00	1,239.00
Accountancy Software		196.80	187.20
Miscellaneous		1,319.58	1,358.72
		<u>297,487.77</u>	<u>255,254.77</u>
Surplus Income over Expenditure		2,824.62	18,926.53
<i>Small Grant spends carried over into 24/25</i>			
Courtyard works		6480.99	
<i>Small Grant spends carried over into 23/24</i>			
Pagoda remaining balance			2,372.50
Bathroom- Colin			12,672.00
Floorwise			1,961.75
Surplus Income		<u>-3,656.37</u>	<u>17,006.25</u>

monies spent from the small grants received in 23/24 financial year but not totally spent until 24/25 financial year (so will appear in next years accounts)

School Lane Playgroup

Balance Sheet and Notes

for the year ended 31st August 2024

	Note	2024 £	£
Bank current account b/fwd		30,823.73	
Bank deposit account b/fwd		56927.92	
Petty Cash		<u>0.00</u>	
			87,751.65
add surplus for year			<u>2,824.62</u>
			<u><u>90,576.27</u></u>
Bank Current account c/fwd	3	29,010.45	
Deposit Account c/fwd		61565.82	
Petty Cash		<u>0.00</u>	
			<u><u>90,576.27</u></u>
Notes			0.00
1 Fundraising		2024 £	2023 £
Fairs		1,193.95	299.50
Party/trips		0.00	482.54
Sponsored Walk/Bag packing		561.40	728.15
Graduation Day		0.00	48.00
Treasure Hunt		0.00	0.00
Photographs/raffle		<u>108.30</u>	<u>230.95</u>
		<u><u>1,863.65</u></u>	<u><u>1,789.14</u></u>
2 Grants/donations		2024 £	2023 £
CCBC Fund		30,847.75	18,299.01
Welsh Government		80,955.00	0.00
Referrals		299.00	2,036.00
Small Grants		10,895.99	38,277.25
Grants		1,955.00	1,000.00
Flying Start		3,157.39	7,105.00
Wales PPA		0.00	0.00
Donations		800.98	530.00
Gwynedd cc		<u>8,712.65</u>	<u>99,758.90</u>
		<u><u>137,623.76</u></u>	<u><u>167,006.16</u></u>

School Lane Playgroup
Balance Sheet and Notes
for the year ended 31st August 2024

3 Bank reconciliation

	£	£
Balance per statement on 31/8/24		
O/S fees	0	
O/S ADT	0	
Bad Debt	0.00	
less unrepresented cheques	<u> </u>	0.00
		<u><u>0.00</u></u>

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3rd February 2025

Re: School Lane Pre School

Charity number: 1180616

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Treasurer's report October 2023

Profit

Although the profit looks like a healthy figure £18926.53, it is only this amount due to not all of the small grants amount of £19559.25 being spent within this financial year. Once the remaining balance for the pagoda -£2372.50, the bathroom fitting £12672 and the floor invoice £1961.75 are all removed, the profit is actually £1920.28

This means we have worked hard at recovering the loss from last year and making a small surplus at the end of the financial year.

Fees v Wages

The increase in fees and a small increase in the number of children attending have led to the rise in fees received. This has, in turn, helped to combat the increase in wage and pension costs this year as well as employing extra members of staff to cover the increase in children.

Grants

The two grants received this year have enabled the playgroup to do much needed refurbishment to both the kitchen and bathroom.

Rent

The rent figure looks higher than last year but this is to do with £417 being invoiced late by the council. This should actually been accounted for in last year's accounts but at the time it wasn't known that this amount was still owed.

Miscellaneous

This includes phone costs, tortoise and hamster items, indeed job adverts and website domain name purchase.

Louise Emery

Treasurer and Care Inspectorate Wales Responsible Individual for School Lane

School Lane Playgroup

Statement of Income and Expenditure

for the year ended 31st August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Income			
Fees		104,498.08	94,502.68
Fundraising	1	1,789.14	2,217.50
Sweatshirts		12.00	0.00
Bank interest		0.00	0.00
Grants/donations	2	167,006.16	130,921.99
Bank Interest(Deposit Account)		584.72	20.71
Miscellaneous		291.20	0.00
		274,181.30	227,662.88
Expenditure			
Wages & PAYE/NI		207,886.32	199,857.13
Capital equipment		2,392.92	11,437.32
Small Grant Spends		21,235.10	0.00
Pension		11,180.15	5,429.97
Staff training		199.60	706.80
Membership and insurance		796.10	867.08
CCBC Rent		2,917.00	2,083.00
Food & Cleaning equipment		4,463.07	4,084.64
Sweatshirts		0.00	0.00
Milk		0.00	0.00
Parties/trips		689.89	1,318.03
Bank Charges		77.86	48.83
Art & Craft		204.88	97.54
Postage and Stationary		354.26	279.98
Fair Costs		0.00	0.00
Professional Fees		0.00	0.00
photos		72.70	481.98
Accounts		1,239.00	1,224.00
Accountancy Software		187.20	180.00
Miscellaneous		1,358.72	2,603.62
		255,254.77	230,699.92
Surplus Income over Expenditure		18,926.53	-3,037.04

<i>Small Grant spends carried over into 23/24</i>	
Pagoda remaining balance	-2,372.50
Bathroom- Colin	-12,672.00
Floorwise	-1,961.75
Surplus income 22/23	1,920.28

monies spent from the small grants received in 22/23 financial year but not totally spent until 23/24 financial year (so will appear in next years accounts)

School Lane Playgroup

Balance Sheet and Notes

for the year ended 31st August 2023

	Note	2023 £	£
Bank current account b/fwd		13,981.92	
Bank deposit account b/fwd		54843.2	
Petty Cash		<u>0.00</u>	
			68,825.12
add surplus for year			<u>18,926.53</u>
			<u><u>87,751.65</u></u>
Bank Current account c/fwd	3	30,823.73	
Deposit Account c/fwd		56927.92	
Petty Cash		<u>0.00</u>	
			<u><u>87,751.65</u></u>
Notes			0.00
1 Fundraising			
		2023	2022
		£	£
Fairs		299.50	249.48
Party/trips		482.54	38.00
Sponsored Walk/Bag packing		728.15	1,388.02
Graduation Day		48.00	0.00
Treasure Hunt		0.00	38.00
Photographs/raffle/T towel		<u>230.95</u>	<u>504.00</u>
		<u><u>1,789.14</u></u>	<u><u>2,217.50</u></u>
2 Grants/donations			
		2023	2022
		£	£
HMRC JRS Grant		0.00	398.26
CCBC Fund		18,299.01	17,472.28
Social Services		0.00	0.00
Referrals		2,036.00	12,360.00
Small Grants		38,277.25	0.00
Grants		1,000.00	1,250.00
Flying Start		7,105.00	8,177.50
Wales PPA		0.00	1,764.00
Donations		530.00	613.50
Gwynedd cc		<u>99,758.90</u>	<u>88,886.45</u>
		<u><u>167,006.16</u></u>	<u><u>130,921.99</u></u>

School Lane Playgroup
Balance Sheet and Notes
for the year ended 31st August 2023

3 Bank reconciliation

	£	£
Balance per statement on 31/8/23		
O/S fees	0	
O/S ADT	0	
Bad Debt	0.00	
less unrepresented cheques	<u> </u>	0.00
		<u><u>0.00</u></u>

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Chairman's Report - October 2022

It has been another successful year for School Lane as we continue to provide excellent childcare and value for money for parents in our community. We are in a unique position as a charity that we can keep our fees low. We have also been used as a pilot for the new Welsh Government curriculum showing the way on how to deliver pre-school education within a childcare setting.

I am also very proud of our provision for children with ALN. We find a way to ensure those children have the same benefits of mixing and communicating with their peers no matter how hard that can be to ensure the right provision is put in place to look after their needs. I would like to thank the staff who have been involved with 1:1 provision over the last 12 months, they have made a real difference to that child's life and enriched the School Lane environment.

I am very grateful to our School Lane parents who have organised and contributed to fund raising efforts. These funds are spent on resources for the children and upgrading various play stations inside and outside. Every penny contributes and will result in us being able to keep our fees reasonable and that will directly help families in your community for years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank the Manager, Sandie, the Deputy Manager Julie and all the staff for their commitment and enthusiasm that I see every time I come into the building.

Financial Report

An excellent childcare provision relies on excellent staff who are committed to their job and enjoy working at School Lane. Part of this package includes fair remuneration, and it was my aim to ensure that all staff would be paid a minimum of £10 per hour from April this year, this hourly rate rising depending on qualification levels of the staff.

With the rising cost of materials and food and the staff wages, we had to increase the fees from September 2022. But our full day rate is still just over £44. This is substantially less than what is now being charged for private provision in the area.

Although this has had an impact on our end of year accounts because the fee increase came 4 months after the wage rise, I am confident that the increase in staff wages is the right decision for School Lane and we will not see a deficit in next year's accounts once the rise in fees is carried through to the next financial year.

School Lane

As with all childcare centers, it is about 'numbers through the door', and we continue to show parents around most weeks with our good reputation being shared from previous School Lane parents leading to waiting lists at certain times of the year.

We also have a healthy amount in our bank deposit account and current account, so we do have overall positive cashflow, noting that we always have to keep reserves for any arising redundancy pay.

The Manager and I have instructed our accountant to produce half yearly accounts in March so we can continue to monitor our cashflow.

Louise Emery

Chairman & Care Inspectorate Wales Responsible Individual for School Lane.

School Lane Playgroup

Statement of Income and Expenditure

for the year ended 31st August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Income			
Fees		94,502.68	84,189.69
Fundraising	1	2,217.50	1,958.86
Sweatshirts		0.00	0.00
Bank interest		0.00	0.00
Grants/donations	2	130,921.99	87,256.52
Bank Interest(Deposit Account)		20.71	5.18
Miscellaneous		0.00	0.00
		<u>227,662.88</u>	<u>173,410.25</u>
Expenditure			
Wages & PAYE/NI		199,857.13	134,002.76
Capital equipment		11,437.32	9,834.45
Pension		5,429.97	4,216.64
Staff training		706.80	274.93
Membership and insurance		867.08	981.31
CCBC Rent		2,083.00	2,500.00
Food & Cleaning equipment		4,084.64	3,967.96
Sweatshirts		0.00	0.00
Milk		0.00	0.00
Parties/trips		1,318.03	389.97
Bank Charges		48.83	0.00
Art & Craft		97.54	21.42
Postage and Stationary		279.98	253.40
Fair Costs		0.00	0.00
Professional Fees		0.00	0.00
photos		481.98	160.31
Accounts		1,224.00	1,348.00
Accountancy Software		180.00	177.60
Miscellaneous		2,603.62	1,732.80
		<u>230,699.92</u>	<u>159,861.55</u>
Surplus Income over Expenditure		-3,037.04	13,548.70

School Lane Playgroup

Balance Sheet and Notes

for the year ended 31st August 2022

	Note	2022 £	£
Bank current account b/fwd		19089.35	
Bank deposit account b/fwd		52772.81	
Petty Cash		<u>0.00</u>	
			71,862.16
add surplus for year			<u>-3,037.04</u>
			<u><u>68,825.12</u></u>
Bank Current account c/fwd	3	13,981.92	
Deposit Account c/fwd		54843.2	
Petty Cash		<u>0.00</u>	
			<u><u>68,825.12</u></u>
Notes			0.00
1 Fundraising		2022	2021
		£	£
Fairs		249.48	0.00
Party/trips		38.00	139.00
Sponsored Walk/Bag packing		1,388.02	0.00
Graduation Day		0.00	595.00
Treasure Hunt		38.00	0.00
Photographs/raffle/T towel		<u>504.00</u>	<u>1,224.86</u>
		<u><u>2,217.50</u></u>	<u><u>1,958.86</u></u>
2 Grants/donations		2022	2021
		£	£
HMRC JRS Grant		398.26	4885.73
CCBC Fund		17,472.28	5,496.88
Social Services		0.00	0.00
Referrals		12,360.00	4,609.50
Grants		1,250.00	17,210.00
Flying Start		8,177.50	1,462.50
Wales PPA		1,764.00	315.00
Donations		613.50	0.00
Gwynedd cc		<u>88,886.45</u>	<u>53,276.91</u>
		<u><u>130,921.99</u></u>	<u><u>87,256.52</u></u>

School Lane Playgroup
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3 Bank reconciliation

	£	£
Balance per statement on 31/8/22		
O/S fees	0	
O/S ADT	0	
Bad Debt	0.00	
less unrepresented cheques	<u> </u>	0.00
		<u><u>0.00</u></u>

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To the committee of Schoollane,

I have completed the accounts Please can you look over them to check the figures in the columns.

The playgroup suffered a loss this year. Costs are up a lot in comparison to fees and fundraising. This is due to increase in wages, HMRC bill and pension costs. Rent was at a reduced charge due to Covid and cleaning costs are up due to Covid rules still being applied. Party costs are higher possible due to the extra Jubilee party.

Looking at these figures it appears the grants that come in for 3yr funding etc are what keeps the playgroup afloat. Wages should not rise again next year as they are well above the minimum wage

Thanks]

Caroline

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21st October 2021

Treasurer report

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Caroline Filbee for reconciling our accounts and her continued help and financial support throughout the year.

This financial year we have ended up ahead by £13,500.

We were successful with grants totalling £17,000 (£7000 more than the last financial year)

We have also had continued help from the UK Government Furlough Scheme to the tune of £5000, compared to £19000 applied for last year. Our 30-hour funding has been of a similar amount.

We have also increased the fees, mainly to cover increases in the National Minimum Wage which accounts for a rise in income from £158,000 to £173,000.

This picture will change next year as we now have 14 staff members, and we are paying staff *above* the national minimum wage from September 2021.

There were times 12 months ago when the committee had grave concerns about the financial future of School Lane if children didn't return as a result of the pandemic. But it is testament to families having confidence in us to provide a safe and stimulation learning environment that they did return. We have survived where many early years settings have not.

Part of the £13,500 profit will be spent on updating some of our resources to enable us to offer the new curriculum with confidence in our setting. We will also use funds to invest in our staff and provide additional training courses.

My final point must be to express my thanks to the playgroup manager, Sandie, who has put in many additional hours over the last 18 months to ensure School Lane remains at the top of its game, and also at some times, simply to remain open! Sandie has a great team behind her, and I know we all appreciate the experiences our children have here at School Lane that sets them up for life.

Louise Emery

School Lane Playgroup

Statement of Income and Expenditure

for the year ended 31st August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Income			
Fees		84,189.69	50,951.48
Fundraising	1	1,958.86	1,257.98
Sweatshirts		0.00	76.00
Bank interest		0.00	0.00
Grants/donations	2	87,256.52	105,323.72
Bank Interest(Deposit Account)		5.18	77.11
Miscellaneous		0.00	30.00
		<u>173,410.25</u>	<u>157,716.29</u>
Expenditure			
Wages & PAYE/NI		134,002.76	131,325.82
Capital equipment		9,834.45	9,575.84
Pension		4,216.64	4,967.08
Staff training		274.93	210.00
Membership and insurance		981.31	899.91
CCBC Rent		2,500.00	1,450.00
Food & Cleaning equipment		3,967.96	2,627.85
Sweatshirts		0.00	241.82
Milk		0.00	0.00
Parties/trips		389.97	341.97
Bank Charges		0.00	0.00
Art & Craft		21.42	138.22
Postage and Stationary		253.40	122.42
Fair Costs		0.00	9.51
Professional Fees		0.00	780.00
photos		160.31	19.26
Accounts		1,348.00	1,171.50
Accountancy Software		177.60	172.80
Miscellaneous		1,732.80	981.73
		<u>159,861.55</u>	<u>155,035.73</u>
Surplus Income over Expenditure		13,548.70	2,680.56

School Lane Playgroup

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for the year ended 31st August 2021

	Note	2021 £	£
Bank current account b/fwd		8265.69	
Bank deposit account b/fwd		50047.77	
Petty Cash		<u>0.00</u>	
			58,313.46
add surplus for year			<u>13,548.70</u>
			<u><u>71,862.16</u></u>
Bank Current account c/fwd	3	19,089.35	
Deposit Account c/fwd		52772.81	
Petty Cash		<u>0.00</u>	
			<u><u>71,862.16</u></u>
Notes			0.00
1 Fundraising		2021	2020
		£	£
Fairs		0.00	458.03
Party/trips		139.00	36.10
Sponsored Walk/Bag packing		0.00	763.85
Graduation Day		595.00	0.00
Treasure Hunt		0.00	0.00
Photographs/raffle/T towel		<u>1,224.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u><u>1,958.86</u></u>	<u><u>1,257.98</u></u>
2 Grants/donations		2021	2020
		£	£
HMRC JRS Grant		4885.73	19553.47
CCBC Fund		5,496.88	15,052.50
Social Services		0.00	0.00
Referrals		4,609.50	2,369.50
Grants		17,210.00	10,346.78
Flying Start		1,462.50	3,627.50
Wales PPA		315.00	0.00
Donations		0.00	154.90
Gwynedd cc		<u>53,276.91</u>	<u>54,219.07</u>
		<u><u>87,256.52</u></u>	<u><u>105,323.72</u></u>

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School Lane Pre-School

Quality Review Report 2021/22

We produce an annual Quality Review Report to help us monitor the standard of care we provide in our setting and to help us to continually update our practise and implement new ideas and suggestions. Our report is compiled following feedback from parents, parent questionnaires, staff meetings, discussions with children and other relevant bodies associated with pre-school.

Parent Questionnaires

This year we have twice sent out the questionnaires to parents with follow up messages on the importance of returning the completed forms. Unfortunately we have only received 10 questionnaires back, for which we thank the parents very much. This is very disappointing as we take every comment made very seriously and strive to try to improve our service we give to you.

We are researching other ways we can carry out the questionnaire and whether parents would prefer a new system such as search monkey. If you have any ideas we would welcome them.

All parents said they received a warm welcome from everyone at Schoollane when parents were asked whether they were able to pass on relevant information about their child the comments were 'My child id always welcomed very well in the morning.'

'Very helpful at the door, also helpful at the back gates. Easy to speak to a member of staff and messages will be passed on quickly.

Parents were asked if they were aware of the activities their child had taken part in.

Some comments said we would like to know who their friends are.

Unfortunately due to confidentiality we are unable to discuss or name other children.

Another comment was 'We did get notes in lunch boxes but these seemed to have stopped. Communication is a real issue as parents are unable to come into the setting. After reading parent comments we will be issuing note books for each child we will write in them and send them home, the parents are very welcome to add their own comments but it is their responsibility to return the books each time the child is in attendance.

We are also in the process of setting up an app called class dojo, we are having difficulties with this at the moment and are waiting for the IT department to sort out our internet. This will then enable parents to download the app and we will add letters and photos to the pages for the parents to see. We do use whatsapp at present and try to ensure all parents receive one photo a week.

We send out information letters and have regular discussions on the doorstep. We have also started to telephone parents to hold a little parent

chat to catch up with each other but we always say we are here to talk to you on the phone or a time can be arranged after hours for you to come in and talk to us about your child.

As I say we are working on communication as this has never been an issue before covid, but we are always open to suggestions.

Parents remark they know what their child is learning from emails and letters but we also post on Facebook and twitter and parents have been given joining details of this so they can see the children enjoying the experiences in Schoollane.

The setting has a variety of activities and my child has settled in quickly and loves all the aunties.

The Aunties are always smiling and sweet.

The Aunties are just like parents away from home. Attentive, fair and always laughing and smiling. I have found my child has been learning quicker than I could have at home. And playschool has made him ready for school in September.

Very friendly and warm place

Sense of caring family, the team genuinely know my child and his needs.

When asked what

Parents said the best things in the group they stated: How friendly the staff are, I feel my child is well looked after.

When parents were asked what they liked least about the group and comments were - I would like more communication

Not being able to see inside the setting due to covid

Nothing

There has been confusion over missing bowls and spoons but this is better now

Would like more information about my child's progress

All these above mentioned comments we will try to improve on with the introduction of the home books and the class dojo app.

Parents were also asked what changes if any they would make to the group

Comments made were;

Better communication

None lovely

Any other comments

I really do love the setting and I am glad my child has settled in well.

Thank you, brilliant Aunties

My child loves coming in, even asks to go on days they are not in, my child has learnt lots and made friends which is lovely to see.

Thank you so much for the superb team, you are all wonderful and I am so grateful to you all, you fill me with confidence and I leave my child with you each day because I know he is happy.

The children also have their own section on the questionnaire and comments by them are

I enjoy painting and water play

Playing with toys, drawing and making things.

Gluing glitter painting

Loves the tortoise

Reading

Jigsaws

What do you like doing best outside?

Running, going on the slide

Loves the bikes, scooters and sand

Playing with the bugs

One parent said I love the fact children do all the things we sometimes don't allow them to do at home because it's messy!!

This year we were lucky to receive £378 from the local Lions charity to purchase an outside painting frame

We have also received £500.00 from Conwy county council to buy creative materials.

As we spend more time than ever outside we applied to Flying start for money for waterproof suits, they gave us £500.00 towards this cost.

Education had had an underspend due to no courses available and we received £2500.00 which we spent on large natural equipment such as willow frames, wooden log table and chairs and other naturally sourced resources.

We had a very busy summer holidays and unfortunately had to turn some parents away if they wanted extra hours as we were completely full.

Parents found texts and whatsapp the best about finding out information and also conversations at the door at drop off or pick up times.

All parents happy with information received when first visiting the group

All parents felt they received enough information on enrolment.

All parents felt they had the opportunity to pass on relevant information.

All parents felt their child experienced a variety of cultural activities.

All parents felt the setting offered equal opportunities to all over half

parents said they thought their child was using more Welsh and over half the parents felt they knew what their child was learning in the group

Staffing.

Gosia Bienko joined as an apprentice in February

Johnathan Roberts level 3 in early years joined us in February

Samantha Wharfe joined us as room leader for the 2yr old children in May, she is a level 3 early years practitioner.

Rachel Morris left in April this year

Staff Qualification and training

Holly Penrose has completed her NVQ Level 3 qualification

Teri rice has almost completed her NVQ Level 5 Qualification

All staff are up to date with the mandatory training of First Aid Child protection and food hygiene (staff do the food hygiene on line now and are emailed a certificate).

Phoebie Crawford completed a 12 week Therapeutic play course

Sandie Cox /Julie Harvey have completed the ALNCO COURSE for the new ALN bill.

Teri Rice, Sandie Cox, Julie Harvey Jane Jones, Tanya Longley did online active yoga course.

All staff had attended relevant courses regarding the new planning in moment and new curriculum.

Planning and Assessment

All staff are on board with the new planning in the moment.

There is a new curriculum but Welsh government have yet to devise the paperwork to assess the children and Schoollane have been requested to help devise these documents and will pilot them in readiness for their roll out early next year.

As part of the training each staff member was given a curiosity card and develop these resources, the titles being keys, balls, building frames etc. All staff took part in this and are enjoying the children's response to these new but everyday items. We enjoy how the children use the resources in their play and how we can further develop their skills and interests.

Health and Safety

We continue to carry out high levels of infection control procedures ensuring all equipment used by the children is cleaned daily and to keep up to date with all government and CIW guidance regarding the spread of covid 19.

We are still requesting bags be kept at the setting with nappies, we wipe and change clothes to avoid lots of transmission between home and the setting.

We are spending much more on PPE as prices have soared since the pandemic but we do still get a delivery of gloves, face shields, face masks and aprons termly from NHS

Sand has been reintroduced to the setting but care is taken to clean all the resources used and to leave the sand for 72 hrs between use. Also only one cohort of children use the sand and the other room have their own sand table.

Resources are still split into two groups.

After a child has worn an apron or outside waterproofs these items are always washed and ready for the next day.

Brian the caretaker of the building is very supportive and if we have anything that is unsafe or needs fixing the Aunties will let me know and then we give him the list and all jobs are always done quickly and to a high standard.

All staff do a LTF test twice weekly and we share our results on a special messenger page so all staff feel confident to attend work.

We have still not yet agreed to parents coming into the setting for drop off and pick up times this is because as a staff we feel safe in our work place, we can protect the children and us as a team.

Action Plan: 2021/2022

To combat any further communication problems with parents we have purchased 2 kindle fires and plan to download an app called class dojo which will be a good link between home and Schoollane.

Put into place the new planning in the moment and help to trial the new assessment process for the new curriculum in January.

Add staff ideas and input into the self-development from staff meetings.

Be able to carry out more of our fundraising calendar in the New Year

MANAGERS REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for coming to our Annual general meeting.

This last year has been a very different year for us with parents unable to come into the setting. We know this is not ideal but we will be keeping to this at present as it still ensures that Schoollane is quite the secure bubble for all children and staff to attend. We have been letting essential visitors in but that is all.

On the plus side of this we have noted that children who are new to the setting have settled far quicker than if the parents come in.

We didn't hold our usual nativity this year where families can attend but we did managed to film it and then the parents could buy copies of the DVD. This was very well received

Fundraising has been more difficult this year as we have not had any of our usual family events which is sad because it is a time all parents, staff and children can have a little chat and get together.

I have to thank the parents of the older children for their cooperation of using the rear of the building to drop off and pick up your child. I realise parking is an issue and we are unable to use Rectory lane as it has parking restrictions but it means we have been able to stick to social distancing rules of parents gathering and also it has given the parents more opportunities to speak to the aunties in a more open space rather than just one Auntie at a door.

We do understand that communication can be an issue if you can't come into the setting and this has recently been discussed with me. Therefore in the last couple of weeks I have spoken to parents about this and have

had some lovely comments that they feel staff are accessible and that when the children are collected their smiles and excitement are testament to their happiness within the setting, which is lovely to hear but again I must reiterate we are working on this.

As I am sure you have been aware this year has been very difficult to recruit staff, this has meant that I have been much more involved in the running of the little room. I must say I have greatly enjoyed but it is then difficult to play catch up with my own managerial responsibilities. I do reassure you that there has been no compromise in staff ratios. We have always maintained the high standard of care to the children always ensuring we have an extra member of staff in case of any emergency.

I'm happy to say though that we now have 14 staff members in Schoollane, we have a lovely team who are continually striving to develop professionally, always interested in attending relevant courses and embracing new ideas.

I would also like to thank the committee for all their hard work over the last year, for listening to my worries and concerns and for their full and continued support. And of course special thanks to all the staff for all their hard work and dedication to continually providing a high standard of care for your children.