

Bacton Under Fives – Annual report for year 2021/22

Chair of committee report.

Another year has passed and yes, we are still within most of the Pandemic's restrictions. February was partially bad time for us, with only 3 members of staff not catching COVID – this hit us very badly and we did have to succumb closing the setting for 2 to 3 days – we had done so well up until then keeping the setting going. We were really pleased most of the children return to the setting in July 2021, and we were able to keep the attendance going all through the summer holiday's to make up for some lost time.

September 2021 saw the implementation of the new EYFS (Early Years Foundation stage) online training was provided by the local authority, but it has been a lot to take in and at first we did struggle a bit with everything else going on.

All children seem in good spirits; hard to tell what the affects lockdown is having on them, I think we will find this out over the next year or so.

All furloughed staffed returned to work in September 2020 so this made staffing levels for 2021/22 good however we were sad to lose Kim Culley in December 2021 to another nursery closer to home. In some way's this did us a favour as numbers of children attending were lower then usual – however come the summer term 2022 we struggled again and as another staff member went on long term sick, this was the first encounter we had to recruit staff in the COVID fallout.

Staffing and Qualifacations 2021/2022.

All training is now being done online including any meetings with Ellie Mayhew our Quality and Access Advisor - Early Years and Childcare Service

Education, Skills and Learning

P.C. – Manager and Lead Practitioner

W.M. – Deputy Manager & L.P

R.O. – Administrator

H.C – Level 3 Practitioner & Under three's leader.

L.C. - Level 3 Practitioner

K.L. - Level 3 Practitioner

S.P.- Level 3 Practitioner

P.V.C.- Level 3 Practitioner & Cook.

F.L - Level 3 Practitioner

L.S.- Level 3 Practitioner
M.A – Qualified Teacher Status.
K.C – Kim left our employ December 2021
S.Pearce – Joined us as an Apprentice in October 2021..
S.F & C.S – Cleaners.
K.H – Holiday cover attending College.(started June 2021)

Both Wendy and Pat reduced their hours in September 2021.

Fund Raising 2021/2022

We had a fantastic response to fund raising last year, unfortunately this year we haven't done so good. Pandemic restriction are still affecting this greatly.
However we did manage to raise a total of £1056.00.

Bacton Fireworks donation £200
Bacton Charity Trust donation £200
Photographs sessions £305.73
Easy fund raising £160.65
Other small events £189.62

Links with school.

Links with the school in respect of liaison – Mrs Gridley the school reception class teacher has left to another position within the academy – she was replaced by Mrs Sarah King. The Pandemic is still restricting our access into the school with the children, we are just hoping this will return to normal soon.

Committee

Again this has been difficult year, contact with the members have been mainly online with the Chair going to the setting once a week for a chat at the door.

Again this years AGM was held through an online Zoom call and documents going out via email.

We set three priorities for last year 2020/21

1. First step will be to get through the pandemic and to return to some sort of normality.
 - Restriction looks as though they are set to reduce in the summer 2022 – so until then we will continue to abide from Government guidelines. Finance is suffering but we have reserves that we can use.
2. Seek ways of raising money for the group without organising public fund raising events.

- It is obvious from the accounts that this was not achieved; the funding that we receive from the Government does not relate to the actual cost of providing care and education for the children.
 - Cost for the cleaning materials through COVID and also means we have had to increase cleaners hours and pay staff to clean toys etc after their working day we had to introduce a consumable charges to help fund this.
3. Continue to operate within the ever changing guidelines and keep everyone as safe as we can.
- I feel we have achieved this although February 2022 was the most difficult time I have spent in the setting and it was particularly tough on all staff in the setting – but at the end of the day we came out the other side.

Priorities for 2021/22 will be:

1. To review the cost and income of the group and where possible keep the cost of childcare in our setting to enable to include all parents from the local community as affordable. With the level of the National Minimum Wage going up in April 2022 as well as pension cost also going up along with the cost of living rising due to COVID it is going to be a difficult time.
2. Continue to provide good quality education and care to all children in our care. This is going to mean that we need to recruit more staff to enable ratio's are at the current level 1-8 for Acorns; 1-4 for seedlings and 1-3 for Buds.
3. With OFSTED due anytime after October 2023 we need to ensure that all areas of the setting are reviewed and improved as we see fit. This could include Healthy eating; Physical Play; Making the most of Outdoor Play; Ensuring staff in particular new staff members (when we get them!) are fully up to speed with the new EYFS and the 3.I's (Intent; Implement and Impact.).

BACTON UNDER FIVES						CHARITY NO: 293638	
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022							
INCOME						2022	
						£	
Funding						102,727	
Fees						131,991	
Grants						570	
Fundraising						1,056	
Interest Earned						4	
						236,348	
LESS EXPENSES							
Wages					208,031		
Milk, Food, Drinking Water & Cleaning					13,980		
Training					180		
Activities & Resources					5,104		
Equipment					1,422		
Fundraising					533		
Repairs & Renewals					1,859		
Utilities					6,238		
Administration					8,589		
Insurance					2,922		
Subscriptions					17		
Miscellaneous					55		
Accountancy					400		
Depreciation					5,091		
						254,421	
SURPLUS						-18,073	

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	2021
	£
	99,923
	127,711
	8,000
	7,689
	15
	243,338
190,611	
11,438	
471	
6,292	
1,321	
385	
2,308	
4,905	
7,857	
2,522	
90	
45	
400	
5,235	
	233,880
	9,458

BACTON UNDER FIVES**CHARITY NO: 293638****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022**

CURRENT ASSETS

2022

				£		£		£
Pre-School Building				226,271				230,889
Pre-School Equipment				369				461
Other Equipment				2,156				2,537
Debtors				0				0
Deposit Account				22,215				42,373
Current Account				16,693				11,651
Cash In Hand				854				150
						268,558		
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES								
Creditors & Accruals				400				400
						400		
						268,158		
Financed by:								
Accumulated Fund				286,231				276,773
Surplus/(Deficit)				-18,073				9,458
Total Funds						268,158		
						0		
I certify that these statements represent a true summary of the financial transactions of Bacton the year ending 31st March 2022 from the information presented to me.								
				Stephen Cardy A.C.C.A. (L4)				

2021

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Bacton Under Fives - registered charity no

Report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 as set out on the attached pages

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of those presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements

* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and

* to prepare accounts in accordance with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

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

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