

## Chairperson Report

I would like to start by welcoming everyone to this AGM this evening, to our committee members, new and existing parents, and staff. It has been another successful year for Woodland Playgroup. Our numbers are continuing to grow, and this is clearly down to the hard work from all our Woodland Community.

Firstly, I <sup>want</sup> ~~wasn't~~ to acknowledge the absence of our Chairperson, Catherine McKenna. This lady has provided a lot of help and support to the facility over the past two years. She gives up her free time to keep in touch with Staff members and ensures the Playgroup is running smoothly. On behalf of myself and the rest of the Committee Catherine, thank you for your dedication and commitment to our Playgroup.

### Playgroup Year

For the year 23/24, we had ~~we had~~ 16 preschool children. These children continue to build on their skills through the High Scope programme led by Roisin McGovern and Marie Treanor.

Our Eager and Able programme was run by Emer McDermott and had 8 children for the year 23/24 year. These children attended two days per week.

Personally, I would like to thank these three ladies for their continued commitment to Woodland and their hard work and care for our children is greatly appreciated by us all.

### Garden Project

In February 2024, work began for our new Garden area at the front of our playschool. A special word of thanks to Helen Grimes and Cathy McKenna who worked extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure funding was granted for



this project. A total of £7,000 was awarded which helped dig the ground, insert the pathway and provide trees/shrubs etc. I'm sure you can all agree, this will be an amazing outdoor learning space for our children, and I hope as a community we can continue growing this sensory space for the year ahead.

## Fundraising

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, we had a 'Spooktacular Halloween Disco', organised by our Committee in Augher Youth Hall. It provided a great atmosphere in the lead up to Halloween and all children really enjoyed it. Thanks again to all parents who helped run this successful event.

We continued our annual Christmas Draw this year. Many thanks again to any local businesses and parents who contributed prizes. This support certainly does not go unnoticed.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, we held a very successful Ladies Night (McKenna's Bar, Augher) Thanks to our Parents/Woodland staff who worked behind the scenes preparing this very special night. A total of £1970 was raised. A special word of thanks also goes to Una McKenna (McKenna's Bar Augher for hosting the marquee/facilities).

## Committee 2023/2024

A special word of praise to our outgoing Committee members - Catherine McKenna, Cathy McKenna, Helen Grimes and Michelle Kilpatrick for taking time out of their busy days and nights to help support the setting as a whole.

As new and existing parents of Woodland Playgroup, I would encourage everyone to help support our setting in any way you can. We are extremely lucky to be sitting with more parents than ever to lead our new committee into a fresh



year. As a Registered Charity, we rely on grants, funding and fundraising to help us grow and move forward.

To finish, I would like to thank everyone here for your attendance tonight and wishing the new committee every success for the coming 24/25 year.

Deirdre Hackett

(Vice -Chair Person)