

TINY TOTS CORNER PLAYGROUP
10a Esker Park
Killylea
Co Armagh
BT60 4LT
(Charity No: 103231)

ANNUAL REPORT
for year ended 31st August 2019

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LEGAL STATUS

The Charity Trustees present their Report for the period 1st September 2018 to 31st August 2019. Tiny Tots Corner Playgroup is registered with the Charity Commission number 103231. The Playgroup was originally set up in 1985 and the Constitution which was formally adopted on 2nd February 2011 remains in force.

The Playgroup is a non-profit making organisation where any profits made are used to extend and develop the range of activities offered by the Playgroup.

ORGANISATION

The Playgroup is administered by a Management Committee. It is registered with the Southern Health & Social Care Trust to provide pre-school education for 24 children on a part time basis. It receives funding for these places under the Department of Education PEAGS Programme. The Playgroup is supported by an Early Years Specialist and Social Services Link Worker.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND OBJECT OF THE PLAYGROUP

The principal activity and object of Tiny Tots Corner Playgroup is to promote a learning through play environment for all children of a pre-school age in the local area without distinction. The Playgroup works closely with Early Years and the various statutory authorities to advance pre-school education through the provision of safe and satisfying group play, the recognition of rights of parents/carers to take responsibility for involvement of all activities of the Playgroup, the promotion of the health of the children at all times and lastly to adhere to the values and principles of Early Years.

A wide range of activities provides experiences across the whole Early Years' curriculum. We expect our staff to ensure that every child matters and activities are planned to cater for every child's needs. There is clear emphasis on children enjoying their learning and we monitor the provision and resources so that the children have good quality learning experiences. We look upon Playgroup as the first stepping-stone to school and school life.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Tiny Tots Corner Playgroup has been educating children and benefitting the local community for thirty years. We welcome all children in the local community from every back round.

Our work with pre school children means we help children learn and develop important social skills they will take with them into school and beyond. We lay

important foundation in skills such as turn taking, staying safe, communication and language development, teamwork and conflict resolution. All these skills enable our children to be a responsible member of their local community.

As outlined above, Tiny Tots Corner Playgroup is run by a Management Committee made up of parent volunteers. This is another way in which we benefit the community as we provide our parents with the opportunity to contribute to the development and running of our Playgroup through this voluntary work.

OUR PRESCHOOL TEAM

We have three full time staff working in our Preschool:

Leader – BA Hons in Early Childhood Studies

Deputy Leader - BA Hons in Early Childhood Studies

Preschool Assistant - Level 3 in Children's Care, Learning & Development

And also have a relief worker and two volunteers and a student.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee is responsible for the overall running of the Playgroup. They have not taken any remuneration or expenses during the year but volunteer their services in the interests of ensuring first class preschool provision for the children around the Killylea and surrounding areas.

The Management Committee work in partnership with the staff, parents/carers, our Early Years Specialist and the Social Services link worker to ensure all children have the best possible pre-school experience. The Management Committee have kept an eye on financial matters and discuss the development plans, staffing and other general business at committee meetings generally held every six weeks. During the year Trustees also carried out support, supervision and appraisals for the leader and staff. It also ensures that the Playgroup operates in line with the requirements set out by the Education Training Inspectorate, Early Years and Social Services.

The Committee Members for 2018/2019 were elected at the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

Chairperson

Christine Lester

Secretary

Karen Maguire

Treasurer

Rachel Murray

Members

Ruth Murphy, Ruth-Ann Murphy, Lisa Duggan,
Gunta Hutchinson, Jayne Armstrong-Wain, Sharon
Robinson

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Playgroup ran at full capacity for the majority of the year. We had fifteen full time Peags places and twenty two part time Non-Peags places.

The Playgroup had a very successful year.

We recognise the need for regular fundraising, as government funding for children's sessions are currently not sufficient to cover costs.

We have been extremely successful with fundraising events that have taken place through out the school year, which included:

- Christmas Extravanganza
- 20p Smartie Tubes
- Grandparents Day Cake Sale
- Nursery Rhyme Morning
- Party at the Palace

We were fortunate to receive three grants this year. They were :-

- Getting Ready to Learn Grant - which enabled the playgroup to purchase books and resources.
- Rural Micro Capital Scheme Grant - which was used to help purchase a Interactive Touchscreen.
- Childcare Partnership Grant – which was used to purchase a new play kitchen and dress up trolley.

During the year the children attended various events, which included:

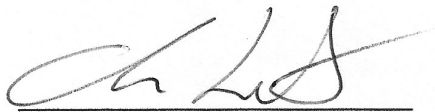
- Christmas Cinema Trip
- Christmas Nativity Play at Killylea PS
- Christmas Party for Parents
- Pensioners Walk in which small hampers were given to pensioners around the Killylea village
- Dress Up Day for Valentines Day
- Easter Party
- Puppet Show (Armagh Council)
- Music Sessions by Neil Robinson
- End of term trip to Gullivers Soft Play
- Graduation Morning for Parents

We have had tremendous support from the Management Committee and parents through out the year.

The management committee always make sure that all staff training is up to date and this year training attended included:

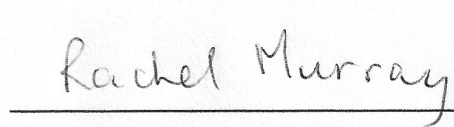
Getting Ready to Learn – Building Blocks of Development (All Staff)
RISE NI Team, Rich Communication in the Classroom (Leader & Deputy Leader)
Early Years Planning for Progression (All Staff)
Fire Safety and Risk Assessment (Leader & Deputy Leader)
Leadership & Management of Special Needs and Inclusion in the Preschool Setting (Leader)
There Are Stories Everywhere Training (Leader)

Approved by the Trustees on 23rd September 2019 and signed on their behalf:



Christine Lester

Chairperson



Rachel Murray

Treasurer