

## 1<sup>st</sup> Saintfield Rainbows – Trustees Annual Report

Year End – June 2017

2016/17 has been a busy year as ever for Saintfield Rainbows, the unit has 25 girls aged 4-7 attending regularly, we usually have 22/23 girls per week. We also have a waiting list of 10-13 enquiries at a time.

We meet on a Monday evening during term time from 6.30-7.30, the Rainbows are led by Natasha Wade leader in charge with the help of Caroline Norton and Laura McGreevy and they also use a rota to involve 2 mums helping each week.

The 3 leaders meet before each term to organise a programme for the term ahead and take turns in leading the weeks activities. The activities are well varied and include arts and craft, baking, reading stories and playing games.

We aim to give the girls new experiences and opportunities to meet new people and make new friends, some of the girls are very shy when they first come in but we work with them and involve them until they feel comfortable in the environment.

At the start of each year the girls work towards enrolling as a Rainbow Guide, we teach them the promise and how to use it in everyday life, they give examples of how they can be kind, friendly and helpful in school, at home and to friends, family and neighbours.

We have parties at Halloween, Christmas and at the end of the year which the girls really look forward to.

In February the girls were involved in the Rainbow Guides 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in Newcastle and in June the older Rainbows who were transferring into the Brownies had a night out with the Brownies to Tyrella beach for an RNLI talk and some surfing.

It is my belief that the trustees of Saintfield Rainbows, 'in setting their objectives and planning their activities for the year have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit, to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries'. All trustees are aware of this obligation and feel that the summary of events stated in this document more than adequately show their compliance.

1<sup>st</sup> Saintfield Rainbows is a small organisation showing an end of year balance of £316.17 cash in hand. We had a net spend of £1330.95.

1<sup>st</sup> Saintfield Rainbows does not incur any debt.



Nichola Fleet

Unit Treasurer

11<sup>th</sup> October 2018