

**Chairperson's Report
2022/23
Jack & Jill Community Playgroup, Plumbridge
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 8th June**

Welcome

Firstly, I'd like to welcome you all here this evening to our Annual General Meeting. It's good to see parents/carers of the playgroup's current intake, who I hope will become part of the future of the playgroup.

I extend a special welcome to our invited guest, Brenda Morris who will oversee the election of the new committee for 2022/2023.

Activities

Throughout this current year the Children on a monthly basis have covered topics which have been relevant to their development and which mirror the seasons/time of year. To name but a few the most notable were:

- 6 weeks of PRO Soccer
- Trip to Gortin Glens
- Trip to New Horizons Pumpkin Patch
- Santa's Mobile Van
- Two Messy Play Mornings
- Trip to Aerial Gymnastics
- Trip to Glenpark Estate
- Visit from the Fire Service
- 2 Stay and Play Mornings

Fundraising Activities

Another busy year of raising funds for the playgroup.

- Festive Coffee Morning
- Engage Funding - funded until March 2023.
- Smarties Tubes
- Garden Hamper - To be drawn on the fundraising night.
- Night with Orlaith Furey on Friday 16th June
- Christmas Hamper
- DCSDC Consensual Grant £1000 for oil and £1500 for resources

Staffing

This year alongside Vicky and Yvonne we welcomed Nora Kennedy. Nora began employment in November as a 1-2-1 assistant 3 days a week and has been a great help to the playgroup. We are recruiting banking staff at present.

All permanent staff are fully trained to date and have attended relevant training and cluster days provided..

Policies

All of the Jack and Jill policies are available for you at the playgroup - if you wish to read over please contact a member of staff who will provide you with copies.

Inspections

Our social services inspection took place on 16th March 2023 and it went very well, overall a good report and we thank the staff for their hard work.

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in providing this wonderful local preschool resource, from the staff, committee, volunteers, parents/carers and the children themselves. It certainly takes a great team effort every year to provide the best for the children and this year there has certainly been a great team behind it once again.

I would like to take the opportunity to encourage all the parents of the 2022/2023 intake to get involved in the playgroup as your child embarks on a new adventure.

I wish this year's committee every success as they embark in new roles as part of the committee and gain new knowledge and skills and ultimately as involved in providing and maintaining excellent facilities for the children. Without you as a committee the playgroup cannot function so we need your continued help and support throughout the year.

I would like to acknowledge our staff and in particular our leader Vicky who sadly lost her mum earlier this year and once again we offer our sincere condolences and thank staff and parents for their support towards her and the playgroup during this sad time.

Finally after 6 years on the committee I am stepping down and away from the committee. Since joining this committee I have met a lot of new friends and had many laughs and the odd tear during this time. Being on the committee and taking on a role has taught me so many new skills and was partly responsible for a complete career change!

In my experience I would encourage everyone to get involved, this is our local community playgroup and we all contribute to the success of it together.

Bronagh Kearney

Chairperson

Jack and Jill Management Committee 2022/2023