

Charity Number  
1019909

**Presteigne Little People's Playgroup  
(Registered Charity)**

**Report of the trustees &  
financial statements  
for the year ended  
31 May 2023**

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Fees	134,942.36		106,065.00	
cash fees	432.00		1,331.00	
One to One Funding	0.00		987.00	
Mums & Tots no longer charging	0.00		49.00	
		238,975.69		210,487.00
Grants received	23,312.36		16,095.00	
Apprentice employer incentive scheme	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Staff Training grants	1,187.92		678.00	
Mums & Tots grants	1,602.49		0.00	
Fund raising	1,707.21		238.00	
donations Spar & Farmers Arms	200.00		50.00	
misc income	396.07		82.00	
		31,406.05		20,144.00
Bank Interest received		417.41		8.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>270,799.15</b>		<b>230,639.00</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>	£		£	
wages	194,006.99		131,709.00	
NIPAYE	25,464.31		11,425.00	
Pension	8,373.75		3,477.00	
Treasurer/Chair Honoraria	17,600.00		18,275.00	
Contribution to school costs	10,730.10		10,002.00	
Stay & Play rent room hire	219.69		896.00	
Insurance	728.44		992.00	
phones & wifi	1,613.48		1,372.00	
IT equipment	819.49		3,294.00	
Postage/stationery/admin	1,298.99		1,120.00	
Garden projects	23,461.97		11,035.00	
Consumables/equipment/cleaning	6,012.52		7,175.00	
Food & provisions	7,116.36		3,147.00	
School meals	4,210.11		392.00	
Subscriptions	616.59		95.00	
lottery license	20.00		0.00	
DBS checks PCC	448.00		464.00	
Travel expenses	21.60		38.00	
Staff training	1,970.40		204.00	
Recruitment	1,330.34		911.00	
Bank Charges	60.00		0.00	
Waste removal	1,230.24		197.00	
Furniture & equipment	11,852.69		3,658.00	
Outside equipment	528.50		700.00	
Play resources	2,436.39			
Play consumables	3,516.48			
Staff gifts	460.99		360.00	
ICO	35.00			
Misc St Andrews graduation	50.00			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>326,233.42</b>		<b>210,938.00</b>	

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities. The accounts have been prepared on the cash basis.

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**Balance Sheet  
As at 31 May 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank Current Account	23,495.23	21369
Fundraising Account	196.27	17083
Contingency Account	67,544.38	108218
Cash Account	50	50
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>91,286</b>	<b>146720</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		
Accumulated unreserved fund brought forward	146720	130756
Surplus for the year	£91,286	15964
<b>Total Accumulated Fund Carried Forward</b>	<b>-55,434</b>	<b>146720</b>

The trustees have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for maintaining accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with standard accounting policies and are for the sole use of the trustees.

These financial statements are approved and authorised for issue by the management committee and its trustees, signed on its behalf by:

...Ann Wake.....

Ann Wake  
Chairperson

# Chairs Report Playgroup AGM 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

For year June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

The year to end May 2023 was one of great change for us starting with a Joint Inspection of CIW and ESTYN in June. I met with the new Head teacher aiming to develop closer working relationships and particularly our approach to the new curriculum for Wales being implemented from September 22.

Major work started on developing our new growing garden with tree house, slide, mud kitchen and outdoor classroom space. A great resource for our forest school. Our thanks to Rory Bennett and Jake Kirmes-Daley for their excellent work. We were given a £50 donation by the Community Café.

We celebrated our oldest learners' graduation with a celebration at St Andrews Church with thanks to Rev Steve Hollinghurst. Sports day was a great activity rounding off the term. We advertised repeatedly for a manager with no applicants. Rebecca Morris did a great job of holding the fort in difficult times as we responded to the joint inspection report, developing an action plan supported by Powys Foundation Learning team. Abbie Lewis came along as acting deputy alongside Jo Griffiths. The staff all worked hard to improve our environment and resources, especially Welsh and numeracy ones. We recruited another two apprentices, a new post of Stay and Play lead was created along with a cleaner and a kitchen assistant posts.

The stay and play sessions were revived with a grant which made it possible to not charge for entry. The numbers of children attending nursery have increased dramatically after the last year post covid as more families returned to full time work. Waiting lists stretched further. Autumn term saw the new curriculum started with new ways of planning for the children's initial assessments and development and the new Learning Journals. All staff worked hard on learning new skills with an abundance of training courses. We recruited volunteer Welsh speakers to help staff reading and singing with the children. All staff attended an inhouse Welsh course which we had secured grant funding to put on.

We looked at how to improve our communications with parents, introducing the new Class Dojo app as well as much more use of social media. We used the newly purchased I pads and laptops to assist with this. More parents' evenings were introduced.

October, we had a follow up Joint inspection visit. We were told they were very pleased with our progress. Rebecca Morris was appointed as manager carrying on the good work she had implemented. Recruitment started for a room leader. Half term saw a lively Spooky Halloween lunch run by our committee. Fun was had by all.

We were able to establish monthly health visitor visits which helped with ongoing discussion of any child development concerns emerging for our little people. Staff undertook the Wellcomm training to improve knowledge of using this speech and language tool kit.

Chair and manager submitted a number of grant applications successfully both for staff training, resources as well as capital grants to improve the fabric of the rooms.

December included a fun Christmas party for the children, they then performed a great Christmas play. Committee ran a Quiz night fundraiser, Thanks to the Farmers Arms for hosting as well as a £100 donation. Our thanks also to Spar also donated £145 to Stay & Play.

The new year brought further change as both manager and acting deputy told us they needed to leave in March. We had a further Joint inspection visit where we were told that we had met all targets for improvement.

More recruitment following advice from CIW to widen the net and look for business training rather than childcare gave us a successful new manager Michaela Soporova who started in March. We also welcomed a new apprentice.

April saw the national minimum wage rise dramatically causing us a large rise in staffing costs with no increase from funders. We were forced to increase our charges for the first time in several years.

April saw the committee having a learning session helped by Powys childcare business support.

May saw the entire staff team learning how to use the new TYFU system for sharing information with other professionals around children with ALN or other issues.

All in all, a very busy and action-packed year with a tremendous amount of extra hard work from all the staff and committee. This year required a lot of expenditure causing a deficit budget; however, we have wonderful resources and well-trained motivated staff delivering quality education and childcare for our little people.

Next steps include developing a new website, and other tools promoting communications.

The further embedding our understanding of the new curriculum.

An emphasis on fundraising to help swell our coffers once more.

The change of constitution to become a CIO thus protecting committee members.

Looking at companies who can help us now with an ever-growing budget and staff team to manage. Help such as payroll services, bookkeeping and HR functions. The laws surrounding our business are changing all the time and as a volunteer committee we must understand our limitations.

Many thanks

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