

## Woodlands Pre School Centre

### Trustees report to Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 24 October 2023

I would like to thank everyone for giving up their time to attend our AGM.

Last year we had 22 children all in funded places and we had a staff team of 3 – Stacey, Lindsay Ann and Melissa with Avril leaving before the start of term in September 2022. There were no child protection issues.

#### Training

We continue to keep our training up to date throughout the year as part of staff development and training attended during the year were first aid and child protection. Cluster training continued with our Early Years Specialist – Marina.

#### Visits to the setting

As a result of funding the children engaged in Jo Jingles, Be Fit for Fun, Brave Sole – Little Soles sessions and messy play workshops on Saturday mornings.

We work along with the local health visitors who run a 3 year old programme and issue questionnaires to parents and offer appointments for parents to meet and discuss any issues.

We were also able to distribute free toothbrushes and toothpaste each term to all children courtesy of local dental clinic in Strabane Health Centre

#### Links with parents

Our Getting Ready to Lean programme continued with Big Bedtime Read, Education Works and Happy Healthy Kids. We held a workshop for parents and packs for each theme were sent home on a weekly basis.

We also held a Pumpkin Patch Day, and a Christmas Event with Santa visiting on his tractor

#### Links with others

As a setting we continue to develop links with our local primary schools and Surestart. We have a good working relationship with Donemana Primary School as we use the assembly hall for physical activities and event such as our graduation.

Ms Sayers invited children for play dates and this provided them with an insight into the routines for Primary 1.

Staff from St Michael's also came to visit and the children who would be going there in September went to visit the P1 class.

#### Outings

We visited Sperrin Fun Farm for our end of trip in June and a great day was had by all.

### Fundraising

In closing I would like to thank my fellow committee members and parents for their support and continued fundraising. Our main event was a Tractor Run and hamper raffle in December 2022 which had amazing support from the local community with a large number of tractors taking part and the sum of £1687 was raised. Our sponsored toddle around Moor Lough In June raised £975.20

We held a Fun Day in Artigarvan Hall in April and this was very well attended by families from Donemana, Artigarvan and further afield.

Kylie Orr  
Chairperson  
24 October 2023