



Ashgrove Pre-School

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Trustees Annual Report 2023/2024

Playgroup opened on Monday 4th September for 24 children phased in from September to November. 5 of these children are newcomer families (English as a second language), all of these children have difficulty with speech and have all had additional support throughout the year.

We supported 24 children within our community who experience social, economic and educational disadvantage as we are in a highly deprived area. We provide direct Early Years care and education by following the guidelines set out in the Northern Ireland Early Years Curriculum. We concentrate on the six areas namely: the arts, language development, personal, social and emotional development, physical development, early mathematical experiences and the world around us through structured and free play-based experiences. Our high-quality stimulating learning experiences also develop independence, personal routines and positive behaviour in a positive way.

Our Christmas concert took place this year on Friday 15th December in the main hall of the community centre. Feedback from the parents was very positive and the children worked hard and had a great time performing.

'Jo-jingles': the children took part in singing and dancing workshops twice throughout the year.

Kirstie Toman Dance did a six-week dance programme with the children in the 3rd term.

Both of these programmes enhanced the children's life skills including language/communication, listening, mathematical, movement/physical, memory, personal skills and confidence, imagination and creativity in an enjoyable way.

Our annual Social Services inspection took place on 21st November and we were inspected on Care Part 1. The inspection was very successful with no recommendations.

This report has been approved by our committee.

Signed on behalf of the committee: Yvonne Cullen (Chairperson)