

WOODBURN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

ANNUAL REPORT

The playgroup was allocated 17 D.E.N.I places, and 6 pre-pre-school children have been admitted so far.

A total of £736 was raised through our 'Reindeer' fund raiser held in December 2020.

The playgroup was successful in our application to St. James's Place Foundation, and we received £2500 to go towards rent. We were also successful in our application to Carrickfergus Literacy & Scientific Society (Union Hall) Trust fund and received the sum of £994.06 to purchase equipment to help children develop skills and concepts related to the world around them. We received £10,515.50 from Education Restart, £4,675 from Early Years Recovery Fund, and £1,338.00 from Childcare Sustainability funding through Early Years. The money allowed us to purchase PPE, cleaning equipment and a range of equipment and furniture for both indoors and outdoors. We received the sum of £1500 from the Education board to purchase ICT equipment. We have received £385 to purchase equipment for the 'Getting Ready to Learn' programme and we have applied to Engage 11 funding Programme through the Education Board for funding to support children's emotional and social wellbeing.

Due to COVID-19 we were not permitted to bring visitors into the setting or take the children out on outings during September 2020 to June 2021, however, in the school term commencing September 2021 we are allowed to bring visitors into the setting. Visitors planned to come into the setting include an African Drumming, dance, and workshop, Wee Critters and Mr. Hullabaloo. We plan to take the children on a visit to Carrickfergus Castle in February and to visit the Ulster Folk Museum in June.

Signed: L. Coice (leader)

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