

## **Nippers Alley Playgroup – Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Secretary's Report (April 2022 – March 2023)**

#### **Administration**

The Playgroup is administered by the Executive Committee, along with the support of the wider committee.

This year, committee meetings took place bi-monthly, either in person or digitally via Zoom.

All of those sitting on the outgoing committee have provided ongoing support, knowledge and assistance to the playgroup on a voluntary basis. Contributions of all committee members are greatly appreciated and are pivotal to the success of this excellent playgroup.

#### **Playgroup Staff**

The playgroup ran successfully again this year with a valuable and experienced team of staff - Danielle Quinn (Leader), Charlene Corr, Tressa Meenagh and Bernie O'Brien.

Bernie took up a more regular role in playgroup this year, working every Thursday, which was a great support to the team and gave Danielle some much needed time in the office to keep on top of admin work for the playgroup. Thanks to Bernie for stepping into this role with ease and for providing additional cover for absences throughout the year.

Thank you to all our playgroup staff for providing a safe and happy environment for all the children who attend. Nippers Alley is an excellent playgroup because of your enthusiasm, dedication to the children and your interest in furthering your knowledge, by attending the courses and training available to you all. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

#### **Fundraising**

This year April 2022 to March 2023

1. **Engage Funding** – used to purchase Pro-football & Debutots, selection boxes for Christmas play and end of year trip.
2. **ASDA Bucket Collection** – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 - £300 raised.
3. **Well-being Night** - held in Loughmacrory Clubrooms in October 2022 – Really successful night - £1300 raised. Thanks to Theresa Cassidy and Claire McGaughey for organising.
4. **Christmas Hamper Raffle**
5. **ASDA Tokens Scheme** – Dec 2022 - £500 used to replenish resources and toys.

**6. Easter Raffle**

7. **Big Bedtime Read Funding** - £200 used to replenish books & towards the Breakfast/PJ morning.

**Operational Matters**

21 children attended playgroup in 2022/23.

Various training events have been attended by the staff including:

- Supporting Children's Language & Communication through Quality Interactions,
- Effective Assessments and Observations,
- Managing Complaints Training,
- Epilepsy Awareness and Administration,
- Forest School training,
- Safeguarding training,
- Designated Officer Training, and
- Leadership and Management of SEN.

Play, Promote and Prepare ran very successfully again this year at maximum capacity (16). The following year (2023-24) looks to be at maximum capacity numbers also.

Many thanks,

Colleen McGaughey.

(Secretary)