

Kilrea Community Early Years
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Dear Sir / Madam

On review of the year ending August 2024, Kilrea Community Early years has continued to have a positive year. There was 24 children attending in the 23-24 year which was a higher intake in comparison to the previous year.

Income/ Expenditure was similar to previous years. Income was mainly through EA funding and additional fundraising/ grants/ donations.

Expenditure was again the same; staff wages, new resources for children, health and safety/ maintenance.

The playgroup received funding from the Fairy thorn Festival during this period and put the grant to the development of the sensory garden. This project is ongoing from previous years. Good progress had been made in terms of fundraising for the garden with work then beginning over the Summer 2024 to make it a useable space. For 24/25 this will be a welcomed space in Spring/ Summer to enhance the emotional and physical wellbeing of the children.

Fundraising continued in various formats including; sponsored sports day, picnics, raffles. This increased the income to provide resources for the children and to save for bigger projects. It was also beneficial for the wider families and community as it increased engagement and participation with the local communities and schools. This year's focus on fundraising is to replace some of the outdoor safety flooring under the play equipment which is becoming worn and will need replaced in near future.

The playgroup continues to provide children and families with a holistic environment to develop key foundation educational and social skills. Inspections from Education Authority were all satisfactory

Highlights of activities/ learning from the year included;

Seasonal activities- Christmas/ Easter/ winter/ spring

Autumn walks

Visit to library and local businesses

Christmas shows

Learning about People that can help us- emergency services, doctors/ nurses etc

Learning and playing together

At the end of the year, the leader of the play group (HG) had resigned. An interim leader (SJ McG) has been in place for the start of the 24/25 year and following recruitment process has now been successful as the permanent leader.

Bronagh McCaw
Secretary
Kilrea Community Early Years

