

Supervisor's report for AGM 16th October 2018

A summary of some of the activities from the last year

- After an agonising wait for a place at school for some families, our group of 20 children left preschool in July to join reception class, we are really proud of how much they grew and developed over the last year and look so smart at school.
- Now the current group can take on the role of the older group in preschool and we are seeing an increase in confidence as they lead their play and we can hear their voices in activities.
- It is a privilege to work with your children to see them grow and develop over the year, it is an interesting journey that the children take as they move towards starting school, we learn from them too as they show us what motivates their learning.
- Painting the outside fence and Wendy house
- Walks around the local area, picking blackberries, apples and finding natural treasures
- Cooking - from rock buns to fruit crumble and bread
- Activities to develop fine motor skills that support writing later - we call these our 'challenges' - threading beads onto pipe cleaners and picking up cotton wool balls with chop sticks
- Take home book bag activity scheme
- Engineering - using guttering, pipes and buckets to transport water, building dens and making the ever popular marble run!
- Outside play on bikes, trikes and tractors, this really helps their co-ordination and physical skills
- Making sand castles, pies, digging and transporting
- Gardening and most importantly transporting garden waste to the school compost in wheelbarrows and tractor trailers
- Extra support with language skills in activities that focus on communication, games, songs and stories
- The ever popular range of toys and activities - vehicles, home corner, dressing up and the tractors and tandem outside
- We have been very pleased to invite families and carers to several events over the last year, the nativity, parents meetings, parties and sports day.
- The nativity!

- Our close relationship with the Willows continues to benefit the children and families as they experience the best of both worlds in a preschool and a home environment; enabling their parents to work in the knowledge that their children are well cared for.
- Our Facebook page and website provides information to existing and new families
- Sadly we lost Nicky to a new job, but we gained lovely new members of staff in Michelle and Charlie and Jess, who have been a real asset and immediately approved of by the children.
- We have a group of 16 children who are due to start school in September 2019 and 5 in the younger cohort currently attending preschool which is a positive start to the new term

We are looking forward to more experiences this year

- Working with our new group of children to allow them to achieve, learn and develop
- Christmas activities
- Being able to offer with the Willows the 30 hours extended entitlement for eligible families
- Organising parent sessions to discuss learning and development in young children
- Working with the committee to ensure the continued running of our lovely preschool

The preschool is a happy place due to the hard work of the experienced and dedicated staff, through their encouragement; support and understanding the children participate in fun activities that allow them to develop.

Thank you to the current committee who have worked so hard to raise funds, support us as we work with all your lovely children and have fostered a friendly atmosphere amongst the families of preschool. I hope that you have all enjoyed your time on the committee and found it to be a very rewarding experience. It is essential that parents and family members take up roles on the committee so that the preschool can continue to operate. There is a crucial purpose to the committee; parent input means we always have the needs of the families in mind and the needs of the children at our heart, having said that we are a friendly group and welcome members and contributions.

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