



Managers Report by Tracey Lewarne,

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Children

We start the academic year with 27 children on roll, and 6 on the waiting list for when they turn 2. This is less than last year (30 children) but more than 2024 (24 children), and 2023 (22 children). This cohort includes 17 school risers which is a big group.

At the moment we have 1 child who is EAL, 0 EHCP's but a potential of 3 in process.

We receive EYPP for 4 children and DAF for 2. We have not yet received confirmation of amounts so will assess spending when we have confirmation.

Staffing

We currently have 9 members of staff, including 1 apprentice. All staff have up to date DBS and training. Emma and Becca are our Deputy Managers and are a huge help. They took the lead while I was in hospital and did a great job.

Ali is our SENDCo and is on top of all ILP's and admin required as part of her role.

Staff Training

I have recently completed a Psychology MSc and am deciding on my next steps. I have no intention to leave pre-school in the immediate future, but in the next few years I am planning on opening my own nature-based children's therapy practice.

All staff are up to date with First Aid and Food Hygiene. 3 staff need to complete their PFA by November so I am looking for the most cost-effective provider to carry out the training.

Emma, Kara and Jess are all going to do some outdoor learning training next week and in February we have woodwork training as part of the LTL grant that I applied for and was awarded.

Fundraising

A huge thank you to all that have helped us with fundraising events this year. We have raised money at our Easter fun day, Christmas raffle and through grants.

We are also extremely grateful for the generosity of all who have donated to us throughout the year. From donations of money to donations of craft supplies – we are extremely grateful, thank you.

Education

This years transition to school for our school risers went well and we hear they have settled into school well. 10 of our school risers went to Tywardreath School, 1 to Charlestown, 1 to Lostwithiel and 1 to Liskeard.

Tapestry is going well and the parents who do use it, often get involved with adding observations from home which we love to see.

Over the Summer I updated our curriculum so that it is much more representative of what we want for our children. We are moving away from topics that we feel are tokenistic, and moving towards a nature inspired, experiential education. We are enjoying using tools with the children, and they love it when we have our snack around the fire. As a staff team, our priorities are to promote curiosity, kindness and mindfulness. If the children are able to read and write, that's a bonus, but we will always prioritise their wellbeing and social and emotional development while they are at preschool.

Thank you

I would like to thank my staff team (in and out of the building) for being so dedicated to the pre-school and sharing my vision. Thank you for supporting me through so many changes, your hard work is invaluable to the setting.

To the committee for their endless support in the setting, on the phone and during committee meetings.

And lastly, to all the families who attend and support the pre-school with their children. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us.