

Annual General Meeting

June 2016

Play leader's report – Sue Folbigg

I have been in the position of City Kids play leader since September 2015, since then the numbers of children attending breakfast and afterschool sessions has increased from an average of 25 children in the afternoons to a capacity of forty in our busiest sessions. Breakfast club numbers have also risen steadily and most days we have at least 24 children attending for part or all of the session.

Staffing

We have seen a lot of staff changes with Tyrone, Amy and Eunice leaving for new roles and we have welcomed Sheila Ross, Sonia Djermane and Yasmin Charlton to our team.

Marie-Eve is soon to complete her Play Level 3 and Yasmin is looking to undertake the same qualification soon.

Most staff have paediatric first aid and those who don't are booked to attend the training this term, the same applies to Basic Child Protection which is held by all except one staff member who will enrol in training in the new academic year. I have completed a refresher as Designated Person for Child Protection and Marie-Eve would also like to take this advanced training when available.

Parent's Questionnaire

We have looked at the responses to the Parent Questionnaire and have tried to address the issues raised. The children now have access to one of the meeting rooms in the Parish centre, they call it the 'Quiet room' and it can be used for homework, reading or other quiet activities, such as, sewing or jigsaw puzzles.

The committee have been very generous in their funding of a complete overhaul of the toys at City Kids and we have been able to purchase items for all the children to enjoy but with some emphasis on resources for the older children. These have included a karaoke game, more advanced board games and construction toys (Knex).

We have increased the amount of cooking we do with the children, and have made pizzas, cakes, flapjacks and pasta dishes.

These adult-led activities are much easier to undertake with a regular and reliable staff team, the adults know the children well and as the club runs more smoothly they are able to spend quality time with the children. This may mean playing board games or cards, teaching the children to sew or knit or just chatting about their school day.

The staff bring their own interests and skills to the club which provides a variety of experiences for the children, such as, Yasmin playing the guitar or Marie-Eve teaching them French songs.

Inspections

In the last few months we have had an Ofsted inspection and a visit from the Food Hygiene inspector. Ofsted rated us as 'Requires Improvement' but we were able to address all the necessary actions and await a further visit in the near future. The Inspector was pleased with the teaching and learning aspect of the setting which she rated as 'good'. She highlighted the positive relationships between the children and staff and praised the activities and resources for being predominantly child-led.

The Food Hygiene Inspector was impressed by our care and attention in this area praising our record-keeping and procedures and awarding us a Level 5

City Kids 2015-2016

We had a large intake of reception children in 2015 but they all settled really quickly and became an instant part of the larger group. Children of all ages mix together and the older children were very supportive of the younger ones helping them with hand-washing and making snacks. The reception children were all allocated

We have been able to plan activities around events and festivals, for example, cooking for Eid, last term's Easter egg hunt and the Christmas arts and crafts.

Last Christmas we had an amazing Christmas party with a visit from Father Christmas, a magician and party food. Again the committee were incredibly generous and each child also took home a gift which the staff took a long time in choosing trying to fit the interests of each individual child.

I have really enjoyed my first year at City Kids, we endeavour to make the club as fun, busy, relaxed or energetic as each child needs it to be on any given day. The atmosphere is one where the children are respectful of the staff, the toys and each other enabling a calm – albeit very noisy – well-behaved and motivated group.