

Chairperson's Report by Gordon McCrae

Welcome

This year, our 21st year, I am happy to report, on behalf of the Board of Directors, another busy, successful year for Hyndland After School Club.

Attendance

Our numbers are up again so, as this report mentions, we are now operating a waiting list Monday to Thursday. The only service not reporting an increase this year was the Breakfast Club which we will continue to offer regardless of numbers as we feel it is a great benefit to those who need to be in work early.

Any uncertainty over losing the Notre Dame pick-up service seems unfounded as we have had no threat from any other club basing itself within the new school.

Building

We are still hoping to expand our building – an initial planning application was looked on favourably but unfortunately we are no further forward with the lease. As reported last year we approached the City Council who own the building to enquire about leasing (or buying at a nominal fee) but now we are a year on and still waiting. Without having a lease in place we will not be in a very strong position to access funding.

21st Anniversary

As we really celebrated last year with our open day we are now looking towards our 25th which will be celebrated in style. By 2017 we will have (hopefully) our extension and 25 years of excellent, good quality childcare behind us. Another re-union will be planned together with lots of activities throughout the year.

Success

Over the past 21 years the success of the Club has relied not only on the staff but the continued involvement of parents. No particular skills are required – just some time and commitment. Childminding or baby-sitting can be arranged free of charge for those able to join the Board and come along to our Wednesday meetings.

Manager's Report by Fiona Ansdell

Staffing

Our staff turnover not quite as high as last year with only four leaving us. One significant loss was Ross MacDougall our assistant manager who had been with us for 7 years and who was instrumental in motivating and building the staff team we have today. He's off to pastures new in the Borders. Emma Sanderson has now taken over the role and is doing very well. Three new staff have just joined us - Carmel, Rachel and Mairi. Our core staff team remains at 9 – Emma, John, Edith, Arlene, Paddy, Farrah, Janine, Sophie and Greer. With the rest of the team – Chris, Charlotte, Richy, Karen, Jennifer making our total number of playwork staff to 17 with 4 pick-up staff for the Notre Dame children – St Peters now merged with Notre Dame and based in the old (now refurbished) Downhill school.

All our staff (apart from the three new ones) hold basic SVQ's (Scottish Vocational Qualifications) in playwork with 2 moving up towards level 3, and three working towards level 4.

Our talented staff continue to bring brilliant activities to the children –we have arts and crafts, sports, baking, drama and music from our skilled team. The variety is endless and children learn so many different skills. We have just celebrated the Day of Dead with activities over two weeks culminating in an amazing array of decorated boxes (Ofrendas) filled with memories, photos and keepsakes of people no longer with us. A torchlight parade also took place with the children and staff dressed up with faces painted in traditional patterns. Thanks to Greer who had experienced these celebrations in Mexico while on a sabbatical from the club and brought back many items and expertise to create this special festival.

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Hannah and Andrew busy making their memory boxes or 'Ofrendas'

Attendance

Attendance has continued to rise - average at the moment is 101. Notre Dame pick-up is steady at average of 26 per day. We are now full Monday to Thursday and operating a waiting list.

Holiday Club

We had another successful year of holiday clubs with the summer – average 49 - surpassing last year's record of 45 children per day. A new venture for us was a visit to Green Aspirations based in Killlearn. The children experienced outdoor den-building, making bows and arrows, camp fire cooking, building structures from twigs, nature scavenger hunt and making kites.



Round the camp fire at Killearn!

Partnership with the School

Our excellent relationship with the school remains intact despite Fiona Kerr (a great supporter of the Afty) leaving to take up a headship at another school. A change in head teacher too has strengthened our partnership and we look forward to working with Helen Brown, sharing resources, ideas and working together for the benefit of the children.



Rachel holding the Schools Commonwealth Baton kindly loaned to us for the afternoon by Helen Brown Hyndland's Head Teacher.

Treasurer's Report by Stephen McHenry

During its 21st year the Afty has proven to be more popular than ever, with attendance figures during 2013 being significantly higher than 2012. The increase in the number of children attending the club has been the main contributing factor in relation to the 13% rise in annual income during the 2013 financial year, as recorded in the club's audited accounts to be presented at the AGM. Expenditure has been well managed throughout the year, rising by a more modest 6% during 2013, compared to the previous year. As a result the small deficit reported last year has been replaced by a surplus of over £12,500 within the 2013 accounts. These results reflect incredibly well on Fiona in relation to the club's sound financial management throughout the year, but also upon each member of staff in terms of making the Afty Club such an enjoyable and popular experience for our children.

In line with practice over recent years the Board agreed to moderate increases in fees towards the end of the 2013 financial year. Looking forward these increases will support our continued investment in the After School Club staff and the quality of childcare delivered by the club during 2014.

Fees

	2012-2013	2013-14
Registration	£35	£35
Daily after school	£9.80	£10.00
Notre Dame	£12.30	£12.50
Holiday/in-service day	£23.00/ £14 ½ day	£23.00/ £14 ½ day
Breakfast Club	£3	£3
12-3 Club	£12.50/£12 (50p discount with asc)	£12.50/£12 (50p discount with asc)
12 to 3 from Notre Dame	£12 (with asc) £15 (12 to 3) only	£12(with asc) £15 (12 to 3) only
Late Fees	£10 to 6.15pm £20 to 6.30pm	£10 to 6.15pm £20 to 6.30pm

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