

623 Club

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Chair's Report

2018 has seen another year of growth and change for all at 623.

The pilot trial of our brand new Breakfast Club proved popular and has successfully progressed to an ongoing service, which I'm sure is very much appreciated by the parents involved; juggling work and childcare is an increasing challenge for parents so a huge thank you to Sally, Selina and Ange for heading up the development of this vital resource despite the added workload and associated pressures (including policing the ever-popular cereal dispenser.....)

We have been lucky to see more of staff members Leia and Jasmine at the club; thank you to both for their caring, hard-working attitudes. Both are very popular with the children and I welcome the news that they will be around for a while longer (although, sadly, not forever, as exciting careers are ahead for them both).

Unfortunately, Kate has left us to move on to other projects this year but we wish her well and give thanks again for her significant contribution to the club while she was here, including the work she did to enable the children at the club to attain Gold status in the RSPB Wild Challenge...no mean feat.

The club itself had a mini-makeover earlier this year with a clear-out and lick of paint for the room upstairs, which is particularly useful as the weather gets wetter and windier. The children are enjoying Christmas crafting and Ange is as energetic as ever in using her creative and performing talents to come up with ever-more new ideas for the children to take part in! Her work on "The Lost Words" project resulted in some inspiring work from some of our children, whose poetry is now available in publication.

Recognition should be given to our Club Manager, Sally, and Deputy Manager, Selina, who consistently ensure that 623 Club is providing the caring, nurturing and safe environment that our local children deserve.

A final thank you goes to my fellow Committee members, John, Charlotte, Dan and Zoe, who often go above and beyond the call of duty in their volunteer roles; their behind the scenes work is vital to the continuation of the club and their commitment (and unwavering humour) is to be commended.

I'm sure that 623 Club will continue to be a service to be proud of.

Karen Esposito
Outgoing Chair