

Pram Group report APCM 2018

The past year at pram group has been an encouraging one, seeing numbers gradually increase with a regular core of families returning every week.

The demographic has changed with many of our older children moving onto school leaving a much younger group, steering our attention away from more complex crafts to improving the baby facilities and inclusion of new mums.

At the beginning of the School year, an average of 7 families were attending each week, which in recent weeks has increased to 12.

We advertise through social media, the preschool and the Primary School which has contributed to our growth. We also have a WhatsApp group that we use to communicate with new and existing families.

Investments include a new rug for the baby area and a parachute for song time. We have also invested in Baker Ross crafts purchased from another local toddler group that unfortunately had to close last year.

The money spent was invested in a new charity for women, 'Peaced Together' that is a creative arts course that helps women reflect on their lives and set out on a journey from brokenness to hope.

In the summer months, we like to utilise the outdoor space, encouraging water play, however we can only do this if there is regular upkeep of the gardens.

We have received some very positive comments and gestures of thanks which have helped prove that our efforts are centred on the right areas.

Volunteer numbers from the Mother's Union for the tea and coffee rota have dwindled over the year and also from the volunteer mums as many return to work. This has resulted in Louise, Jen and Nicola filling in, leaving less time for us to mingle with new mums and carers. We are extremely grateful for all the help we receive from the rota and seek to find new helpers.

Louise & Nicola.