## Clanfield Community Pre-school

## Manager's Message 2021

Well, it's been quite a year, but despite all the challenges we've faced the pre-school is thriving. This is down to the hard work and dedication of our amazing staff, the help of our committee, incredible support we have received from our families and of course our children.

There have been a lot of changes to the pre-school over the last year as we transition to a more holistic way of learning. Relying on our children's natural curiosity and thirst for knowledge and supporting this with our provision and activities. The children have been working together more cohesively and making meaningful connections, not only with each other but also with us adults. We have been on this journey together, learning and growing side by side; they have been teaching us as much as we have taught them. We have always been proud of our pre-school, but with these changes we have noticed so much more interaction and engagement from the children as they learn and discover new things. By using more natural and authentic items, with the focus being more on discovering and questioning the world around them, the children are more active and curious learners. This along with promoting life skills enables them to become more creative and independent thinkers and sets them up for a lifetime of positive learning experiences.

Moving forward, our plans for the next academic year are to focus more on supporting our local community. We strongly believe in the importance of community, and we are in the perfect position to be able to support not only our families, but the wider community as a whole. We already have some ideas in the pipeline, but if anyone has any suggestions, please let us know. Working together we can make a real difference to the area we live in and show our children the importance of being kind and thinking of others.

"I realised if you can change a classroom, you can change a community and if you change enough communities, you can change the world."

Erin Gruwell

Following on from this we are also planning to achieve our eco-school status. Providing a better world for our children means becoming more environmentally aware and we will be doing a lot of work within the pre-school to develop the children's understanding of



the importance of caring for our planet. If any parents are interested in putting their name forward for the eco-committee let us know.

So, there is a lot to look forward to over the next year and once again we want to thank all our parents for their support and understanding and for entrusting us with the care of their children. I believe in speaking from the heart and from the bottom of ours, with gratitude, thank you.

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