TORPHINS Playgroup PRE-SCHOOL

MEET THE TEAM: CAROL EVANS

LEAD PRACTITIONER

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOU - WHAT DID YOU DO BEFORE YOU STARTED WORKING AT PLAYGROUP?

I graduated from Aberdeen University with a degree in Law before working in Corporate Taxation for professional service firms, an oil service company and an oil major. All a far cry from working at Ha'berry!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT WORKING WITH CHILDREN?

Since having my boys, now aged 12 & 10, I have appreciated spending time with and getting to know their friends at school and the clubs they attend. I enjoyed volunteering for 'Parent Duty' while they were at Playgroup, and learned so much from the staff about how to encourage, support and nurture the children.

I love so much about my work at Playgroup. Every day is different and led by the children and their interests. They are full of energy, curiosity and enthusiasm. Watching them grow in confidence and develop their skills is fascinating and so rewarding when I feel that I've played a small part in their progress.



WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT WORK?

I really enjoy food - the cooking, baking and eating of it! So I try to keep fit by walking, dancing and Jazzercise. I also sing with 'Notes from Torphins', the community choir based in the village.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE GAME OR ACTIVITY WITH THE PLAYGROUP KIDS?

I love supporting the children with their communication skills, whether that be by reading together, singing songs or encouraging the children in discussions about what interests them, what they have learned or any of the other 'eleventy million' things they want to talk about!

WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

Kindness - when working with the children, I try to instil in them the importance of being kind. I believe and suggest to the children that kindness makes everyone feel happier, more optimistic and gives a sense of belonging and contributing within your community.

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