

<b>Report on</b>	Big Ted's Party 2018
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	4 July 2018
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Michael Browne
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Genevieve Bell

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b> If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To inform Council of the annual Big Ted's Party event at US Grant Homestead from Monday 4th - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2018.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	This is an annual event now in its 28 <sup>th</sup> year at USG Homestead. The event ran daily from 4 – 8 June and was open to pre-school, foundation stage and key stage 1 children within the Mid Ulster area and further afield.
2.2	All necessary equipment for the event was ordered well in advance including entertainers, marquee, gazebos and portaloos. The site grounds etc.. were prepared and tidy and all soft play equipment was put out within the picnic area.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The event began at on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June and finished on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2018. Approximately 400 children from across the Mid Ulster District, Omagh, Armagh and Monaghan attended the event. Each day reached its maximum capacity in terms of numbers. The event was hugely successful and the warm weather added to the experience.
3.2	The programme consisted of a magic show provided by Colin Walker and interactive dance for fun and exercise with Jump, Jiggle and Jive. The day consisted of 2 x 35/40 min sessions with a break in between.
3.3	The following Schools attended this year: Carnall P.S. Clogher, St Joseph's Killeenan, Royal School Armagh, St Patrick's P.S. Eskra, St Mary's P.S. Killyclogher, St Joseph's P.S.Caledon, Our Lady's P.S.Tullysaran, Laghey P.S., Windmill Integrated Dungannon, Edenmore National School Monaghan, Derrylatinee P.S., Gaelscoil Ui Neill Clonoe, Gaelscoil Aodha Rua.
3.4	Staff on site: Genevieve Bell Event Manager, Martha Beattie Health & Safety Officer, Charmain Bell and Damian McCooey, Stewards. There were no hitches and all went to plan during the week.

3.5	Feedback from both teachers and children was extremely positive and as part of our corporate objective we would hope to continue this very successful event for 2019.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial:
	Human:
	Risk Management:
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>