



Wee Rascals Too Newsletter - August 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I want to start by wishing all our pre-school leavers who have recently left for Primary One this month all the best with their new adventure! You are all a huge miss to Wee Rascals Too, but we know that you will continue to do so well on your new journey.

I am loving being back to work at Wee Rascals Too and it has been lovely catching up with all the staff, children and families!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parental questionnaires. We have received many positive comments. They have recently been evaluated, and we will be putting out a letter to you shortly. Feedback from these questionnaires contributes to our Development Plan for the year. We are focusing on the following three action points which are: -

- New planning system
- Outdoor area/Classroom
- Staff training

Little Bunnies Team

Rebecca Laverton is continuing to work hard on her SVQ Level 3 putting it into practice within the room.

Amber Adam has joined the Little Bunnies Room from the Busy Bee Room and is enjoying getting to know all the children and their families.

Busy Bee Team

The Busy Bee team are implementing the new planning this term and are looking forwards to concentrating on weekly focus children, deepening their learning using the Curriculum for Excellence and inputting weekly 'Wow' moments onto the Interactive Learning Diary. We will be holding a Curriculum for Excellence Evening on Monday the 17th of November.

Charity of the Year 2025

Our Sports Day raised a fantastic **£508.55**. All proceeds will go towards the Archie Child Bereavement Services. Thank you for attending! A great morning was had along with great weather!

Archie's Child Bereavement Services offers support to families and professionals working with children and young people free of charge within Grampian, Tayside, and the Highlands and Orkney, giving them individual, tailored support to help with bereavement. Many referrals are received from schools and health professionals.

The charity recognises that every child is different, and believes that with appropriate support, information and guidance, all children and young people will manage their grief. ACBS supports children who have experienced bereavement no matter the relationship.

The Archie Foundation was formed in 2000 to support the building of a new Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital which opened in 2014, and the Grampian Child Bereavement network joined the Archie Foundation in 2019. We really welcome your support throughout the year, as this charity really matters a lot to us.

Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure your child's clothing is all clearly labelled with their name to prevent items being mixed up or going missing!

Please ensure weather appropriate clothing is provided, along with their bag being well stocked.

Dates for the Diary that you need to know (further dates to follow)

- ❖ Friday 13th October - Pre-School Trip to Fedderate Woods
- ❖ Friday 31st October - Halloween Fun Day!
- ❖ Monday 17th November - Curriculum for Excellence Meeting - all parents invited.
- ❖ Saturday 29th November - Christmas Fayre
- ❖ Friday 12th December - Pre-School Nativity
- ❖ Thursday 17th December - Trip to Playtown (2's and Ante Pre-School)
- ❖ Friday 19th December - Last Day of Term

Date for Pre-School Panto trip TBC.

Learning Experiences

Little Bunnies

This term, the Little Bunnies have been exploring Safari Animals as a topic - creating sensory tuff trays - exploring touch, smell and sound. The children have been learning the animal sounds, textures of different animals, going on animal hunts, exploring animal footprints and creating lots of artwork for their topic wall - including zebras and tigers! They have also been reading Safari related stories and using the puppets to relate to them.

The children have also explored 'People Who Help Us'. We have created different role play areas such as a doctor's surgery, a vet practice, dental practice, and the children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as different roles in different jobs. This then led to the children exploring more local jobs where we decided to open a restaurant and hairdresser!

During our 'All About Me' topic, the children created their own jigsaws, made handprints, and used the blocks to 'build themselves'. We have also started to create an 'All about Me' wall display on the topic wall.

The children have spent much time outside in the garden, and they have also been out for walks, had opportunities to bake, and they always enjoy our fantastic sensory trays.

Below is a selection of tuff trays the children have been exploring throughout the term.



Busy Bees

The 2-5's have been very busy in the garden, planting and caring for various plants, which include vegetables and fruits! They have been keen to get involved when looking after our tomato plants, eagerly watching them grow, and they have learnt about all the herbs in our herb garden. All the children understood what plants and flowers need to help them grow.

The children have studied the life cycle of butterflies, tadpoles and ladybirds. They also hatched their own ladybirds! looking after them in a terrarium for three weeks before releasing them into the garden!

Our pre-school Graduation was a huge hit, where we were joined by a Piper, and everyone watched the rehearsal - joining in with the songs! The children also enjoyed a summer party together before all the school leavers left for their new adventure. They are very much missed, but we know they are ready for their next transition up to school.

During our Transport and Space topics, the children learnt how vehicles move and what each part of the vehicle is for, and what it does. Eg the brakes make the car slow down/stop! They learnt about the planets, and the children were able to understand the role of the stars, the moon and the sun, and they were very keen to role play with rockets!

Our garden always has various play opportunities for the children, and the mud kitchen is very well used, along with our new bike rack!

Trips/Visits

The Busy Bee children visit Garioch Gymnastics every second Thursday during term time, and Laura from Flashdance in Aberdeen also comes to see the children every Tuesday afternoon during school term time as well.

At the Wee Green Space, the older children continue to enjoy outdoor snacks, bug hunts and exploring the outdoors. We have enjoyed walks to the centre of Kintore to visit the book bench, and we have also popped into the local shops! The children have loved the visits to the pond where they can view the wildlife.

The Busy Bee room visited the *Gonks of Gardenshillock* - searching for fairies, gonks and gnomes in an amazing outdoor space - inspiring us to develop our own mud kitchen area. The children explored the open space where there was a poly tunnel, story building kits, different gnome houses, and they read the *Gonks of Gardenshillock* book before they left to attend the trip. Great fun was had by all children and staff, and we would highly recommend a visit!

We continue to develop our use of loose parts and the different areas within the playroom - rotating and adding to each area weekly!



Kind regards

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