



## **Wee Rascals Too Newsletter - October 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to welcome all our new families who have started at Wee Rascals Too over the past few months. We have some returning families with familiar faces and some new!

Autumn has arrived with slightly colder weather, wellies on in the garden and the winter knits making an appearance!

### **Our Improvement/Action Plan**

Last term, we started our new Action Plan, which includes three action points, focusing on our new planning, our outdoor area/classroom, and staff training. Our plan is available to view within the hallway.

Recently, staff have attended outdoor training, returning with a new enthusiasm for the outdoors and a new set of skills! Karen has been keen to get the children learning real tool skills with our new wind-up drill and Japanese saw. Staff are sharing ideas and using a mentor/mentee scheme to teach one another!

The new planning is progressing well, and we look forwards to welcoming you to our Parent Partnership Meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November where you can learn more about it!

Parental Meetings will be arranged to review your child's focus week observations and Nursery Passports - these will be taking place during pick up time so that it is more convenient for you to attend.

Our poly tunnel is underway, and we are still collecting items for our outdoor classroom!

### **Staff Training**

Karen, Adele, Emma and Amber attended Outdoor Training at Oyne Primary School where they learnt to carve wood and use different tools which are safe for the children, as well as learn about storytelling outdoors! The feedback from the course was beneficial, and the staff are now looking to make wooden Christmas decorations with the children using the skills that they have learnt.

### **Charity of the Year**

We are looking for donations for our Christmas Fair - whether it be something for our raffle, the bottle stall or even something for the lucky dip! If you can't make it along on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, raffles will be available to purchase the week before! We have

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the Coffee Pod arriving to keep us cosy with teas and coffees, jewellery stalls, gift stalls, home bakes and so much more! We have our very own Santa's Grotto where you can book a space to visit Santa for £10 per family, receiving a photo and a small gift! We look forwards to raising a huge amount for Archie's Child Bereavement Services. ACBS offers their services free of charge within Grampian, Tayside, the Highlands and Orkney. The service supports families and professionals who are working with children. The charity recognises that every child is different, and believes that with additional support, information and guidance, all children and young people will manage their grief. ACBS supports children who have experienced bereavement no matter the relationship.

### **Parental Engagement**

Earlier this month I popped out an email to ask if any parents/carers would like to come along to nursery and share what they do within their workplace! We have a few visits booked, but we would love if anyone else could spare 30 minutes of their time to share what they do!

To also encourage parental involvement, I am looking to hold a Stay and Play at the beginning of next year, where you can come to nursery and spend time with your child, learning what they get up to within their nursery day!

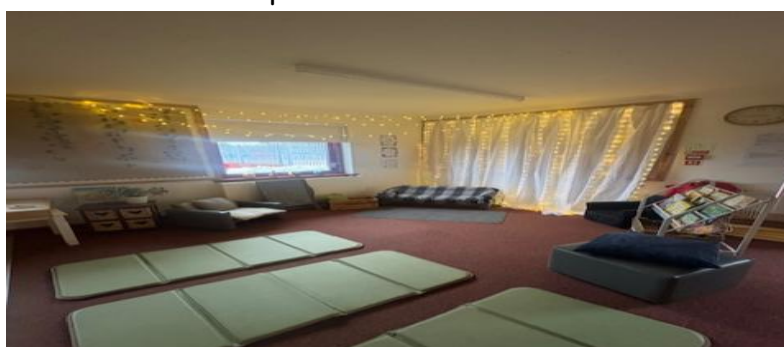
We are really enjoying getting home observations at Wee Rascals Too and a big thank you to parents for posting your child's achievements from home, and letting us know what you have been up to at the weekend. These help to create great talking points!

### **Outdoor Clothing**

Please ensure your child's clothing is all clearly labelled with his/her name to prevent items being mixed up or going missing! Please also ensure weather appropriate clothing is provided, along with your child's bag being well stocked.

### **Our Zen Den**

We have created a Zen Den area for the children to use, where they can relax and read stories in a quiet and calm environment, as well as take part in yoga and meditation. The children also love exploring the sensory area too! With lots of natural light and the fairy lights, it has created a calm atmosphere where children can reset and explore together.



## Learning Experiences

### Little Bunnies

The Little Bunnies have loved getting to know new friends who have joined us this term. During our 'All About Me' topic, the children learnt about families and their houses, and we created a new family wall for the children to look at.

For our Autumn topic, the children enjoyed making cinnamon biscuits, and they learnt all about nocturnal animals and the ones that hibernate. We made some lovely tuff trays promoting sensory, fine motor skills and sharing. The children loved creating orange scented play doughs and we went for some lovely autumnal walks to collect sticks, leaves and pinecones.

During our safari topic, the children learnt about patterns and textures, and listened to the sounds the animals make, and where they stay. We created a fantastic safari wall display within the room.

The Little Bunnies have loved exploring the outdoors, going for walks to the local shops, and they have enjoyed story time and song time with Rhyme Time from the Library. They have also participated in baking activities for their friends' birthdays.





### Busy Bee Room

The Busy Bee children focused on All About Me, discussing their family, favourite foods, hobbies, places to visit and colours! They have had discussions about their favourite hobbies, and we have made graphs to record different eye colours. There has also been lots of home building going on in the construction area using varied construction blocks and materials.

We then explored holiday destinations as so many children had been away over the summer holidays, and it was great for them to share their experiences!

In September, we had several children turn 3, and they loved celebrating their Birthdays at nursery alongside our Birthday Bear - we hope everyone enjoyed their special day!

As the leaves started to change colour, and the weather started to become colder with darker mornings, we learnt about autumn, exploring autumnal tuff trays - it was a great way for the children to explore their local community, collecting sticks, leaves and pinecones for their loose parts, even creating their own stick men with twine and twigs!

We have had lots of home learning observations submitted on the Interactive Learning Diary and we have loved following these up at nursery and strengthening the link between nursery and home!

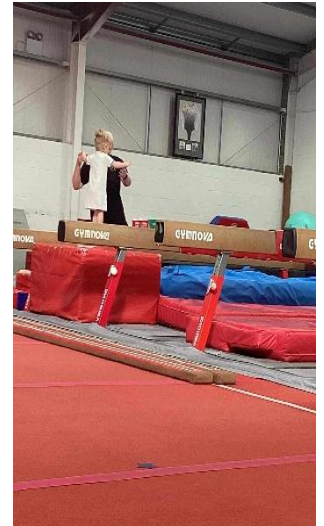
Alongside our visits to the Wee Green Space and attending Gymnastics fortnightly at Garioch Gymnastics, the children have also visited the Kirkwood Show home where they got to find out how a new house is built, starting with the foundations through to the final stages of choosing the furniture! The children have also enjoyed a visit from Kintore Library, where they participated in rhyme time and stories, and Laura our dance teacher from Flashdance has also returned after the holiday period to teach the children various dance moves!

Other events included children creating their own smoothies to have alongside snack, and they also enjoyed a recent Teddy Bears Picnic where they all came to nursery in their pyjamas!

One of the highlights from last term was a trip to Fedderate Woods where the children went fairy finding, toasted marshmallows, and participated in Pumpkin picking - each taking their own pumpkin home on the bus!

Finally, we need to mention that everyone loved creating Peppa and the three Pigs for our front door planter display - along with our Scarecrow bear!

See pictures below of all the fun the Busy Bees have had!



### Dates for the Diary

- ❖ Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Partnership meeting (Curriculum for Excellence) - all parents invited.
- ❖ Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre
- ❖ Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Pre-School Panto Visit to see Cinderella at His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen
- ❖ Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Pre-School Nativity
- ❖ Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Singing at the Care Home
- ❖ Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Trip to Playtown (2's and Ante Pre-School)



- ❖ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term and Christmas Parties
- ❖ We will close on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 6pm for the festive holiday period and re-open again on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 at 7.30am.

Kind regards

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