

LITTLE RASCALS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1181400

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06750544
Registered	2019-01-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY IS TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE IN WALES, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A PRE-SCHOOL.

Activities: Providing quality childcare at affordable prices to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age in a safe and stimulating environment. We aim to offer a child centred environment to meet the social, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional needs of each child.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Merthyr Tydfil

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£271,907	£255,262	-	-
2024-04-05	£225,862	£260,717	-	-
2023-04-05	£245,777	£234,400	-	-
2022-04-05	£174,590	£197,998	-	-
2021-04-05	£182,230	£141,843	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hannah Hughes	Chair	2018-10-18
Daniel Kellar		2024-12-02
karen roberts		2015-09-01

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**Annual Report
For the year September 2024 – July 2025**

After ending the term in July 2025, Little Rascals decided to close for the six weeks of the Summer Holidays in order to give all members of staff a well earned break.

September 2024 start numbers: Morning sessions high 20s with afternoons still relatively low at less than 10 per session. By January 2025, mornings were at their maximum of 24 per session, afternoon at maximum of 16 due to staffing ratios. Still waiting to begin Forest School as we have been waiting on fencing and gate works to be completed and still waiting for planning permission for the outdoor classroom.

The Cwtch (our setting for children with Social Communication Needs) start numbers, 6 per session in both morning and afternoons. Children attending have more complex needs. These 6 children will be with us for the whole academic year with no other children joining mid year.

April 2025, an exciting time for Little Rascals as we saw the opening of our dedicated outdoor preschool, Forest Friends. The fencing has been erected as well as the outdoor classroom. We are registered for eight children in the morning and eight children in the afternoons for three days a week. This has been very popular as has the Friday morning Parent & Toddler sessions in Forest School, with often well over 20 children attending with parents/grandparents.

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Management Structure ~ Hannah Hughes is a past parent who continues to be our Chair of the Committee. Karen Roberts, again a past parent, also continues to be our Treasurer. Myself as Secretary on the Committee, Manager for the Preschool.

Leadership and Management

Staff ~ Angie (myself) continues in a managerial role (behind the scenes) but am on occasions seen within the setting.

Lauren Oakley is the Room Playleader, working towards Level 5 in childcare and management.

Cally is our Deputy, working towards Level 5 in childcare and management.

Hannah, Level 5 is the room Leader of The Cwtch.

All other members of staff are qualified to Level 3

Anna who is also qualified to Level 3, returned to us after an extended maternity leave has taken on the role of Additional Needs CoOrdinator.

Links with Outside Agencies ~ We have had good links with all the receiving school of the children leaving us in July. A transition forum was arranged where Nursery and Head Teachers from the school receive the One Page Profile and Transition Document in person from our Leader and the children's development discussed. This year we have a good link with College with students attending to complete a Level 3 qualification. Other links include Early Years Wales, who support a substantial amount of CPD training, Cymryd Rhan who have supported with Business advice, EY Advisory Teacher, Health Visitors, Speech and Language, Barnardos, Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapist and The Flying Start team.

Training Undertaken ~ All staff continue to undertake mandatory training (every three years) and optional training (resulting in some closure days). Mandatory training includes: Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene. Staff also undertake their own Continuous Professional Development attending courses. Enhanced Support CoOrdinator and Leader attended regular forums. More training this last year has been carried out face to face.

Running Costs ~ This year's fees remained £15 as more children are now attending from Flying Start areas. Although we are based in the ICC, we pay rent and we receive no grant funding to support running costs. Flying Start funding has increased and this year which enables Little Rascals to remain sustainable.

Allergens ~ Little Rascals provides a daily snack for the children. The child's registration form informs us of any allergies the child may have. Regulations state that we must keep a record of all allergens in the food we provide. This is available upon request. A daily menu is displayed on the parent notice board and posted on our closed Facebook parents group page.

Fundraising/Grant Funding

This year it was decided to take part in Operation Christmas Child again – Christmas shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, although not as many boxes as in the past, we were very grateful for those received.

Food collection and toiletries for the homeless – this we did and all donations were gratefully received by the local charity

Children in Need

Red Nose Day

Little Rascals were successful in receiving capital funding from the Welsh Government towards:

Capital grant items – Big Garden shelter

Forest School Fencing and Outdoor Classroom

Forest School storage shed

Other funding supported Forest School sessions for other users at the ICC plus a weekly Parent & Toddler Forest School Group, which also ran for 4 weeks during the Summer holidays.

Educ8 – Training Incentive Scheme

Group Visits/Visitors

Careers Choice sessions
Role Play Lane
Mountain View Ranch
Colliers Farm
Cwmni Blodau Haul – song sessions
Ready Steady Music – music and movement sessions
Cross County visits to other settings

Achievements

Successful opening of the Forest School outdoor preschool – Forest Friends
Included in the Transition Project with Merthyr Council
Successfully refurbished the setting in line with the Curiosity Approach

Celebrations

Divali
Thanksgiving
Christmas
A.A. Milne Birthday
Chinese New Year
St. Dwynwen's Day,
St. David's Day
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Premises ~ The premises indoors continues to be in good repair. It continues to have calm, welcoming and warm atmosphere. Outdoors is well resourced to support children's learning. We also have use a large garden area with fixed play equipment and also the small play area with climbing equipment. The Forest School area is resourced using mainly natural resources.

Parking ~ This is a real difficult issue for the centre who have tried in vain to ensure the safety of children coming to and leaving the Preschool. At no time should parents park on double yellow lines, on the pavement or in the disabled bays. Parents are also asked be mindful of travelling to and from the car park at a safe speed. As we and the Centre have a duty of care, we must ask that parents do not leave children in cars unattended at any time.

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REP ALN	1,440.88		
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Cwtch (Education) Wages Reimbursement	80,403.33		
Milk Reimbursement WFRU	912.80		
Resources Reimbursement	3,197.50		
Grants/External Funding	47,422.85		
HMRC SMP	7,919.67		
Staff training reimbursement	7,212.00		
Total Income			271,907.41
Expenditure			
Wages		(183,031.19)	
Pensions		(6,114.66)	
Tax & National Insurance		(18,266.38)	
Rent		(17,305.38)	
Admin		(239.00)	
Legal and Professional		(1,450.00)	
Hygiene		(521.59)	
Milk Purchases		(1,097.60)	
Snack		(1,079.02)	
Craft Equipment		(168.51)	
Educational/Play Equipment/Resources		(12,202.72)	
Trip Costs		(690.00)	
Bank Charges		(60.00)	
Fixed Assets/Buildings		(12,774.00)	
Revolut Card Carry Over		(262.44)	
Total Expenditure			(255,262.49)
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September 2023 start numbers. As in the past, September always begins with numbers as nearly maximum in the mornings, but with afternoons as usual, running under 10 per session. Throughout the year, with the increase in Flying Start funding in many more areas within Merthyr, our number steadily increased to almost maximum both morning and afternoons.

November 2023, we had our ESTYN and CIW inspection, report published in January 2024.

After Easter, we began discussions regarding opening a bespoke dedicated Little Rascals Forest School, Preschool, with the aim to beginning in September 2024.

New Assessment Arrangements began in September 2023 and we are now fully using the Curriculum for the Non Maintained.

The Cwtch, our setting for children with Social Communication needs, start numbers were 4 children in the mornings, who would have been due to have gone to Greenfields Special School, but as they were full the children were accepted into Little Rascals. January 2024 saw us receiving a further five children in afternoons into the Cwtch, with one of the morning children attending Greenfields Special School. After Easter, a further two children started with us in the Cwtch.

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We have an up to date, July 2024, Self Evaluation Report and CIW Quality of Care Report. We have also put together a Development Plan for September 2024 to July 2025.

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Leadership and Management

Staff ~ The setting is managed by myself with the support of two umbrella organisations Cymryd Rhan and Early Years Wales. The main room has a Leader and Deputy, who are both Persons in Charge with CIW, the Leader is qualified to Level 5. As is the Leader of The Cwtch.

All other members of staff are qualified to Level 3, we have a dedicated Additional Needs CoOrdinator and all staff take on various roles and responsibilities.

Weekly Themes/Planning ~ We continue to plan for children's learning and experiences based on weekly themes. Photos of these activities are posted on the Facebook Closed Group Parent page weekly. We also have a public page showing these activities, but there are no pictures of the children. We are now working within the New Curriculum for Wales and enjoy giving the children authentic experiences in which to learn through play and play based activities.

Children's Progress ~ All children are allocated a keyworker. Within the first six weeks of them starting in Little Rascals, the child's keyworker will have arranged to meet with the parent to discuss assessments that have been carried out over the six weeks and the children's next steps. At any time the child is with us, parents are more than welcome to arrange a meeting with their child's keyworker to discuss progress or at the beginning and end of each session if parents wish to know, the keyworker will be available to inform of progress or about how the child's day has been. All staff are happy to talk to parents so at any time parents can feel free to talk to any member of staff about their child's day. At time of the child's transition to school, a One Page Profile is completed, which is discussed with the parent and is then sent to the school the child is attending. Wellcomm assessments, which assess children speech and language skills and understanding, are carried out throughout the year and again, at transition, these assessments are shared with the receiving school. A weekly online learning journal, through the App SeeSaw, is shared with parents about their child's progress and development with accompanying photos.

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Running Costs ~ Very few parents are now fee paying as the majority of children access the Flying Start funding. Even so, we continue to strive to provide affordable childcare for those that do pay. Unfortunately, with increasing costs, minimum wage and rent each month is a struggle to remain sustainable. Although we are based in the ICC, we pay rent and we receive no grant funding to support running costs. All incoming fees are our only source of income and all outgoings are taken from these. With the expansion of Flying Start, many more children were able to access 5 sessions for free but unfortunately the amount received by the setting has not increased in line with other costs increasing.

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Careers Choice sessions

Ready Steady Music

Cwmni Blodau Haul – music sessions

Achievements

Completed the Healthy Preschool's Certificate Level 2

Successful Inspection Report

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EY ALN	1,591.34		
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Grants	16,747.33		
EYGF and RRRs Grants	41,345.24		
Milk Reimbursement	1,099.69		
Education Reimbursement	54,348.88		
Reserve Account	10,000.00		
Total Income			225,862.18
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Wages		(161,937.46)	
Flying Start Enhanced Support wages		(2,075.70)	
Tax & National Insurance		(16,153.36)	
Pensions		(4,426.43)	
Rent		(14,948.19)	
Insurance		(728.71)	
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Hygiene		(670.18)	
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Craft Equipment		(2,372.63)	
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Phone Charges		(143.06)	
Bank Charges		(67.20)	
Uniform		(1,018.63)	
Grant Funding Spend – Outdoor Wooden Gazebo		(8,615.26)	
Trips		(2,769.00)	
Creative Project		(5,381.79)	
Fees Refund		(450.00)	
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Little Rascals Preschool Limited

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Little Rascals Preschool

Dated July 2023

**Annual Report
For the year September 2022 – July 2023**

After ending the term in July 2023, Little Rascals decided to close for the six weeks of the Summer Holidays in order to give all members of staff a well earned break.

September 2022 saw Little Rascals returning with numbers of children attending reasonably low, but with the forthcoming Flying Start expansion due it was expected that numbers would increase, which by July all morning sessions were at maximum with only a few sessions available in the afternoons. Although there would be occasional cases of Covid 19, none had any impact on the running of the setting. An exciting time for Little Rascals was going to be the opening of 'The Cwtch'. This is a second smaller room within the ICC supporting children with Social Communication Needs where school places are not available. Children from the age of 3 years would be attending from the start of the Spring Term 2023. The room Leader and myself were in meetings to discuss which children would be attending the room, what support would be needed and any training. In January 2023 we saw 6 children attend morning sessions and 6 in the afternoons. Although, children are given the opportunity for free play and the usual craft activities and sensory play, interventions are put in place to support children's communication, attention and listening skills and language development. By the end of July 2023, 16 children from The Cwtch transitioned into either mainstream, LRB units or a School based Early Intervention Class. Little Rascals main room also saw 16 children move on to main stream school.

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Leadership and Management

Staff ~ Angie (myself) continues in a managerial role (behind the scenes) but am on occasions seen within the setting.

Sarah Mathias is the Room Playleader

Lauren is our Deputy

Hannah who has now completed her Level 5 is now the room Leader of The Cwtch.

All other members of staff are qualified to Level 3: Tara, Denise, Ceri, Cally, Kali, Ellie, Sarah McCarthy and Natalie are qualified to level 3.

Anna who is also qualified to Level 3, returned to us after an extended maternity leave has taken on the role of Additional Needs CoOrdinator.

In May this year, we welcomed back an old member of staff Becca, who is also a Level 3.

Weekly Themes/Planning ~ We continue to plan for children's learning and experiences based on weekly themes. Photos of these activities are posted on the Facebook Closed Group Parent page weekly. We also have a public page showing these activities, but there are no pictures of the children. We are now working within the New Curriculum for Wales and enjoy giving the children authentic experiences in which to learn through play and play based activities.

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Links with Outside Agencies ~ We have had good links with all the receiving school of the children leaving us in July. A transition forum was arranged where Nursery and Head Teachers from the school receive the One Page Profile and Transition Document in person from our Leader and the children's development discussed. This year we have a good link with College with students attending to complete a Level 3 qualification. Other links include Early Years Wales, who supported funding from the Arts Council for Wales, for the setting to develop children Creative Arts through Music and Movement, Cymryd Rhan who have supported with Business advice, EY Advisory Teacher, Health Visitors, Speech and Language, Barnardos, Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapist and The Flying Start team.

Training Undertaken ~ All staff continue to undertake mandatory training (every three years) and optional training (resulting in some closure days). Mandatory training includes: Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene. Staff also undertake their own Continuous Professional Development attending courses. Enhanced Support CoOrdinator and Leader attended regular forums. More training this last year has been carried out face to face.

Running Costs ~ This year's fees increased £15. We continue to strive to provide affordable childcare but with increasing costs, minimum wage and rent, it was necessary to increase our session costs. Although we are based in the ICC, we pay rent and we receive no grant funding to support running costs. All incoming fees are our only source of income and all outgoings are taken from these. With the expansion of Flying Start, many more children were able to access 5 sessions for free.

Allergens ~ Little Rascals provides a daily snack for the children. The child's registration form informs us of any allergies the child may have. Regulations state that we must keep a record of all allergens in the food we provide. This is available upon request. A daily menu is displayed on the parent notice board and posted on our closed Facebook parents group page.

Fundraising/Grant Funding

This year it was decided to take part in Operation Christmas Child again – Christmas shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, although not as many boxes as in the past, we were very grateful for those received.

Food collection and toiletries for the homeless – this we did and all donations were gratefully received by the local charity

Children in Need

Red Nose Day

Little Rascals were successful in receiving capital funding from the Welsh Government towards:
Capital grant items – Kitchen Area within The Cwtch
Large Wooden Shelter in Forest School Area

Other funding supported Forest School sessions for other users at the ICC plus a weekly Parent & Toddler Forest School Group, which also ran for 4 weeks during the Summer holidays.

Arts Council Funding – Creative Movement

Keep Wales Tidy – Wild flower garden area

Educ8 – Training Incentive Scheme

Group Visits/Visitors

Careers Choice sessions

Role Play Lane

Mountain View Ranch

Cwmni Blodau Haul – music sessions

Louby Loo Storytelling

Sticks & Stones – Forest School session

Achievements

Successful opening of the Pilot of The Cwtch – for children with Social Communication Needs

Included in the Transition Project with Merthyr Council

Forest School Leader Level 3 completed course training

Celebrations

Diwali

Thanksgiving

Christmas

A.A. Milne Birthday

Chinese New Year

St. Dwynwen's Day,

St. David's Day

World Book Day

Mother's Day
Easter
King's Coronation

Father's Day
Independence Day

Premises ~ The premises indoors continues to be in good repair. It continues to have calm, welcoming and warm atmosphere. Outdoors is well resourced to support children's learning. We also have use a large garden area with fixed play equipment and also the small play area with climbing equipment. The Forest School area is resourced using mainly natural resources.

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Angela Samuel
Manager/Secretary

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Grants	11,379.40		
EYGF and RRRs Grants	90,031.42		
Milk Reimbursement	795.43		
Reserve Account	10,000.00		
Education Reimbursement	22,595.72		
Total Income			245,777.25
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Wages		(132,439.12)	
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Tax & National Insurance		(7,945.02)	
Pensions		(3,410.58)	
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Photocopying/Admin		(419.27)	
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IT Equipment		(1,237.00)	
Uniform		(467.89)	
Bank Charges		(91.02)	
Staff Welfare & Training		(2,211.55)	
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Revolut Card Carry Over		(159.78)	
Total Expenditure			(234,400.19)
Surplus Funds to Carry Forward			11,377.06
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Looking back over the year, staff have felt it has been a difficult year as many of the children have struggled with socialising, boundaries and routines. We have seen a lot of children with fewer speech, language and communication skills. We have had many children needing enhanced support, but have been fortunate to have the staff to take on this support for the children. The academic year ended very positively with many gifts given to the staff from parents as a thankyou for everything they have done for their children.



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Lauren continues to be part time deputy, with the support of our full time deputy, Hannah who has now completed her Level 5. Hannah has also taken on the role of Enhanced Support CoOrdinator.

Tara, Denise and Ceri are qualified to level 3. Sadly in December a member of staff moved on to pastures new where she was able to access full time employment.

Anna who is also qualified to Level 3, returned to us after an extended maternity leave in May.

Kali and Ellie, level 2, continue to work towards Level 3.

In January, a new member of staff, Sarah McCarthy, joined our team and has begun her Level 3 qualification.

Then in March, another new member of staff, Natalie, joined us with much experience in childcare and Level 3 qualified.

Weekly Topics/Planning ~ We continue to plan for children's learning and experiences based on weekly topics. Photos of these activities are posted on the Facebook Closed Group Parent page at the end of the week. Due to Covid 19 guidelines, we have not been in a position to ask parents to come into the setting to support these topics.

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In the past we have completed workbooks and children's development profiles, going forward there will be a change to this. Parents will continue to receive a workbook with the child's work in, but we have now set up an online learning journal called Seesaw, which gives weekly photographs and development information to parents.

Links with Outside Agencies ~ This year the Leader has had some good links with the following schools: Abercanaid, Caedraw, Troedyrhiw, Helogerrig, Ysgol Y Graig. In the past we have also had good links with Merthyr college supporting students and work experience. Other links include Early Years Wales, Cymryd Rhan, Business Wales, EY Advisory Teacher, Health Visitors, Speech and Language, Barnardos, Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapist and The Flying Start team. Due to Covid 19, we have had essential visitors into the setting mainly, but on occasions other visitors to the outside area.

Training Undertaken ~ All staff continue to undertake mandatory training (every three years) and optional training (resulting in some closure days). Mandatory training includes: Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene. Staff also undertake their own Continuous Professional Development attending courses. Enhanced Support CoOrdinator and Leader attended regular forums. Most training this last year has been carried out online.

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Red Nose Day

Photograph commission - this was not carried out by an outside agency due to not being in a position to have visitors to the setting. Instead we took our own photos, which were then sold to parents. Photos were taken at Halloween, Christmas, St. David's Day and Graduation

Christmas Concert and Fayre, where the children's Christmas artwork/decorations were sold to raise funds for the Preschool - again this did not happen due to Covid 19 regulations

Little Rascals were successful in receiving capital funding from the Welsh Government towards:

Capital grant items - Kitchen area within the setting

Internal decoration and carpeting
Intercom

Hampers:

Cleaning products and PPE
Messy Play
Stationery
Equipment

Building Society
Outdoor Wet Weather Clothing

Funding from other organisations included:

Educ8 - Training Incentive Scheme

Group Visits/Visitors

A pet lamb
Bee Keeper
Kittens

Achievements

Sharing expertise - Attention Autism
Selected to meet with Estyn regarding LA inspection

Celebrations

Divali
Thanksgiving
Christmas
A.A. Milne Birthday
Chinese New Year
St. Dwynwen's Day,
St. David's Day
World Book Day
Mother's Day
Easter
Queen's 70th Jubilee
Father's Day
Independence Day

Premises ~ The premises indoors continues to be in good repair. We were fortunate this year to receive funding to update both the indoors and outdoors. Indoors, internal painting of the walls and ceiling took place, as did the woodwork. A new kitchen area was installed, new carpet and new blinds. We were also fortunate to receive funding to update equipment, furniture and resources. The setting now has calm, welcoming and warm atmosphere. Outdoors, we received funding and purchased sand/water play, mud kitchen and physical equipment for gross motor skills.

Parking ~ This is a real difficult issue for the centre who have tried in vain to ensure the safety of children coming to and leaving the Preschool. At no time should parents park on double yellow lines, on the pavement or in the disabled bays. Parents are also asked be mindful of travelling to and from the car park at a safe speed. As we and the Centre have a duty of care, we must ask that parents do not leave children in cars unattended at any time. On arrival and collecting children at the end of the session is now at the main gate. Again, this is why we stress safe speed and adhering to parking. Previous to Covid 19, children were brought to and collected at the entrance door, but as we were not in a position to keep parents 2 metres apart, we continue to bring and collect children from the main gate.

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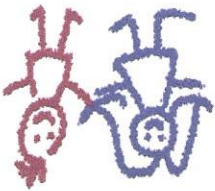
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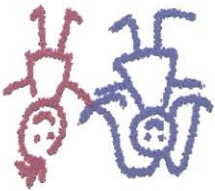
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EY ALN	16,541.43		
Childcare Offer ALN	4,297.27		
Other Wages in/Training/SMP/SSP	10,563.43		
Job Retention Scheme	33,089.33		
Fundraising	0.00		
Grants	23,377.85		
Milk Reimbursement	535.67		
Total Income	174,590.79		
Expenditure			
Wages	(91,655.16)		
Pensions	(1,983.65)		
Flying Start 1:1 wages	(16,541.43)		
Tax & National Insurance	(8,301.49)		
Rent	(6,601.05)		
Insurance	(701.92)		
Photocopying/Admin	(2,498.59)		
Early Years Wales Membership	(0.00)		
Hygiene	(908.48)		
Milk Purchases	(568.90)		
Snack	(1,125.39)		
Craft Equipment	(2,008.25)		
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Income			
Parent Fees	32,208.71		
Flying Start Fees/Funding	10,480.86		
Early Years Fees/Funding	10,341.17		
Early Start Fees/Funding	15,521.58		
Childcare Offer Fees/Funding	13,633.55		
Flying Start ALN	3,999.94		
EY ALN	16,541.43		
Childcare Offer ALN	4,297.27		
Other Wages in/Training/SMP/SSP	10,563.43		
Job Retention Scheme	33,089.33		
Fundraising	0.00		
Grants	23,377.85		
Milk Reimbursement	535.67		
Total Income	174,590.79		
Expenditure			
Wages	(91,655.16)		
Pensions	(1,983.65)		
Flying Start 1:1 wages	(16,541.43)		
Tax & National Insurance	(8,301.49)		
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Dated July 2021

Annual Report
For the year September 2020 – July 2021

September 2020 saw Little Rascals Preschool children returning for the first time since March. The academic year started a little worrying with the uncertainty of Covid 19 still about. Staff were anxious, but all risk assessments were carried out, the setting was split to encourage children to play in smaller groups and a meeting to discuss hygiene, procedures and the running of the group helped to settle staff who quickly became keen to get back into something as 'normal' as we possibly could. Numbers of children on role were about 50% lower than previous Septembers, understandably, parents still had concerns about Covid 19. Staff remained on the Government Furlough scheme, hence supporting them financially where numbers being low, staff working hours were lower. December saw an increase in Covid 19 cases, and Little Rascals closed early for the Christmas break. As schools remained closed in January 2021, staff had childcare issues, therefore Little Rascals remained closed until February half term. Throughout the Spring and Summer terms we saw an increase in children attending, and with no cases of staff or children contracting the virus we were feeling more confident about everything returning more to normal. Unfortunately, in the penultimate week before the Summer Holiday, we had a positive case and had to close for 10 days of isolation. In the last four days of term, staff were incredible in completing transition documents to be sent to schools, end of term assessments were completed with the data being sent to the Local Authority and children's workbooks and graduation photos were completed to ensure the children's time in Little Rascals would be remembered fondly.

The following information includes the annual running of the setting:

Regulatory Procedures ~ Little Rascals is a Company limited by Guarantee but not for profit, with Charitable Status. Little Rascals continue to run within the CIW guidelines on ratios of 1:4 children who are 2 years old, 1:8 with 3 year olds providing children with quality care. We are CIW registered, our last inspection was in May 2018 (report online). Little Rascals are also registered with ESTYN as Early Years Education providers providing your children also with quality education (last inspection 2015 report online). Being ESTYN registered provides parents of children, in the term after their third birthday, with part funded places. Also, for eligible parents we can provide 30 hours per week of Education and Childcare if the child does not attend school. Little Rascals is also registered as a Flying Start setting, allowing children in the term after their second birthday free access of up to 12.5 hours per week.

17th March, 2020 would have seen us being inspected by both ESTYN and CIW in a joint inspection. Unfortunately, on 16th March, we were informed that this was not going to go ahead due to Covid 19. We are still awaiting information as to when our inspection will next go ahead.

Management Structure ~ Hannah Hughes is a past parent who continues to be our Chair of the Committee. Karen Roberts, again a past parent, also continues to be our Treasurer. Myself as Secretary on the Committee, Manager for the Preschool.

Staff ~ Angie (myself) continues in a managerial role (behind the scenes) but am on occasions seen within the setting.

Sarah is the Room Playleader

Lauren continues to be part time deputy, with the support of a new full time deputy, Hannah who is working towards her Level 5.

Leah moved onto a new position in another setting, which would give her opportunities to complete her Level 5 qualification.

Tara, Denise, Ceri and Becca are qualified to level 3.

Anna is on extended maternity leave but is planning to return to us some time in 2022.

Kali and Ellie, level 2, working towards Level 3.

Jess is qualified to Level 3 and was our Additional Learning Needs Co-Ordinator, sadly she was head hunted and took up a place working within a Special Unit within a local school and will not be returning to us in September.

Weekly Topics/Planning ~ We continue to plan for children's learning and experiences based on weekly topics. Photos of these activities are posted on the Facebook Closed Group Parent page at the end of the week. Due to Covid 19 guidelines, we have not been in a position to ask parents to come into the setting to support these topics.

Children's Progress ~ In normal times, this is the process: All children are allocated a keyworker. Within the first six weeks of them starting in Little Rascals, the child's keyworker will have arranged to meet with the parent to discuss assessments that have been carried out over the six weeks. After this, at the end of each term until the child leaves, parents will receive a written progress report. Also, parents more than welcome to arrange a meeting with your child's keyworker to discuss progress or at the beginning and end of each session if parents wish to know, the keyworker will be available to inform of progress or about how the child's day has been. All staff are happy to talk to parents so at any time parents can feel free to talk to any member of staff about their child's day. At time of the child's transition to school, assessments will be again carried out and the keyworker will arrange to discuss these with the parent and a transition document completed and signed is then sent to the school the child is attending.

In the past we have completed workbooks and children's development profiles, going forward there will be a change to this. Parents will continue to receive a workbook with the child's work in, but we will be looking to set up an online learning journal called Seesaw, which will give weekly photographs and development information.

Links with Outside Agencies ~ This year the Leader has had some good links with the following schools: Abercanaid, Caedraw, Troedyrhiw, Trelewis, St. Iltyds, Cyfarthfa and Gwaunfarren. We also have good links with Merthyr college supporting students and work experience. Other links include Early Years Wales, Cymryd Rhan, Business Wales, EY Advisory Teacher, Health Visitors, Speech and Language, Barnardos, Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapist and The Flying Start team. Due to Covid 19, we have only had essential visitors into the setting.

Training Undertaken ~ All staff continue to undertake mandatory training (every three years) and optional training (resulting in some closure days). Mandatory training includes: Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene. Staff also undertake their own Continuous Professional Development attending courses. ALNCo and Leader attended regular forums and Senior staff attended marketing training. All training since March has been carried out online.

Running Costs ~ This year's fees increased by 50p to £13.50. We continue to strive to provide affordable childcare but with increasing costs, minimum wage and rent, it was necessary to increase our session costs. Although we are based in the ICC, we pay rent and we receive no grant funding to support running costs. All incoming fees are our only source of income and all outgoings are taken from these. This year due to Covid 19 the Welsh Government supported us towards some Revenue costs.

Allergens ~ At the start of the academic year we asked parents to provide a healthy snack for each of their children. After Easter it was decided to return to Little Rascals providing snack. The child's registration form informs us of any allergies the child may have. Regulations state that we must keep a record of all allergens in the food we provide. This is available upon request. A daily menu is displayed on the parent notice board and posted on our closed Facebook parents group page.

Fundraising/Grant Funding

This year it was decided to not take part in Operation Christmas Child - Christmas shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse due to Covid 19

Food collection and toiletries for the homeless - this we did and all donations were gratefully received by the local charity

Children in Need

Red Nose Day

Photograph commission - this was not carried out by an outside agency due to not being in a position to have visitors to the setting. Instead we took our own photos, which were then sold to parents. Photos were taken at Halloween, Christmas, St. David's Day and Graduation

Christmas Concert and Fayre, where the children's Christmas artwork/decorations were sold to raise funds for the Preschool - again this did not happen due to Covid 19 regulations

Little Rascals were successful in receiving capital funding from the Welsh Government towards:

Capital grant items - Outdoor equipment
Gazebo
Playhouse
C-Touch Screen

Cleaning products
Art and Craft equipment for blended learning
Outdoor Wet Weather Clothing

Funding from other organisations included:

Co-Op - Outdoor gardening area
Awards for All Wales - Funding support for Additional Learning Needs Co-Ordinator
Moondance Foundation - Towards rent
Economic Resilience Fund - Towards running costs
Educ8 - Training Incentive Scheme

Group Visits/Visitors

No visits this year took place.

Celebrations

Divali
Thanksgiving
Christmas
A.A. Milne Birthday
Chinese New Year
St. Dwynwen's Day,
St. David's Day
World Book Day
Mother's Day
Easter
Father's Day
Independence Day

Premises ~ The premises indoors continues to be in good repair but we are looking to freshen up the paintwork in the near future. The immediate outdoor play area has been updated including chalkboard, painting easel, corner bench, book rack, sand tray and storage station. We have also installed a large covered gazebo for outdoor learning and a new playhouse with furniture. The large garden area had been developed with fixed play equipment, a water wall and a mud kitchen and kept in good repair. It is planned to remove the Willow Dome and Planter, with plans to install a small outdoor classroom.

Parking ~ This is a real difficult issue for the centre who have tried in vain to ensure the safety of children coming to and leaving the Preschool. At no time should parents park on double yellow lines, on the pavement or in the disabled bays. Parents are also asked be mindful of travelling to and from the car park at a safe speed. As we and the Centre have a duty of care, we must ask that parents do not leave children in cars unattended at any time. On arrival and collecting children at the end of the session is now at the main gate. Again, this is why we stress safe speed and adhering to parking. Previous to Covid 19, children were brought to and collected at the entrance door, but as we were not in a position to keep parents 2 metres apart, we continue to bring and collect children from the main gate.

Safeguarding ~ The external gate is locked and access is only able if a member of staff releases the lock. There is always a member of staff on the door at opening and closing of sessions. This member of staff is there for the safety of no children leaving without a parent with them. If parents would like to ask about their child's day, we ask parents to speak to a member of staff within the room. The Centre have also stressed, that in order to safeguard other children, at no point should parents take their own children to use the toilets. We ask parents to ask a member of staff. Also, if a child enters preschool with a pre-existing injury, we ask parents to let a member of staff know. We have also asked that parents now put coats and bags on the mobile rail to avoid children following through the door to the entrance hall. The exit button and handles have been raised to enforce the safety of the children. Little Rascals continue to conform to the General Data Protection Regulations. Annually, Little Rascals review their Safeguarding Policy and complete the Local Authority Safeguarding toolkit and actions from it are carried out. Where there are concerns for a 'child at risk', staff have contact details for MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) for advice and/or action. Termly Risk Assessments and Fire Risk Assessments/drills are carried out, July 2021 sees Little Rascals in a position of looking forward to reopening in September where Covid 19 risk assessments are being put together to support the safe return of children to the setting.

Facebook/e-mail ~ Little Rascals are on Facebook: Little Rascals Preschool Closed Parents' Group and also Little Rascals Preschool public group for information purposes only. This last year LR have put photos of children on Facebook (with parents' permission) of the weekly activities the children carry out based on the topics. Should you wish to contact the Manager/Leader via e-mail the address is [littlerascalspreschool@live.co.uk](mailto: littlerascalspreschool@live.co.uk)

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff in Little Rascals for all their care and education they continue to give to the children. I would also like to say thankyou to all parents who support the playgroup in many ways, especially our Management Committee who carry out their role unpaid and for the support of the Preschool.

Angela Samuel
Manager/Secretary

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Childcare Offer Fees/Funding	8,372.16		
Flying Start ALN	1,447.84		
EY ALN	12,330.58		
Childcare Offer ALN	3,007.67		
Other Wages in/Training/SMP	8,642.08		
Job Retention Scheme	58,351.53		
Fundraising	0.00		
Grants	56,216.16		
Milk Reimbursement	231.25		
Nest Pension Reimbursement	60.62		
Total Income			182,229.98
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Wages		(103,138.60)	
Flying Start 1:1 wages		(1,447.84)	
Tax & National Insurance		(6,360.43)	
Pensions		(1,291.08)	
Consumables		(300.00)	
Photocopying/Admin		(364.96)	
Rent		(7,042.06)	
Early Years Wales Membership		(60.75)	
Insurance		(1,275.55)	
Play Equipment		(18,281.49)	
Craft Supplies		(315.59)	
Hygiene		(1,285.68)	
Milk Purchases		(341.70)	
Phone Charges		(336.80)	
Total Expenditure			(141,842.53)
Surplus Funds to Carry Forward			40,387.45
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