



WOW

BSO





About us

We are a team of experienced professionals who have been trained in the different programs and hold the requirements to work with children.

Our teachers are passionate, creative, proactive, flexible and team workers who adapt easily to each group and keep a positive attitude.

WOW Family Center opened its doors in 2023 in Amsterdam. A place where we offer different high quality educational programs for kids and families.

From child-parent classes for babies and children up to 4 years old to camps and afterschool clubs for children aged 4 and older.

WOW BSO is a small-scale, homely new BSO in Amsterdam South (border Rivierenbuurt and De Pijp). This unique BSO is based on different programs offered in the WOW Family Center, where the child's development is central.

Creative, free-flow art sessions in the studio inspired by Little Makers (Reggio Emilia's approach), hands-on science experiments based on Mini Professors and various music, gymnastics and dance workshops in our gym. We offer a stimulating and inviting environment where children can develop and discover where their talents lie.



Learn through PLAY

For us, the BSO does not only stand for Buitenschoolse Opvang, Afterschool Care, but rather for Buiten Schoolse Ontwikkeling, Afterschool Development. Children learn through play.

Play, climb and build in our gym. Crafting, designing and creating in the atelier. And of course, playing outside every day. Our workshops alternate with free play moments as well.

We believe that a program that is designed with this variety of structured high-quality workshops along free play forms the ideal combination for a playful and development-oriented after-school care setting.



Our program



**Creativity
& Art**



Science



**Music &
Dance**



Gym

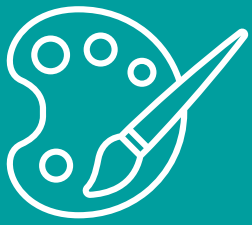


**Outdoor
Play**



**Free
Play**





Creativity & Art



Little Makers is about empowering young minds with the self-confidence to shape the world, tackle life's challenges with creativity and joy, and realize the value of their ideas and self-directed creations.

We encourage children to experiment at their own pace, following their interests and emphasizing the importance of the creative journey rather than just the end product. There's no right or wrong!

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Process Art Workshops

Process art focuses on the act of making, experimenting, and discovering, rather than the art product itself. Children use exploration to discover new materials, techniques and tools along open-ended proposals.



**Little Makers
foster divergent
and creative
thinking, helping
children explore
multiple
perspectives and
find unique
solutions to
problems.**





Workshops in the program

Our BSO program is designed following our approach and values, creating weekly projects with a wide variety of open proposals.

Painting



Original painting projects that include action painting, print making, cooperative art and many other ways to use paint with unusual fun tools.

Tinkering



Children use a variety of tools to make mixed media collages, build 3D structures, sew or experiment S.T.E.A.M activities with loose parts.

Modeling



Children learn and use different modeling techniques, making playdough from scratch, building with natural clay and experimenting with their hands.

Cooperative Art

Our cooperative art projects aim to encourage children to work together in a big installation. This set up includes often cardboard boxes and plenty of loose parts to build, create and decorate with.

This project encourages children to move freely and explore different perspectives.





Science



Mini Professors is the award winning science programme, inspiring a new generation through our interactive classes in schools, nurseries, in parent and child classes and in your own home.

Our theme tune's opening line is 'Science is all around us', this reflects the ethos of the classes and encourages the children to think about and to explore the world around them. Children have a thirst for knowledge and can understand scientific principles explained in simple terms with fun experiments in which they can touch, see and hear to help them understand.



We feel that all children have a great thirst for learning from a young age and therefore, should be given every opportunity to develop and learn new skills and wonder at the world around them.

Benefits of Mini Professors program

- Life skills: We actively encourage turn taking, socialising, sharing and answering questions.
- Each Mini Professors session lasts 1 hour and follows a set format so the children know what to expect next.
- Giving the children an opportunity to get involved in hands on experiments.
- Workshops designed to meet S.T.E.A.M. requirements.



Workshops in the program

We have selected a range of topics that are both interesting, challenging and have associated hands-on and demonstration experiments. Each sessions lasts 1 hour. The topics available include:

Chemical reactions
Dinosaurs
Solar System
Digestion
Flowers
Materials
Polar regions
Seasons
Spiders VS butterflies





Music & Dance

Musical experiences can make a huge difference to all areas of learning and development. Songs and action rhymes, playing instruments, dancing and singing are vital for the total development of the brain.

During our musical and dance activities children develop important life skills: socialization, emotional intelligence, body coordination, self awareness, team work, linguistic skills, self esteem and memory among others.

Playing musical instruments, dancing games, music exercises, playing with the parachute, rhythmic games, disco parties and many more fun and engaging dynamic activities!





Gym

Our gym offers a wide variety of great equipment for physical and fun activities on a safe place with soft floor. From big soft blocks, balancing props, hoops, yoga balls and mats, inflatable bouncy castle, slides, planks, ramp, jumping horses, huge inflatable ball and a XXL ball pit. The perfect room to let the steel out and have fun with the group!



After sitting many hours at school, it's important for kids to move freely and get in touch with their body. While music and dance are great ways to express themselves, relax and foster creativity, sports offer many other benefits (development of gross motor skills, self confidence, self esteem, social skills, wellbeing).





Outdoor Play



We go outside no matter the weather! To the playground, a walk in the neighborhood or to the farm, children will have the chance to play outdoors every single day. It's important they experience the seasonal changes, nature and free play.



Free Play

At our BSO all the workshops we offer are on a voluntary basis. There always is the option for free play time instead. Besides the daily workshops we also offer plenty of unstructured free play time for all kids. Just as the workshops have educational benefits, so does free play. Where the children can follow their own wishes and interests and play with materials they choose.

We offer a rich environment with many different materials to play with. From traditional toys (kapla, lego, magnets) to loose parts.



Free Play



Building projects



Reading corner

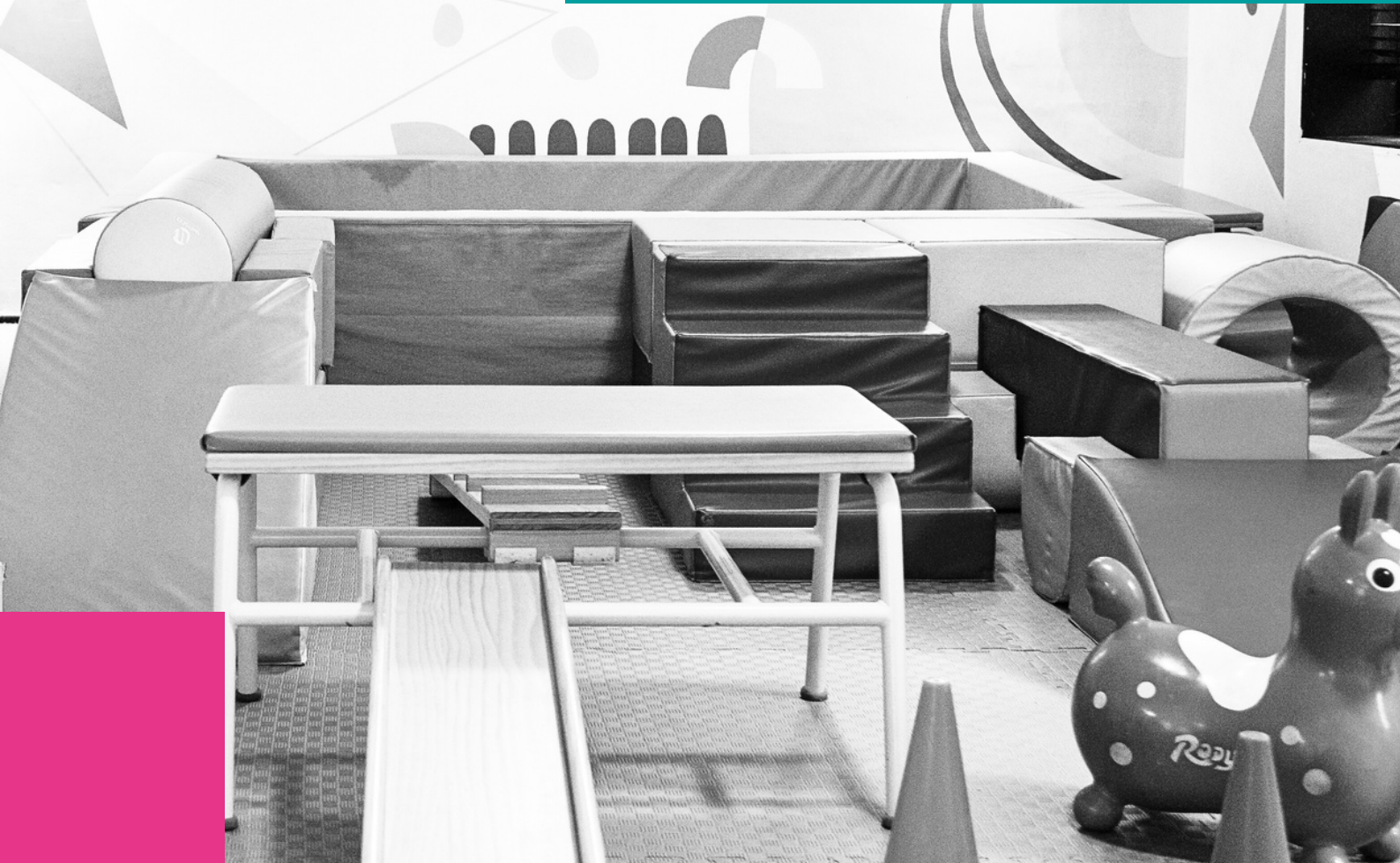


Indoor playroom



XXL ball pit

The Gym & Playroom



The Atelier



Our location



The Little Café

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BSO Policies & Reports

For more information about our Safety and Health Policy: [click here](#).

For the Pedagogical policy plan: [click here](#).

For the GGD report: [click here](#).

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