

School Readiness Event Evaluation

Queensgate Shopping Centre April 18th and 19th 2017

Effective Partnership Working:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A broad range of services participated to make this a successful event: PCC, Vivacity, NLT, Barnardos, Spurgeons, Family Action, CPFT (Health Visitors), City College, Family Information Service. • Over the 2 days a high number of children & parents accessed the information, advice & activities. 725 books were given to young children. 92 Environmental Print Trails were completed. The Barnardos and Bookstart Bears provided entertainment for the children. School Readiness Leaflets were given out. • All partners involved talked positively about the 2 days and the value of working in partnership. Professionals were able to signpost parents/carers to the most appropriate support. See additional sheet for comments.
Timing and Media Coverage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 days worked well, especially as set-up was very early and packing away had to be after the Centre closed. Linking with the Primary Offer day worked very well. Each partner being responsible for bringing resources and coordinating staffing & activities worked very well. • Social media was an effective mechanism to publicise the event. • BBC Radio Cambridgeshire attended and recorded an interview that was broadcast on the first morning of the event. • Peterborough Telegraph published an article with Councillor Holdich in the photograph.
Range of activities to support children's development & learning prior to starting school included:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • storytelling; • playdough activities; • mark-making & threading; • turn-taking games & senses game; • book-making; • sorting & matching and early number activities; • environmental print trail. • Alongside books for children.
Even better if:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate time slots for story-telling sessions using a range of providers • Other partners to be included e.g. representatives from schools / preschool / Nursery providers / parental participation e.g. Family voice, Community Connectors. Discuss at School Readiness Steering Group whether this is feasible and how to decide representatives • All partners take responsibility for dissemination & communication across their wider service. • Promoting event across more services.
What Next?	<p>Discuss how to evaluate impact e.g. possibly repeat School Readiness Surveys in September 2017 and 2018. SA to investigate whether smaller school readiness events across the localities could be organised over the summer to dovetail with the Pop-Up Shop idea. This would keep the momentum going over the summer holidays. Link with other events & Local Serve areas.</p>

School Readiness Event: Parent/Child Comments

- I liked colouring the shark and making the hat best. By Elizabeth 10 years; my Brother did too.
- Thank you for having this excellent event. My girls loved it!
- Great idea for having this event. Kids really enjoyed. Have a good time.
- Thank you for having this very enjoyable event for children. They were really happy to do some drawing and other nice activities.
- Family from Egypt very keen to learn about our childcare as theirs is very formal. Took the playdough recipe.
- Parent repeated an activity at home last night and came back for second day.
- Lovely event, children really enjoyed it. Lots of craft activities on offer. Staff extremely friendly and informative. Lots of ideas to take home. Thanks
- Great idea for the children but especially new school starters. Also given me ideas for play at home. Staff are so friendly.
- Childminder group shared they had a good time and they had got some good ideas to use for fine motor skills.
- Wonderful sessions. Our daughter loved interacting with everyone. Helped us know what to expect as well.

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- Lots of fun activities for children to play and join in with. Really friendly staff!
- We had a fab time, lots to do. My daughter enjoyed all of the activities - Thank you.
- A lot of fun activities to do, kids really enjoying it, they don't want to go home! Keep it up, well done.
- It was really nice to stumble across activities for the kids in Queensgate and my 3 kids really enjoyed themselves.
- Very well delivered, friendly polite, great for the kids. Well done Peterborough.
- Lovely activities for all the kids! Staff was great, thank you!
- Great idea for the children, lots of activities to do and take home. Everyone really friendly.
- We have had a great time making books, crowns.
- My friend came yesterday and told me to come along because it's great.
- I saw it on Facebook.
- I heard about it on the radio.
- I think I saw it in the paper.
- Your initiative is amazing.
- Very well delivered, friendly and polite staff.
- This is good. I did not know what to do with my child before he started Nursery when I came to England four years ago.
- As a teacher at a Primary School, thank you this is brilliant.
- One parent came with her 5 children on day 1. She said she'd come to go shopping but hadn't done any as her children wanted her to play with them, so she did. Mum and children said they were coming back again on day 2.
- Parent: "I'd not thought of threading pasta as an activity with my child. I'll do that again now."
- Parent: "I can't believe something as simple as matching socks would be so beneficial to children about maths, and no cost, just things you have at home."
- Parent (EAL) - "I going to take pictures and do trails at home."
- Parent: "I am going to put a washing line up at home in the garden at my child's height and let her help put the washing out, we can match socks, pants and clothes discuss colour and similarities."
- One parent came on day 1, they walked past today and her son was pointing and wanted to come over again.
- Parent/Childminder - Fab set up of things to do for children getting ready for school and for older children too. Fab book corner. Staff spoken loads to the children too.
- As a Manager of a pre-school, I love how you've shown how some things that don't cost a lot can be so educational.
- Childminder spoke with Early Years team member ref referring children for speech and language therapy.
- Great for the kids. They loved it.

