



SHOWCASE EVENT : 22ND September 2018
Ennis, Co. Clare



Comhairle Contae an Chláir
Clare County Council





EXPLORING
AND THINKING



WELL-BEING



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What did you as a parent learn from today's event?

Letting children have the time to be creative with everyday objects....use more things from home

I will make more hands on time and activity with my children. Going back to basics



Text Box

Parents need to give the right environment and equipment to children so they can flourish and grow

The importance of free play and sensory play and messy play and also using free available things you find at home and outside the house for playing

What did you as a parent learn from today's

event?

Kids can be creative with the simplest of things..... encourage play instead of controlling it

The really are learning so much as the play. It really hit home today seeing them do it. Learning doesn't start at primary school...its way before then



Text Box

Lots of play and do without the expense... fabulous event!

Play can be done with anything. The importance of playing together



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Are there any other parent/child events you would like to see in the community?

I really loved this event. Loved how it was not too busy and manic so the children had the time to explore and really play....lovely how the same play experience could be shared by my two children of different ages 1 & 3 years old. They both really enjoyed it. As a parent it was wonderful to see my children interact with the experienced childcare workers. Huge thank you. Fantastic event. Great for the whole family to get involved. I would love to see more events like this and would gladly pay towards it. No more soft play centres please!!!!

Ye hit the nail on the head with this. More more more!!!!

Exercise with toddlers would be fun.

Please run this again. More of the same.

Bring this outdoors. An outdoor play event in nature



Text Box



The event was very well run and the volunteers were knowledgeable and helpful. My son is nearly 9 months so initially I wondered if he'd get much out of it. Well he loved it, he explored everything, interacted with everyone and would have spent hours there.

It would be great to see events like this on a regular basis as we only explored 2 areas in the hour and he was starting to venture further.

I enjoyed the volunteers information on what skills he was using and how certain items helped developed certain skills. Since the event he has been playing with household items and his toys have become redundant. I plan to introduce more items as the week goes on.

Thanks for the opportunity to attend the event.

Parent















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ENTITLY CHANGING











PLEASE
NO FOOD OR
DRINKS
ALLOWED
IN HALL
THANK YOU

Aistear
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

Well-being

Aistear describes children's learning and development using Four Themes. Well-being is one of these Themes.

Aistear's Theme of Well-being is about children being confident, happy and healthy. (See pages 16-23 for the full text on Well-being.)

challenge and motivation



respect and care



resilience

Aim 1
Children will be strong psychologically and socially.

Aim 2
Children will be fit and healthy and fit as they grow up.

Aim 4
Children will have positive outlooks on life.

Aim 3
Children will be creative and sporty.

determination

choices and decisions

fit and healthy

Aistear Toolkit
The online Aistear Toolkit provides a range of resources including video clips, tip sheets, information sheets, and podcasts to help you use Aistear in your setting. You can find the Toolkit at www.ncca.ie/aistear toolkit



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What the Early Years Educators had to say.....

“Being a part of this day was an amazing opportunity for us as practitioner’s to actually show parents what we mean when we say children learn through play. We collaborated with parents and children to create fairy wands, space monsters, sensory bottles and beautiful transient art with material found in our environment and in our homes.

In doing this we got to point out that the children were learning about shapes, colours, size, weight and maths but that they were also problem solving, working together and using their imaginations all of which are valuable skills needed by children in the early years of their learning journey.”

Maxine Ryan. Clare Family Resource Centre

What the early years educators had to say.....

“ The best feedback from parents in our section was about the original homemade things like the community road book and stove and then about all the simple homemade resources, the ‘home corner’ and variety of leaves and nature resources.

From a personal learning viewpoint, I found all the parents were so enthusiastic and so willing to be on the floor engaging with their child- I would love to invite parents to play in this way in Kincora Kids”

Roisin O’Neill – Kincora Kids

What the early years educators had to say.....

“The day was so relaxed and no one was rushing which makes a change from day to day life.

This we felt was invaluable in getting a wonderful message across that when you ask your child what they did today in crèche and they say “played” that parents understand that play really and truly is the work of the child. It was so much fun for us to see parents getting involved in the creative side of the day”

Theresa Costello - Clare Family
Resource Centre

A big thank you to the Explore Play Learn team
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