

Feedback from the 2019 'Have Your Say About Beauly Nursery' Questionnaire

Staff would like to say thank you to those who took the time to complete and return the parent questionnaires earlier this term. Out of a total of 28 issued, 4 were returned. All comments have been taken into consideration. We like to use the results from the questionnaires to improve and shape the future of the Nursery.

We asked the following questions:

1. Would you like to be more involved in the life of the Nursery? If so, how?

The responses we received were:

No – happy as it is.

2-3 different opportunities to join the Nursery day ie classroom, outdoor. I recently helped on an excursion which was a great opportunity to see my child where he didn't need me.

If needed I would be happy to help.

Nursery response – Overall parents appear happy with the level at which they are involved in the life of the Nursery. Please remember that parents are welcome at any time and feel free to speak to staff if you would like to arrange to come in.

We aim to keep parents informed of what their children are involved in at Beauly Nursery as much as possible and our Nursery Blog is updated weekly for parents to access, where we post some photos and information about what the children are learning.

2. An overview of our weekly plan and snack menu are displayed on the noticeboard in the cloakroom and on the school website. Which do you access most?

The responses we received were:

Cloakroom.

I generally check the one in the cloakroom.

I use online at start of week and reference one in Nursery when picking up and dropping off.

School website.

Nursery response – As parents are using both the noticeboard in the cloakroom and the school website to access the weekly overview and snack menu, we will continue to use both places to display these.

3. What experiences does your child enjoy at Nursery?

The responses we received were:

Playing with friends. Role play.

He loves being outdoors and playing with peers.

Garden – looking after it and the planting. Mobilo. Painting.

Painting, Nursery garden, trim track.

Nursery response – It is great to hear that the children appear to enjoy what is on offer in Nursery. We are continually trying to enhance the quality and variety of learning experiences on offer, especially outdoors. The children enjoyed visits from Ross County Little Dribblers, enabling

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them to take part in a series of football coaching sessions. During our Science Week we had a visit from an entomologist who provided age appropriate activities which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We hope to invite Michelle from Hustle Tots for sessions of various music and movement activities, as this has proved very popular in the past.

4. Nursery staff are available for informal daily discussions, parent open afternoons and provide the opportunity for you to share-a-session. Which do you feel is of most benefit to you and your child?

The responses we received were:

Informal daily discussions.

I like that we can chat to staff at drop off times, it feels relaxed. For child's progress and portfolio, I think the parent/teacher interviews give the opportunity for more in-depth discussion.

Both. It's nice to be able to have a quick chat about any problems/questions and feedback, but also to get one to one time to hear about child's progress.

Parent open afternoons.

Nursery response – We are very fortunate to be able to have informal discussions with parents/carers on a daily basis to share information. Although parents are welcome at any time, we will continue to offer parents the opportunity to share-a-session as well as having parent open afternoons during the academic year. Parents can also make an arrangement to speak to staff members at a mutually convenient time if they would like a one-to-one meeting at any time.

5. Would you like to see any different materials for your child? If yes, what?

The responses we received were:

No.

Lots of natural materials. I notice they have ground for bug hunting which is great.

I think there is a wide range of materials. I like the use of the outdoor spaces. Kids liked the codepillar and the mix of technology.

Nursery response – We try to make good use of the resources we have. We are continuing to add more loose parts both indoors and outdoors. All games and activities are age/stage appropriate and relevant to the children's learning and development. We strive to offer good learning experiences for all within our budget.

6. Do you find the Nursery mobile number useful?

The responses we received were:

Yes.

Yes, though it would be nice to know staff have received text.

Yes.

Yes.

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Nursery response – It is good to hear that the Nursery mobile number has been useful. Staff feel that parents are using it well. Unfortunately, due to cost, it is not possible to reply to these messages. Alternatively, we also now have a direct line to the Nursery which parents may use to inform the Nursery of absences only which will leave a recorded message for staff (Tel: 01463 784911).

7. We regularly send home Logan Owl learning sheets. Is there any other information you feel we could provide to help you support your child's learning at home?

No.

N/A.

Looking at overview lets me see what I can help with kids learning. It's just knowing if I am giving enough at the right level.

Nursery Response – The N4s have a development overview which staff complete by May each year. Staff use their professional judgement to assess each child's development in different areas. We must remember that all children have different learning styles and develop at different rates, so staff don't want parents to feel pressure if their child is not achieving success in a particular area at a specific time. The overview can highlight when children may need extra support in a developmental area. However, should staff have concerns about your child's development, please be assured that we will speak to you.