



Education Resources

Have your say – A blether and a natter

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A summary of the findings show 100% of the people who completed an evaluation formed agreed:

- The event is best held in the evening
- The venue and facilities were appropriate
- 89% agreed the event was a good opportunity for parents to meet and have their say
- 23% thought that the timings and pace could be better
- 100% enjoyed the presentation from the Executive Director on the important role parents have in supporting children's learning
- 94% found the wee blether helpful but requested more time
- 97% felt confident on sharing what they had learned with other parents / their school / family

Comments on the evening

- Good to meet parents from other schools, gather views / information
- Informative and fun. Good to meet new people and hear views
- Informative, fun and engaging event. Useful to hear other parents / school's views of parents in school.
- Very enjoyable, relaxed evening where engagement was high and the discussions were relevant and meaningful. I loved the fact that this evening facilitated discussions about very important partnerships in education.

What is parental engagement / involvement?

- Doing rather than watching
 - Taking part in school activities / PTA / Parent Councils / community events
 - Workshops for parents
 - Parents offering their skills to help the school and talents
 - Listening / questioning / discussing / offering advice and support / providing good examples / letting child try for themselves / doing things together
 - Engaged in community
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What is Family Learning?

- Learning together
- Taking an interest and active role in your child's learning and development
- All family can learn something by doing tasks together
- Parents' involvement (workshops
- Involvement of the whole family in an activity (numeracy, literacy, playing games, citizenship cooking, life skills)
- Parents into school / curriculum events
- Inclusive of extended family / friends / wider community
- Learn through children as family group
- Education in life's mundane chores – shopping etc
- Learning together – reading / projects / new projects

What Barriers Prevent You Offering your Support?

- Confidence that parent has something valuable to contribute, confidence in their own knowledge.
- Lack of communication from school/council.
- Cliques within PC's.
- Parents with Health issues
- Social Barriers/Language/Jargon.
- Family makeup situation.