

Middleton Park School Open Morning October 2015

Parental Feedback 75 returns

This Open Morning took part over three mornings and one afternoon and was an opportunity for parents to find out more about their child's learning. Each child chose three pieces of work to share with their parents. Parents were invited to give feedback. Parents who were unable to attend, were given the work home. All parents were invited to make separate arrangements to meet their child's teacher if they wanted to.

What was the most positive / interesting aspect of this Open Morning?

It is nice to see my child so settled in his classroom. It is nice to see all his work he has been doing so far. Discovering what the kids have achieved during the first term. Seeing how they interact with the other children in the classroom. Was very interesting and a valuable experience. I could see lots of my child's hard work at the classroom. You can see what is really going on. Getting to speak to my child's teacher about her progress. Seeing my child's work and seeing her enjoy showing us around and telling us how different areas are used during her day in school. Nice to see the classroom and things they have been working on. Our daughter loved showing all the pictures and stories on their Space project. Seeing the child's work and being able to comment. Seeing the work, working environment, progress on the wall. Observing computer resources and process in the room. Meeting the teacher and getting pointers on homework. Seeing kids work and speaking to teacher. It was nice to meet the staff / teacher. Was very nice for my son to show me his work - find this much better than parents' evenings as it gives him the chance to show me the work he is proud of. Having a chance to see all your child's work and taking time with your child. Great to see the children taking such pride over their work. Great to see the children taking such pride over their work. Seeing how much has been done in a short term. Remembering order of the planets. A great morning with interesting projects. Great to see my daughter's work from her own perspective and to see what takes pride in. Seeing how proud my son is of all his hard work. Super chance for the children to display their work. Nice to chat to staff. Having a little more space to look around. Great to see all the hard work the class have been doing. Really good to have the time to come in and see what my daughter is doing. I loved the tour of the classroom and having time to spend with 1 child. It was lovely to have the kids show us their work. I really enjoyed sitting with my daughter inc lass and seeing all her hard work throughout term. My daughter wrote a story about an Alien - that was amazing and I enjoyed hearing that. Loved seeing all the work they have completed and are working on. My son enjoyed showing work he is proud of. Really liked Space Adventure story. As I don't normally get to the Open Morning due to work, I really enjoyed seeing the work done by the pupils. They have worked hard and am very impressed by the Space project. Meeting the teacher and seeing all the work they do in school. Detail gone into space. Well done. Seeing the children's work. Good to see some of their work and teachers comments. Not as hectic as usual open mornings. Seeing work done in classroom. The opportunity to view the children's work within the class setting. Looking at all the things my daughter has been doing at school, and watching her face beam with pride as she showed me. It was great to see my son's work. He was so excited when showing what he has been doing. Seeing my daughter's hard work and how proud she is of everything and how well she is doing. All the work in the classroom was fantastic. Very well done to everyone. Very impressed with my son's work. I liked the opportunity to see and comment on my daughter's work. It was great to see the children taking pride in their work. Really delighted to see al the hard work that my son has done. Every piece of work had taken a lot of time, effort and thought. I am very impressed. Loved being talked through the P1 Learning Journey. Openness of school / teacher. Kids so excited to show parents their work in less formal format than parent /teacher meetings. Good to see the children's work and read their stories. Liked seeing the learning folders and the work my child has been doing. Enjoyed coming into school to see what children are working on and meeting teacher. Seeing what the children have been doing. The topic was interesting. Fantastic to have child show their own learning achievements. Relaxed and informal. With P1- great to see how much they have achieved in such a short space of time. The children were well prepared and really enjoyed showing and discussing their work. Loved seeing my girl's work. My son enjoyed showing his work. Great that kids all get positive comments from their parents written down. We come to know what is happening in the class. Children are happy to show their work. Looking at what my child has been doing and explaining what it is. Lovely to interact with kids and see their work and them being able to show us. Nice to be able to talk to teacher. Chance to sit down and go through what he has been doing in school without distractions of home. Love seeing all the

school work. Looking at all their different pieces of work. Seeing the work all children have done and getting to meet teachers. I loved being able to sit down and talk to my son about his work. It was a nice thing to actually see my son with his work and to let him show me everything he enjoys. Really enjoyed this. The teacher's comments were very positive. Showing how proud my son was when he showed me his work and his classroom. Good to look through the folder together. Great to meet my daughter's teacher and hearing feedback on her progress. Seeing all the great work the kids are producing. Seeing the progress P1 have made in a short time. The Learning Journey Folders were interesting and good to read. Was able to see my kid's classroom properly and to play games with him. I felt it was good for me to see how well my daughter had settled in. It was excellent for me to see how she is progressing and what is expected of her. Having a written note of things to do this time rather than just wondering about. Great to see my son's work and classroom wall displays. Reassuring that he is progressing. Tempted to join in Mental Maths! Great seeing what the children are up to. Getting to observe my daughter in the nursery and seeing what activities she enjoys the best. Seeing how all the kids play together and loved the information on the tables to help the children learn. Felt welcome and like a community. Good to have 5 minutes with teacher to discuss specific issues. Younger siblings could stay and play. Having time to look at the floor book in more detail.

Feedback from Mrs Watson

Many thanks for the detailed responses and we appreciate your willingness to help us try out a different way of conducting our first set of parent interviews. The comments are overwhelmingly positive and we felt that the pupils really enjoyed sharing their work and did feel very proud. The written feedback from parents on the post-it notes was obviously very much valued by our pupils.

What could we have done differently or better to improve our Open Morning?

Nothing really. Liked the open, relaxed atmosphere in the classroom and the opportunity for my child to show me their work. That's fair enough to have an open morning as it is. Everything was nice and interesting too. Thanks for taking interest and for the creativity. Nothing - it was great. I think it was all good. Worked very well, albeit a little hectic. No changes. Nothing - it was good! Nothing, got to see his work and still got feedback from teacher so all worked very well. Nothing as it worked well. Feel that at the start of term, not much to say about how getting on in parents' night but this way works. Was good just having P4 parents there - not sure if whole school will work. Nothing - everything was perfect. Very well planned. I would not change anything. Bit more notice. All went well. Thanks, everything was perfect. Everything was great as always. Same day or different week as other classes? I think it was all great. Not a lot as they have improved every year. There has been lots of hard work gone in. Well done. I felt I was rushed to get round 3 classes and couldn't spend as much time with time as I wanted. Maybe decide on an evening to help working parents. I was happy with my visit so nothing. It was brilliant, well done. Nothing, everything was perfect. Perhaps being shown more work. Can't think of anything. Everything was excellent. A bit nerve racking for P1 parents as not an appropriate forum to voice concerns. Perhaps the same format late afternoon / early evening. Really liked the Open Mornings, however missed the more formal start of new term - Parents' Evenings. Have separate times for speaking to teacher - maybe ten minute slots. Perhaps split up so parents with children in more than one class get the same time / less pressure. Nothing I can think of! Happy with how it is at present. Maybe start at 9.15 am - easier for working parents. Staggered visits more to see staff with child, although there were other opportunities for this. Happy with how it went. Nothing, found it very interesting and feel have got all the relative information needed. I think this was extremely well organised and presented and does not need improvement. If it could be from later on in the afternoon until pick up time, it would be easier for pick up and save upsetting the kids when we leave (PM Nursery). I thought it was a good, relaxed set up. Spoke to the weather man for a sunny day! Nothing - it was fab morning seeing what happens and the way that playing is learning. Nothing.

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A very small percentage of parents would have preferred the more formal parents' meetings with allocated ten minute slots. After discussion with staff, we feel this model for our first parents meetings was effective. We take onboard your very helpful comments and in 2016 / 17 we

will offer both an Open Morning from 9.15 am – 10.30 am and an Open Evening from 5.30 – 7.00 pm. This will give parents with more than one child the opportunity to come to two sessions, as well as helping our working parents. Open Mornings are set in the calendar for this year, but for Session 2016/17 we will ensure that they are not all on a Friday. At any time of the year, we are very happy to offer parents appointments to discuss their child's progress.

Are there any general comments you wish to make? What do we do well? What could we do better?

Welcoming and friendly school. The atmosphere was very friendly and welcoming. Great chance to view topics they are working on. Everything seems to be very organised and structured. Lots of interesting concepts - e.g. writing spelling words in sand. All very positive. Always make parents feel welcome. Lots to see. Keep the tips coming in terms of helping with homework. It's nice for the teacher to take time to talk to the parents. Found this interesting and positive. The only thing would be to maybe separate the days for classes so we can have more time. Very well set out classroom which was well prepared for the Open Morning. Great morning and continue to have them throughout the year. Send home example of how maths is done now at school - idiots guide for parents as it is so different to how we learned. We managed to get a worthwhile conversation with our teacher. There were also helpful instructions given from pupils when we arrived at the front door. It is nice to have a chance to speak to teacher at Open Morning. Could a space be opened up to parents after drop off to wait until 9.30 am. So many parents roaming ASDA! Really enjoyed it. Very organised, set up to see all the work in the class. Everything was good but I think some more space would be better to display. Enjoyed seeing classroom and work. Although I appreciate it might have been disruptive to the other classes, it was good to be the only class at the Open Morning, it wasn't too busy and noisy and I felt I had plenty time to see all the work. Could the day of the week be different each time for the Open Morning? It always seems to be a Friday (except for today). You teach all round aspects of what is needed in future years. I enjoyed the Open Morning but would still have preferred a more personal chat with the teachers - particularly as this is the final year before Academy. Great school, son doing well, dedicated teacher. Great communication with parents. Great, enthusiastic teachers. Great atmosphere. Well done. I thought everything was well thought out and very eye catching and so interesting. Great seeing all the children's hard work. I thought the Open Morning worked very well. Keep on doing what you're doing. Make us so welcome, thanks. Openness and ability to contact teacher / staff very good. Parents always feel they're in touch. Always good to get the chance to come in and see children's class / work. Communication is excellent. Feel I can easily raise any comments. Well laid out work ready for sharing. Pupils know what was expected of them. Thank you. My girls love school - they are both very happy here. Loved it, great idea. Well run and interesting. Always such a friendly school, teachers and pupils seem happy. I think splitting up the Open Mornings would be great as it is hard with 2 children to try and get through everything. If this is to replace a Parents' evening, maybe have an Evening Open Day for parents who work. Happy with the school. Great as always. My daughter loves the nursery. I think you do a great job, my daughter is so settled and just loves Nursery. Always made to feel very welcome in the nursery. The teachers are all lovely and very approachable and I feel I can ask them questions any time. You are all doing great making nursery fun place to be. Easy to talk to and always welcoming. You always make time to chat to us. Feel very involved in child's learning. I wonder if parents would benefit from short info sessions tackling topics like - 'How to help your child with numbers', 'How to help your child with early reading skills' - 15 minutes at the end of a nursery session with practical ideas for parents to take away. Great atmosphere. Always feel welcome. No, quite happy with how they have been run so far.

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As a staff we work very hard to have a genuine Open Door policy and hope that all parents feel they can contact the school at any time. We would far rather have a small worry discussed before it becomes a 'big' concern. We will also continue to send home Homework Tips either through our Class News, Newsletters or through Live Learning.