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Evaluation of Messy Play 2004

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**Evaluation for Messy Play**  
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**Aim:** Interacted session for parents and children 1-4 years of age. It is a structured arts and crafts session relating to the birth to three matters and early years curriculum.

The session is based on monthly themes, which since September have been:
- Where I Live
- Autumn
- Light and Dark

Each theme has a display done by the children relating to it. We have recently started giving crafts bags at the end of each session these relate to the activity that they have just attended.

**Evaluation results**

**Methodology**

Team members and a parent evaluator devised a questionnaire. This questionnaire was carried out in one session where 7 adults and 8 children attended. The event caters for up to 12 children. There are 4 parents who attend regularly.

**Results**
1. The evaluation recommends the session is on twice a week and should be extended to a 2-hour session.
2. The craft bags are an excellent idea and that the majority use them at home with other members of the family.

**Conclusion**

The parents and children think the session is excellent and would appreciate it to continue.

**Recommendations**

1. The programme to consider another session of Messy Play
2. Consider next evaluation to include cost studies
3. Consider methodology i.e. inviting parents evaluators to interview everyone attending group
4. Consider how to demonstrate individual child progress in group i.e. portfolio of work for record of achievement