

Parents' Evening Advice

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An alternative guide to helping your child!

Over the next twelve months we will be developing our wellbeing systems and our approach to ensure well-rounded children who can enjoy all aspects and areas of the curriculum. We often give out tips to help with reading, writing or maths...these remain very important to us as they are the key tools to accessing all learning and a bright future in the modern World! These 'alternative' tips will help to ensure that children enjoy learning and look after their own well-being whilst being considerate of others.

1. Teach your child that failure is a stepping-stone to success.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again... is the best way to increase their learning and develop their success in any field. Our mistakes can become marvellous mistakes which are the next step to success!

To do this children need to have two key traits: little fear of failure and the resilience to push through when they fail the first few times and get to the point where they become skillful.

2. Make learning an activity your child loves

Learning is a hundred times harder if it is seen as a chore. Make it as fun as possible.

Learning through play or enquiry are proven to develop more engaged and more creative learners. So if you can encourage a child to enjoy learning, then the rest is easy... or easier! The key is to set out with a positive mind-set.

3. Allow your child to follow their passion

It isn't possible to be good at everything. It's more important to be excellent at a few things and develop our weaker aspects gradually. Sports, music and the arts are a great way to develop a passionate hobby or interest that will last forever.

4. Ensure that adults are role models as learners

If we expect children to read or be active then we, as staff and families, need to model good habits around diet, reading, talking about our feelings, solving problems, etc. We want to encourage children to be open about their feelings and to support others when they need help. We, the adults, are role models who will shape the future of our children.

5. Involve games in learning as much as possible

Children love to learn through games. Games support our ability to recall facts under pressure and they teach us important social skills like listening, sharing and turn taking. We can also make them up in the car, during bath time or at the supermarket. Little challenges, memory games and questions can develop thinking and check understanding. One challenge is to think about short, medium and long term memory- can we set challenges that test our children on topics we haven't taught for a while as well as current learning?



Play is the highest form of research
- Albert Einstein

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