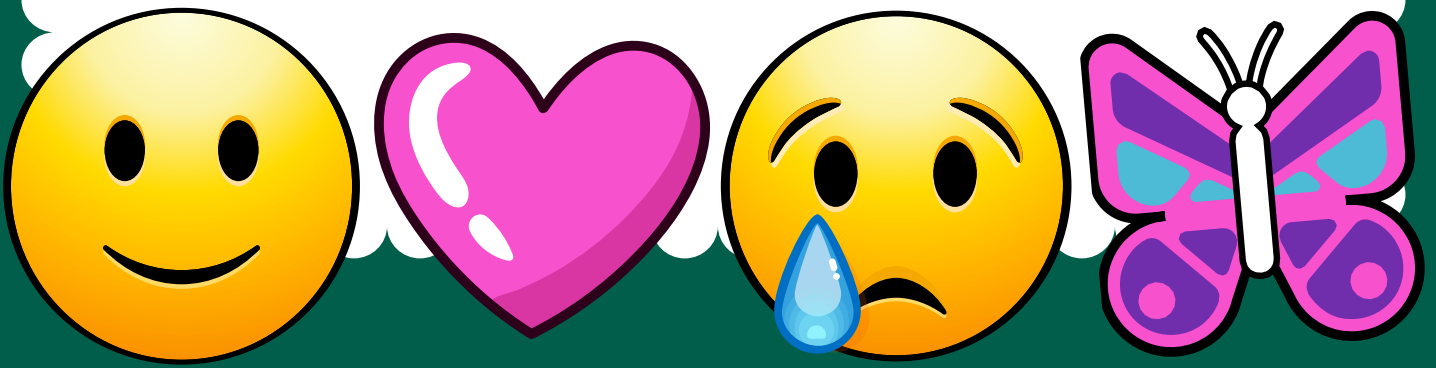


# What we discovered together

Thank you for taking part in  
our research in your preschool.



Curious Minds, Early Years Service, Co Mayo

Room to Bloom Preschool, Co Clare

Tír na nÓg Preschool, Co Longford

Traveller Visibility Group,  
Goras Community Childcare Centre, Co Cork

# To

One day, some visitors from Early Childhood Ireland came to preschool. They wanted to learn from the children — to find out what makes them feel happy, what makes them feel sad, what they love, and what they might like to change.

Together, this is what you and 22 other children told or showed us.



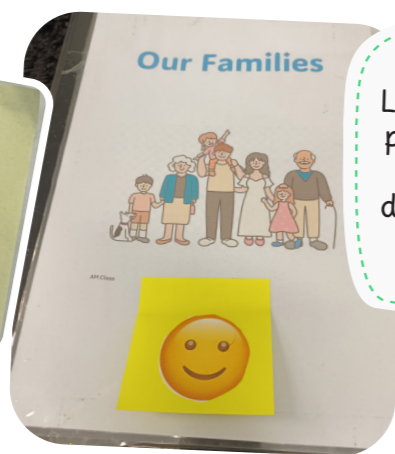
Everyone showed how much they love playing with toys - dolls, cars, horses and more!



Going outside made many children happy.



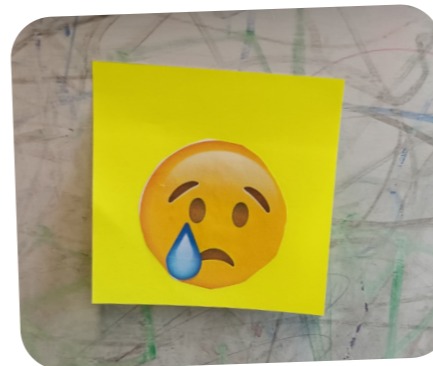
Aidan's heart for his mum



Lots of children said they love their preschool teachers and managers. They loved their mummies and daddies too. Seeing family pictures made everyone feel happy.

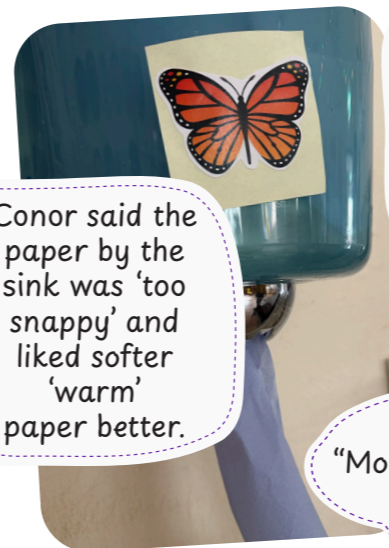


Lots of children looked happy when they came together in groups with their teacher — they sang songs, listened to stories and laughed together.



Sometimes, things happened that made children feel sad — like getting hurt or when someone took a toy away. But the teachers were always nearby to help.

## Some children had special ideas for changes:



Conor said the paper by the sink was 'too snappy' and liked softer 'warm' paper better.

Doirean wanted to change the red chair, to be like her chair at home.

"More sand!"



Finn didn't want anything to change. "I like it the way it is."

"A kitchen for the playground."

## What happened next?

The visitors went home and wrote a VERY long letter! It was full of the children's ideas and feelings. Your preschool manager listened to all the ideas. They promised to talk more with the children and make changes where they could.

That letter was sent to the adults who help make big decisions about preschools.

### The letter said:

Children told or showed us lots of things at preschool that made them feel happy.

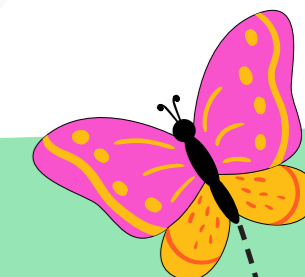
All the children looked happy and comfortable there.

One surprise was that most children did not talk much about their friends.

We hope that the adults listen to your ideas and help make other preschools happy places too — just like yours.

Thank you for taking part in this story.

From Carmel and Aoife



Dear parents and managers,

This story is for the children who took part in our research, so that they have feedback about what we found and what happened next.

We visited 4 preschools and met with 23 children from the Traveller community who told and showed us their views and experiences.

You can find more about the research here:  
<https://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie/research/>

We wanted to say thank you to the children and to everyone involved for making our research happen, especially the mummies and daddies, preschool managers, and educators - without you this would not have been possible.

If you have any questions or something you want to tell us about the research, please contact Carmel Ward at Early Childhood Ireland:  
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