

# What did you think of Playday?

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According to the Playday officials, this year was going to be the best Playday yet; so we decided to ask you for your thoughts.

From young to old, from stall holders to councillors we asked you all! We asked a parent of two young children on her opinion of the day so far: "We come every year and we always go to the Scrapstore (a stall using entirely recycled materials for children to create their own pieces of art and express their creativity); it's our favourite stall! We also love anything loud and noisy, that's why we're on the Music Maze."

Next we interviewed a stall holder: "I'm enjoying Playday very much. It is a good opportunity to meet new people and children. Also it's good for children to come and have fun! It is very important to make time to play because playing is the best thing about being a child!"

We then interviewed a seven year old girl who loved playing at the circus skills tent: "It is my first time at Playday and I am enjoying it! It is important to make time to play and have fun because you exercise and keep healthy and can spend more time with family."

We didn't stop there though! We wanted to get the opinion of some real officials - councillors!

**Why do you think Playday is successful?**  
Because everyone likes to play and in the summer the children get bored so these big events give children something to do, plus it's all in one place.

**Do you think children could benefit from**

**more free activity days similar to Playday?**

Yes, we have many more activity days planned but we really want to hear from what the children want to do because these days are all about children.

**How do you think Playday benefits children?**

Playing gives people the opportunity to do things with the family and you don't normally get to spend a lot of time with family so that is good! **(Alan McKenzie)**

**Why do you think Playday is successful?**

"Because of the employees who sit down and think up what to do and what children will enjoy and listen."

**Do you think children could benefit from more free activity days similar to Playday?**

"Yes, it would be wonderful if people could organise that. In each community there will probably be someone who will do that. But what we really need to do is listen and find out what the children want and that is what we haven't got right yet."

**How do you think Playday benefits children?**

"It benefits children because they can do something different and something they wouldn't normally get to do like the custard walk!" **(Christine Randall)**

In conclusion we think Playday has gone pretty successfully and we are sure most people would agree with that! **Bring on the next Playday**

