What makes me happy
Early Years Consultation May 2014

The Children's Society wanted to hear the views of young children, about what made them happy, sad and feel safe when they were attending their early years groups. This photobook presentation represents what children were saying about what made them happy.

We worked with staff in early years settings to support them to deliver photo workshops, enabling children to take photos of what made them feel happy, sad and safe. These photobook presentations are a documentation of what the children wanted us to see. Unfortunately we couldn't use every photo submitted, but this presentation forms the broad range.

All photobook presentations will be shared with Birmingham City Council as part of the Early Years Review.

We hope you enjoy seeing the children's photos and comments.
Looking for spiders

The big sand pit makes me happy

Watching tadpoles

Riding on bikes

Being outside

Trees make me happy
I like it when our flowers are growing

Flowers are beautiful they make me feel so happy

The slide the big slide

I’m happy when I’m outside splashing in puddles

Being outside
I am happy playing football. I want to play every day. I am good at scoring goals.

I like sand

I like water because the crocodiles come

Digging in the sandpit makes me happy

Being outside
Being outside

Climbing makes Alicia happy. She likes to climb high to the sky.

I feel happy when I play in the playground

We love to look for bugs at stay and play

Playing outside and jumping in muddy puddles

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Being outside

Playing bikes

Polka-dotted wellies

Climbing the tree in forest school

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Being outside

Playing in the mud pit at forest school
Being outside

Looking for creatures

Making dens

I like playing with boats

Playing on the blue slide

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Being with my brother at nursery

Chloe says kisses from mummy goodbye and hugs hello from Sue make me happy

I like riding with Pavan. That makes me happy

Holding hands

Being with other children and being with adults
Being active
It makes me happy when I’m building things. I like to build and fix things

Toys/resources
Building cars makes David happy
Making lots of noise
I love dinosaurs
Playing with trucks
Smiley face toy

Toys/resources
Danny says I am happy on the laptop

Charlie is happy to play with the cars

Elsie says playing with the cars makes me happy

Lucie says the slide is mine

Toys/resources
Aden pressed the parrot beak and it squawked, Aden smiled and signed happy

The climbing frame in nursery is so fun, it makes me feel really happy when I get to play on there

Nikhil says he is happy to play with lego

Toys/resources

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Playing with princesses makes me happy

Dinosaurs

Them toys

The house

Toys/resources
The nursery makes me happy

We all put our stickers on the happy face because we are happy at the toy library

Nursery/children’s centre/toy library
I don’t have toast for breakfast but that’s OK, I can have it at Nursery. That makes me happy.
Making choices

Being able to choose and ride a bike makes me happy

Jack says we should choose what to play with

Our consultation tree. Daisy said more playdough
Laison says I am happy I know numbers

Coming to Nursery makes me happy when I get to write and draw and make pictures with shiny things

Learning
Anvika says she is happy to wear the shoes from her house

I got this foam at home

Things from home
Being creative

Playdough

Making things

Using clay
Gruffalo watching us make pictures

Being creative
Animals

I feel really happy when I see the fish and guinea pigs, I love to look after them

I feel happy when we spend time with our school pet Muffin
Additional comments from children

‘I like playing at nursery with my friends outside.’

‘I like playing in the boxes cause you can be anything you want.’

‘I like painting a tree and a pirate cause that means you’re in the forest.’

‘I like being in workshop, doing things, everything.’

‘I like playing in water because I like splashing when it rains.’

‘I feel happy when I am with my keyworker.’
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