

# WE'VE GOT MAIL! 😊

PARENTS ON THAT MOMENT WHEN THEY REALISED THEIR LITTLE ONE WASN'T SO LITTLE ANYMORE.



The protective Big Brother



Once, at a playground, an older boy was being rough with my little girl. My son rushed over and used his body as a shield to protect his sister. This was the first time I saw him stand up to a bully. On another occasion, the buckle of her shoe came off. My son immediately bent over to fix it. These two incidents made me realise that my boy is a baby no more, but a responsible and loving older brother.

**Gloria Khoo**  
Mother of two,  
aged 4 and 2

I gave birth to my daughter in February 2016 and since then, my six-year-old son has had to wake up early to the cries of his baby sister. He fetches her diaper during nappy-changing time and helps to prepare her bath. She is now able to crawl and he follows her around the house, eager to be the knight in shining armour who "rescues" her from any would-be accident. I am proud to see him growing up and taking responsibility for his younger sibling!

**Angela Chong,**  
Mother of four, aged 11, 9, 6 and 1



After his bath, I was towel-drying my firstborn Jayden as I usually do before putting fresh clothes on him. But that day, he said to me, "Mama, I can dry myself and put on my own clothes." That statement jolted me and made me realise that he is more independent than I had thought. But as much as I am glad, a part of me feels sad because he is growing up so quickly. It was a bittersweet moment in parenting.

**Jasmine Mok**  
Mother of two, aged 5 and 2



Gloria's son with his sister

## JOB WELL DONE! ★

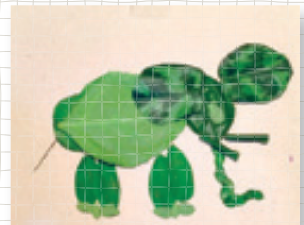
Some outstanding "Leaf It To Art" entries from last issue's Thrive: Play segment:



**Brandon Tan, 5**



**Trent Low, 5**



**Mihika Khanna, 3**

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