

# WE'VE GOT MAIL! 😊

PARENTS SHARE HOW THEY STIMULATE THEIR CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION.



Moving to their own beat



My daughters and I make musical shakers from recycled bottles. The girls use these when they move and sing to nursery rhymes. These simple instruments help them follow the beat and the rhythm. They even come up with their own creations of beats and movements.

**Faridah bte Md Sa'at, mother of two daughters, aged 5 and 2**



My son loves art and craft. We saw him cutting up coloured paper and placing the little pieces on the floor. At first, we wanted to tell him off for leaving a mess. But it turned out that he was creating a "rainbow snake" with the paper scraps (pictured). Very often, we are too quick to judge our kids. This limits their creativity. Instead, we should try to understand their actions.

**Luo Yu'en, father of a 3-year-old son**



Turning paper scraps into a snake



Playing with tangrams



My daughter loves playing with tangrams. I found that that tangrams are not only great for developing mathematical skills but also stimulating imagination. My daughter can spend hours at end just playing and creating shapes, and pictures of things around her — from a simple diamond to a duck.

**Normah Arshad, mother of a 5-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son**



## DRUM ROLL PLEASE!



We showed you how to make a handheld drum in the Jan-Mar 2018 issue and asked you to share your creation with us. Here are three of our favourites!



**Aarush, 3**



**Allysa Ng, 5**



**Ivan Soh Hao En, 5**

Photos courtesy of Faridah bte Md Sa'at, Luo Yu'en and Normah Arshad



## DEVELOPING A GLOBAL-MINDED CHILD

Tell us how you help your child understand and respect diversity and differences. Share your tips and strategies. Attach a photo with your anecdote and your submission may appear in the next issue of *Beanstalk!*



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