

WE'VE GOT MAIL!

Parents share their most fun and enriching outdoor experiences with their children.



When we brought our children to the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden, they were excited to see the vegetables that they eat growing in the garden. They learned about how long it took before the plants are ready for harvesting. We talked about how the length of time affects the price of vegetables — generally, the shorter the harvest time, the cheaper it is. It was an eye-opening experience for my boys as they explored the garden. The visit also helped them better appreciate their food, as well as the time and effort put in by farmers.

NEO QIUXIA, mother of two, aged 6 and 8



One of my son's favourite activities is sand play. Our family goes to the seaside or outdoor sandpit playground where he runs barefoot, touches and grabs the sand, or simply lies on it. It is great for his motor and sensory development, and of course, it is super fun! I strongly believe that playing with sand nurtures his creativity and imagination when he uses simple tools to dig holes or scribble in the sand.

CHOOI CHEE YEEN, mother of a son, aged 3



We believe in giving our children the opportunity to explore the outdoors because they learn new skills and experience new things. It also helps them to enhance their awareness of their environment. I find that my children tend to be more curious as I hear more 'whys' and 'whats' in their questions. Through this, we know that they are eager and active learners who are ready to learn through having fun outdoors.

SITI KHADIJAH IDRUS, mother of three children, aged 11, 9, and 4

FLOWER POWER



Some of you were inspired by the Teacher's Day craft in the Jul-Sep 2019 issue, and created your own bouquet for your teachers. Great job!



MIHIKA KHANNA, 5



TRISTAN LOH, 4



ANDRE LAM, 5

EASING TRANSITIONS

Parents, tell us how you prepare your child for a new experience. Whether it is joining a new preschool, graduating to the next level, or entering primary school, share your tips and strategies with us. Attach a photo of your child's new experience with your anecdote and your submission may appear in the next issue of *Beanstalk!*

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