

WE'VE GOT MAIL!

Parents share their approaches to help children embrace differences through their interactions with others.



Parents should allow children to freely interact and build rapport with others around us. Through this, we can help them be aware of differences and develop an open mindset. From an early age, my son Alexander was encouraged to greet neighbours and passersby on our daily walks and in shops. He now communicates with people across all groups more confidently. The future will be better if we are able to embrace differences and build trust from a young age.

NIKITA MONTEIRO, mother of a boy, aged 2



Alexander greets his neighbour, 'Uncle Ben'



Build on the inherent kindness in every child



Children usually identify the similarities they share with others before they pick out the differences. Sometimes, they may inadvertently disrespect someone due to a lack of knowledge about the other person's culture. Our role as adults is to help them understand that different traditions are important to different cultures. Trying to walk in someone else's shoes isn't easy, but children can be taught to accept and respect people for who they are. Kindness is inherent in every child, and we have to nurture it.

KELLY LIEW, mother of two, aged 5 and 3



One of the most important things to teach young children is the value of giving and sharing, especially in our multicultural world. We encourage our kids to donate money to charity boxes near their preschool and give food to the needy. By doing this, they learn to give back and show love and care towards one another, irrespective of race or religion. Sharing what they have with others will also help them to be accepting of others.

HINA NASEER, mother of three, aged 6, 4 and 1



Donating to charity teaches children the value of giving and sharing

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Parents, share with us what challenges or struggles your child experienced when starting preschool, moving to the next level or making new friends, and how you helped him or her with the transition. Attach a photo with your anecdote and your submission may appear in the next issue of *Beanstalk!*

Submit your story online at go.gov.sg/beanstalk-mailbag or scan this QR code.



SAY CHEESE!

We showed you how to make a photo frame for Teachers' Day in the Jul-Sep 2021 issue. Here are some of your creations.



SANVI SHARATH, 6



JACYN NG, 4



EUNSOO KIM, 5



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