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Curious Minds: Wonder, Inquiry & Innovation

What a fantastic month we have had at our OSHC! Over the past four weeks, children have embraced opportunities to learn through play, strengthen friendships, investigate new ideas and challenge themselves in new ways. From creative experiences and STEM investigations to sport, cultural learning and imaginative play, our OSHC has been filled with curiosity, kindness and laughter. It has been wonderful to see children confidently share their ideas, support one another and take increasing ownership of their learning.

Creating, Building & Exploring

Creativity has flourished throughout our program! Children have explored bee-themed artwork, Rainbow Fish craft, air-dry clay, colouring, collaborative art and construction using recycled materials. Our budding engineers have also been busy designing bridges, towers and other structures using everyday materials. Children tested the strength of their designs, made predictions and modified their ideas when structures did not quite work as planned. These experiences have encouraged imagination, fine motor development, persistence, decision-making and problem-solving while showing children that mistakes can become valuable opportunities for discovery.

Curious Minds in Action

Our Curious Minds program has inspired plenty of questioning, experimenting and investigation. Children became scientists while exploring the fascinating world of bees, asking questions about why bees make honey, why they have wings and the important role they play in our environment. They shared their own predictions before investigating the answers and extended their learning through bee-inspired art and a hands-on experiment to discover whether honey could be used to make playdough. Science continued through slime experiments and a heart-rate investigation, where children measured their heart rates before and after exercise and used mathematics to calculate their beats per minute. Across these experiences, children have been encouraged to wonder, predict, observe, experiment, problem-solve and confidently share what they discover.

Active Bodies, Teamwork & Wellbeing

Movement continues to be an important and much-loved part of our program. Children have enthusiastically participated in soccer, basketball, netball, gymnastics, tennis, pickleball, tag games, goalkeeping and a range of movement challenges. Our Commonwealth Games-inspired experiences extended this interest beyond physical activity, encouraging children to explore different countries, cultures, flags and sporting traditions. Children particularly enjoyed creating a Commonwealth Connector Chain and testing their knowledge through a flag quiz. Throughout our sporting experiences, children have demonstrated fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship, encouraging one another, practising new skills and creating or adapting games so everyone can participate.

Imagination, Friendship & Belonging

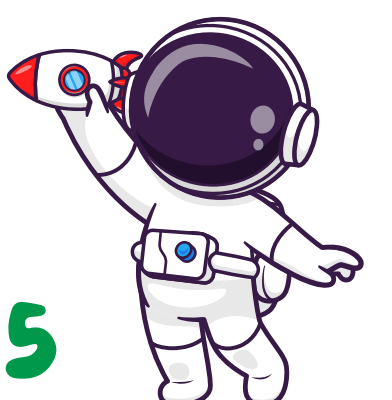
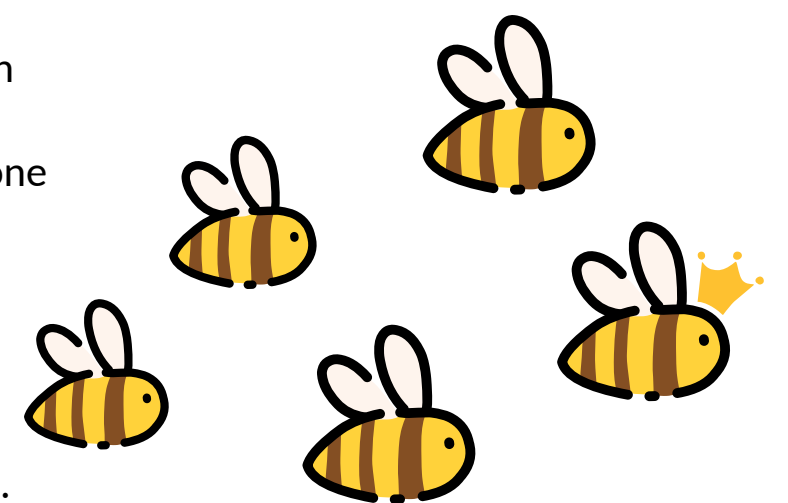
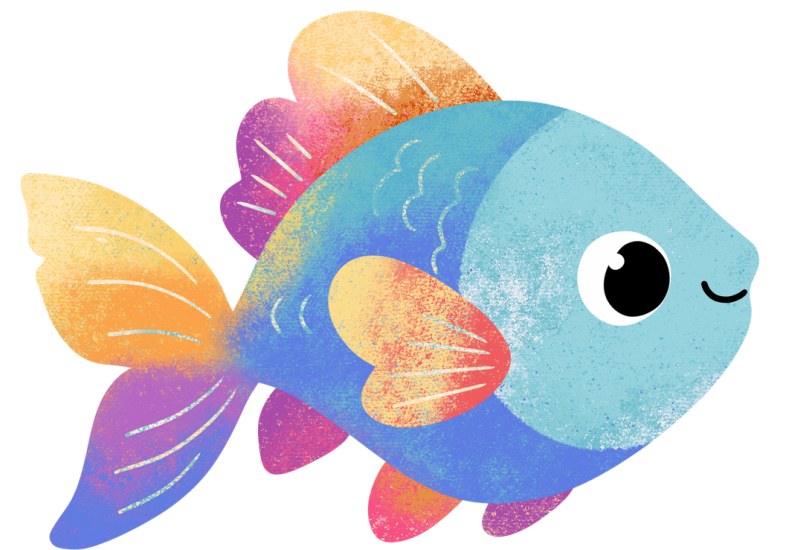
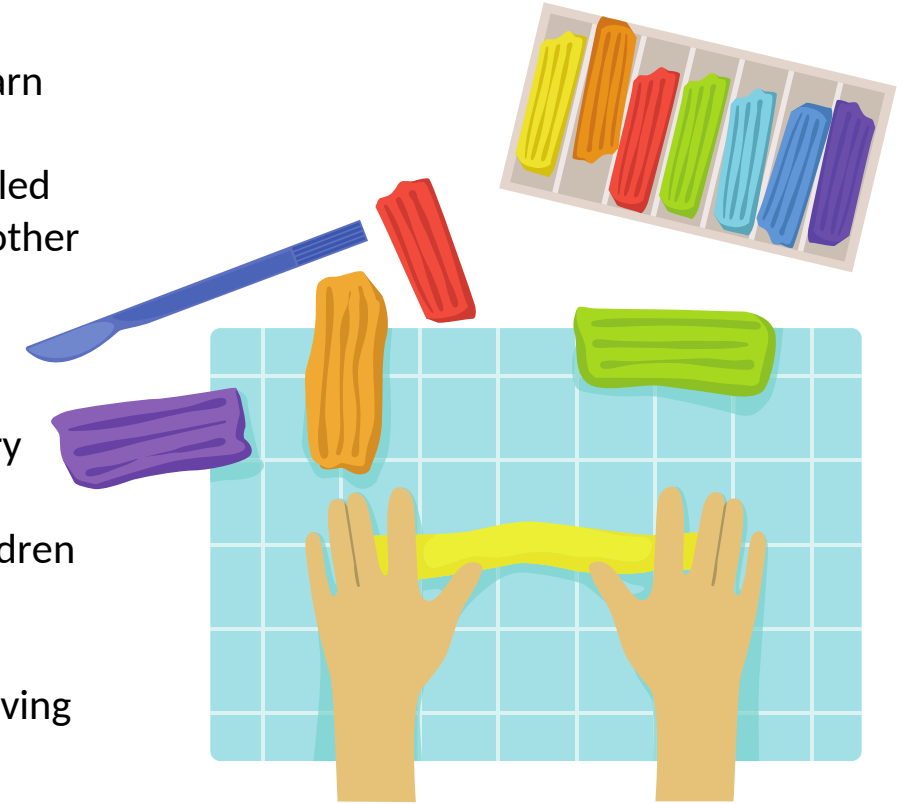
Imaginative play has led to some wonderful child-led experiences. Children have created cupcake and pizza shops, restaurants, businesses, cubby houses, dinosaur habitats, space adventures and their own characters and stories. These experiences have provided meaningful opportunities for communication, negotiation, leadership and collaboration. One memorable example saw a child independently create and manage their own pizza shop — developing a menu, taking customer orders and even creating a “Closed” sign when business finished for the afternoon! We have also loved seeing older children naturally step into leadership roles, helping younger children learn games, explaining rules, sharing resources and encouraging others to keep trying. These everyday moments help strengthen children's confidence, empathy, relationships and sense of belonging.

Celebrating Every Child

Across our program, we have celebrated our kindness champions, young leaders, sporting stars, creative artists, budding scientists, engineers, curious investigators, imaginative storytellers, team players, confident communicators and persistent learners. A particularly special moment occurred during a regular Connect 4 game between a child and educator. After building confidence through positive interactions and shared games, the child independently used verbal communication to respond to a question. It was a wonderful reminder of the importance of creating an environment where every child feels safe, supported, included and confident to communicate in their own way. Whether children are mastering a new sporting skill, helping a friend, asking a thoughtful question, rebuilding a structure or proudly sharing something they have created, we celebrate the individual strengths and achievements they bring to our OSHC community.

Looking Ahead

Our Curious Minds: Wonder, Inquiry & Innovation journey will continue to be shaped by children's interests, ideas and voices. We look forward to providing even more opportunities for children to wonder, question, investigate, create and innovate through hands-on learning, active play, creativity and friendship. Thank you to our wonderful children and families for helping make our OSHC a welcoming, respectful and inclusive community where children can belong, explore, learn and thrive.



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