

Red Group's Weekly Reflection

Term 2, Week 5, Mon 28th – Wed 30th May

A packed week full of human body investigations, patterning, dancing, exploring our feelings, healthy eating,... and topping it off with travelling around the world celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday!

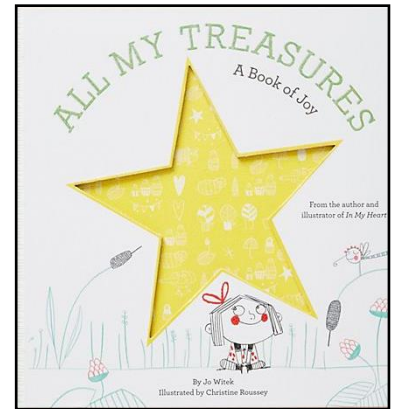
We began our Monday morning group time with a visit from Kate, Evey's mum. Kate is a social worker and has a great deal of knowledge about emotions and why we feel the way we feel. Kate highlighted that our feelings stem from our brains (not so much our hearts as popular culture would suggest!) and that it is the processes in our brains that make us feel different feelings. Kate explained that some things make us feel happy, while others can make us feel yucky. She introduced us to the concept of flipping your lid. This was explained as the thinking part of your brain comes off and your emotions take hold, which sometimes leads to making silly decisions! One of the ideas that stuck with our Red Group was when we get so excited and we are running around with so much energy, sometimes that can lead to accidents! Our emotions and feelings are a big thing for our young people to understand; sometimes they can't quite grasp what it is they are feeling and why. Experiences where we can discuss what we are feeling, why we are feeling it, and what we can do next all pave the way in preparing socially and emotionally ready children before school. Thank you so much Kate for sharing your wealth of knowledge with the Red Group!



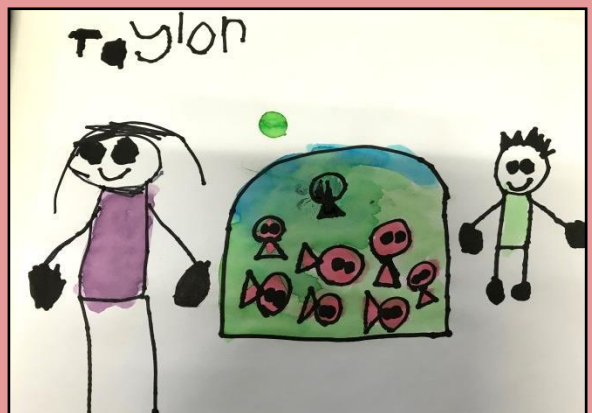
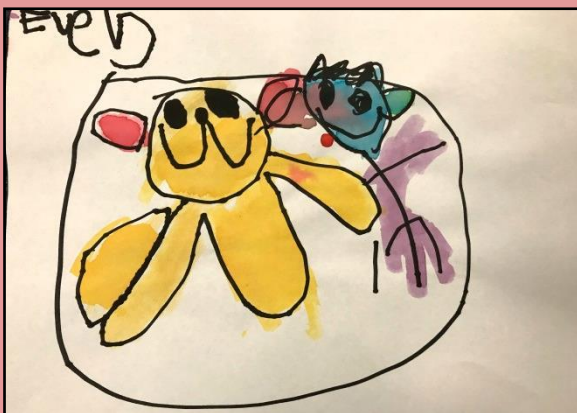


As a follow up to our visit from Kate, we explored the story 'All My Treasures' in middle group time. During this story a little girl is given a special treasure box from her Grandma. She decides to fill this special box with all the things that bring her joy and make her happy. Her box is filled with special people, her cat and all the things she loves to do including; jumping in puddles, blowing bubbles and cuddling her family in bed. The children were then invited to share what they could put in their own treasure box that would make them feel happy. This is what our Red Group children had to say:

Ayrton: Cuddling my mumma. Odette: My toy called Cow Cow, Granny Marj, a butterfly and a flower. Byron: A pen, tape and paint because I love doing arts and crafts. Austin: Playing soccer. Quinn: A light and pattern glow at dark time, gold and flowers. Olivia: My mummy and daddy when I get home. Tully: A pet wombat. Elouise: Hugging mumma. William: Kissing mumma. Taylor: -Watching fish in my glass treasure chest with mummy. Harley: Pen, paint and tape because I love craft too. Penny: My daddy jumping on the trampoline with me. Evey: Lamby my special toy. Riley: Looking at an elephant. Luca: Snuggling my teddy at night. Edie: Making potions with Austin and flowers. Bethany: Love, mummy, Ella and Bear. Lily: A doggy and my family. Bronte: Bike riding to the park with my dad.



The following day the children were able to illustrate these beautiful ideas. Once again we were amazed with the incredible detailed artworks that emerged from the Red Group children. Next week we will be exploring the concept of 'bucket filling' and 'bucket dipping'. Those from last years Orange Group might remember what that's all about 😊





This week we injected a maternity ward vibe into the hospital home corner extending on what we learnt with Helene last week. Bronte encouraged everyone to wash their babies after they were born and wrap them up to keep them warm. Perhaps a midwife in the making! The girls have dominated the hospital this week and we have seen their beautiful nurturing natures explored through their play, as well as a wonderful ability to cooperate, communicate and extend their understandings on all things body.





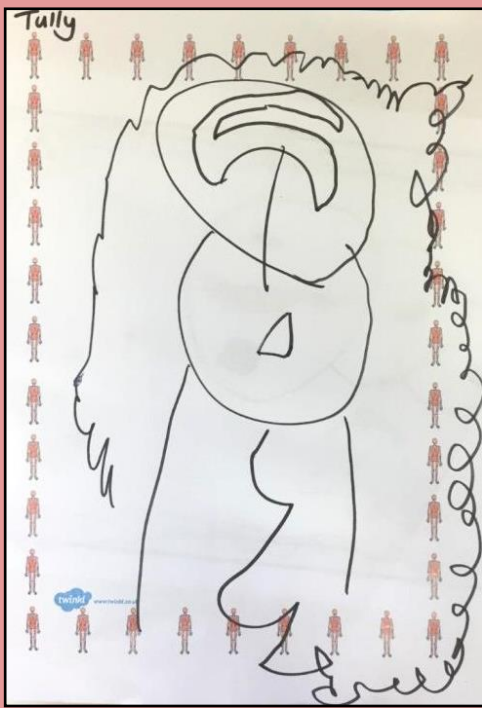
On Tuesday we had another visit from Adele for a yoga class. This time we went on a yoga journey with Mr McGee as we continued to explore our emotions. Adele used the story Mr McGee and the Blackberry Tree throughout the session. Together we posed like sheep and cows, stretched our entire bodies, stamped out our grumpiness, rediscovered our stillness and went on a quiet journey to our happy place. This was a fantastic experience for the children and a wonderful extension of the learning we have been doing about our bodies and our feelings.



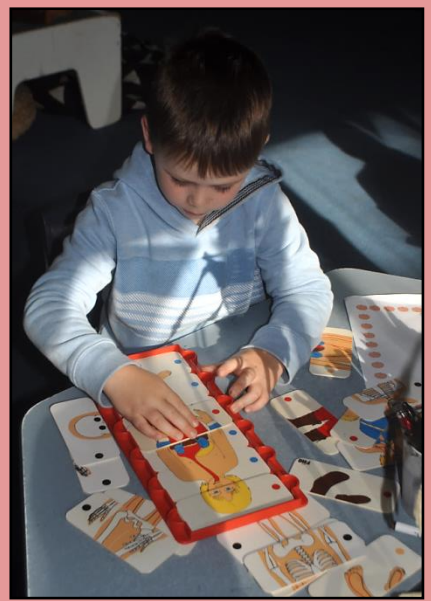


I imagine some of you may have heard from your children that they played on the iPad this week 😊 We have been wanting to incorporate more technology use in our classroom, obviously in a beneficial learning way for the children. We introduced the children to app called The Human Body by Tynlab. The app allows the children to investigate the different systems of the body in open-ended interactive ways. For example, in the digestive system zone, the children were able to put food in the persons mouth, watch it travel through the oesophagus, watch acids decompose the food in the stomach, travel to the small intestine and watch food absorb into the bloodstream and see the remains continue to the large intestine and help to guide the waste into the toilet. We had a 5 minute timer on the iPad so that everyone could have a turn throughout the week. This app is a fantastic educational resource for your children. It is \$4.49 on the app store, and there is a free version which has limited but still fantastic features. Available on iPhone and iPad. I know Edie has already asked her mum to download it 😊





Tully's interpretation of the digestive system 😊

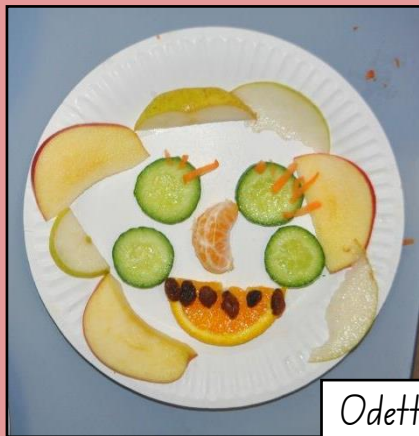


Elsewhere our body investigations continued – playing old school Operation was a big hit! As well as our Star Wars robot Operation too. A great way to exercise those fine motor muscles and have fun with friends. We continued exploring books, having conversations, doing puzzles and drawing our understandings.



^^^ Bronte – "This is the blue blood and the red blood, and my large intestine and small intestine".





Odette



Edie

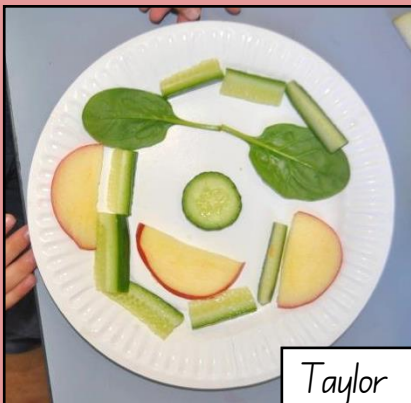


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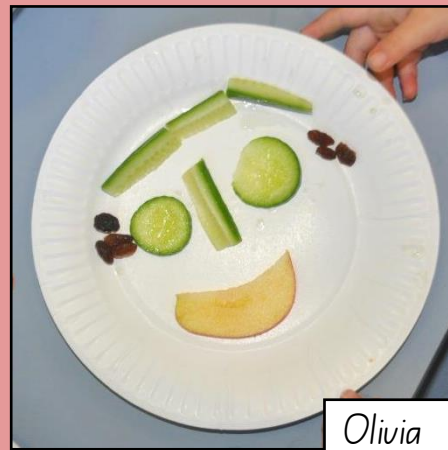
Extending on last weeks discussions about healthy foods and our digestive system, this week we made fruit and veggie faces! This was a lot of fun and of course, delicious 😊 We haven't included everyones interpretations but they can be found in your child's individual portfolio. Thank you to everyone who donated for our experience. We so appreciate you all getting involved here at Kindy.



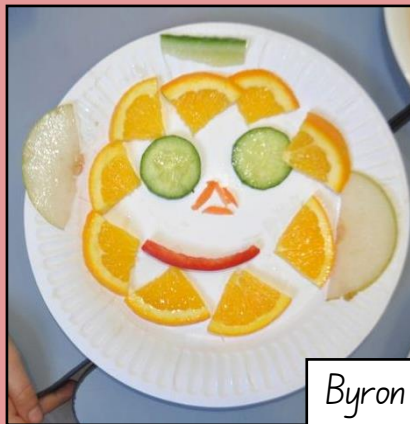
Harley



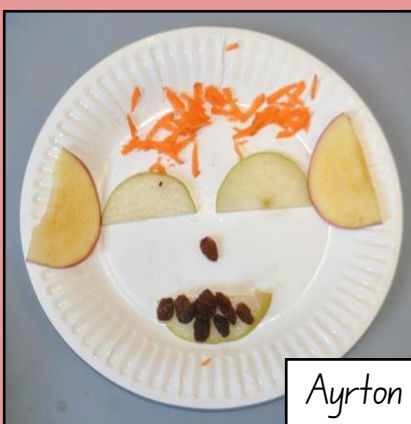
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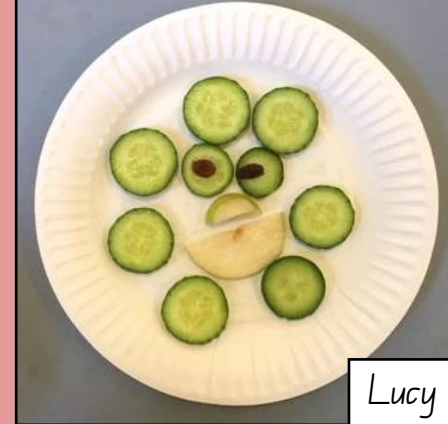
Olivia



Byron



Ayrton



Lucy

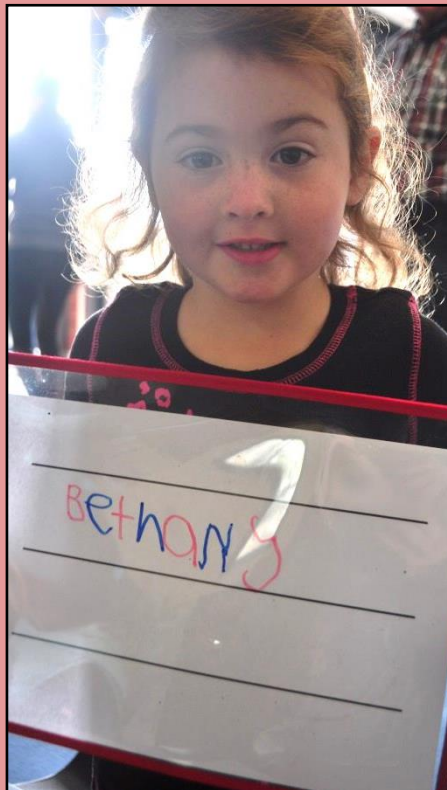


Quinn

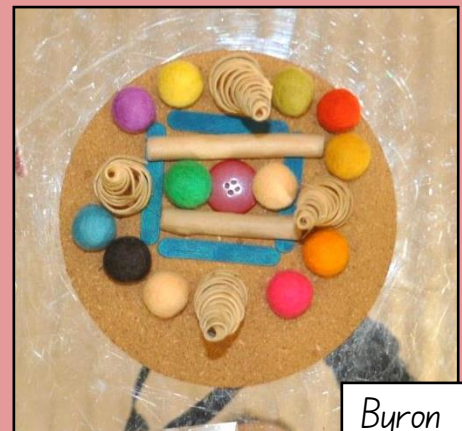


Odette

This week we explored a trickier type of patterning: making mandalas. This type of patterning requires a higher level of thinking and also explores the concept of symmetry. Our examples are absolutely amazing!!! We will continue exploring this type of patterning next week.



Austin



Byron

Bethany pointed out her patterned sign in on Tuesday 😊



On Wednesday we celebrated Harmony Day at Harbord Kindy. Can you believe we flew around the world just in one morning! The day started by paying our respects to the original custodians of the land with our acknowledgement to country. This was followed by a captivating performance of the Scottish bagpipes by one of our very talented dads, Glenn, Indie's dad from Purple Group and his friend...



Our first stop was New Zealand where Jo shared her wealth of knowledge with us about her homeland. We listened to traditional songs and stories, learnt the Haka, learnt how to count in Maori, and talked about New Zealand's national bird, the Kiwi.





We then flew all the way to the UK where we visited Buckingham Palace with Seonaid, Edie's mum. In the UK we made our own Princess Meghan's and Prince Harry's!





Our next stop in the UK was high tea with Lizzie and Maxine, Bethany's mum and nanny, and Steph, Indie's mum and grandma Monica (Purple Group). We helped to whip cream in a blender before spreading jam and cream on scones and scoffing them down. Needless to say the UK was a very popular stop in our world trip!





We then made our way to Germany to visit Helene, Ayrton's mum where we did potato print painting. Something we haven't done here before! Thank you Helene!



Next we jetted to South Africa with Louise, Tayla from Purple Group's mum who shared a story about a South African craftsman and showed us different crafts made from reusable materials. We loved keeping warm in the cheetah snuggles! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!





Outside we played hockey thanks to Anna, Byron's mum who represented Canada. This was absolutely adored in the playground and the children continued to play all day. While Byron was sick and didn't make it to Kindy on Wednesday thank you Anna so much for sharing your skill and resources for Harmony Day ☺



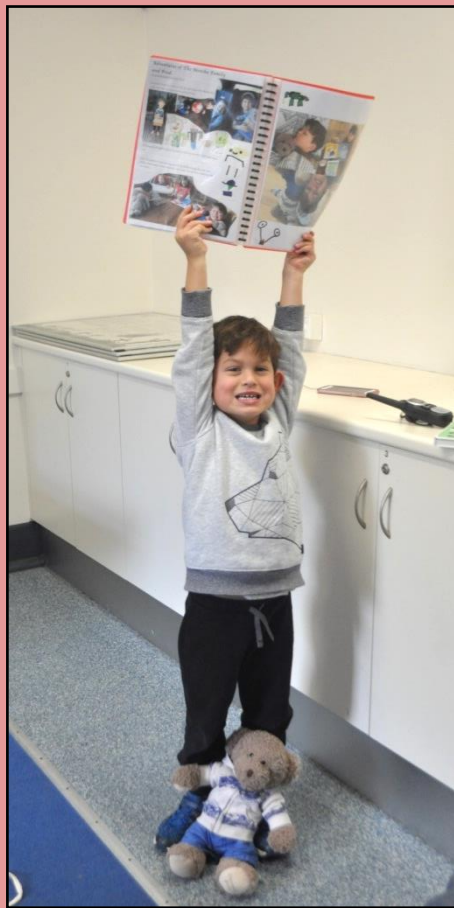


We finished up our trip around the world back in Australia with Shelley, Talia's mum from Yellow Group who shared some Australia stories with us and we discussed our Aussie heritage.

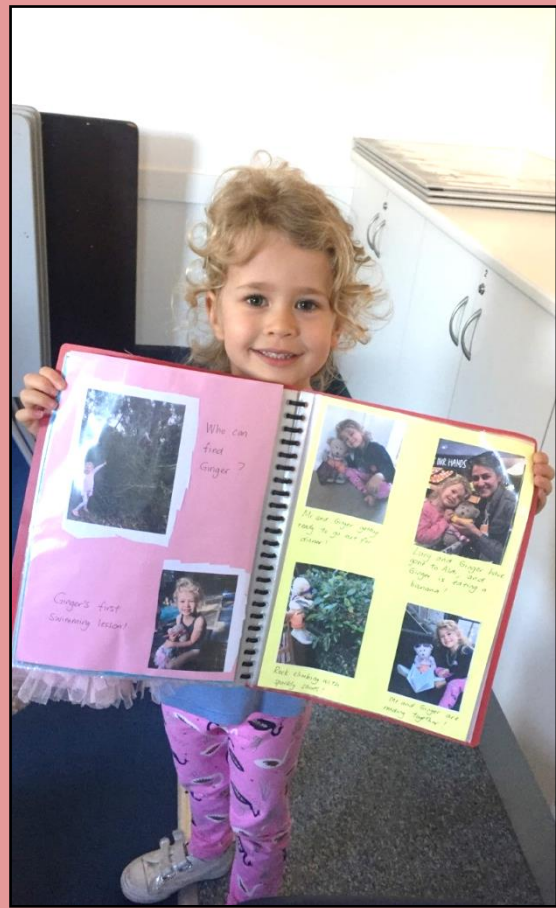


We finished our Harmony Day in Italy enjoying a pizza lunch and ending it with Maple ice blocks kindly made by Anna, Byron's mum in celebration of Canada. Thank you to everyone that made our 2018 Harmony Day a huge hit!!!!





Another two awesome news presentations from Taylor and Lucy this week! Thank you for taking our bears on epic adventures and taking care of them! Looks like Ginger and Fred both had a blast. We look forward to seeing what Fred gets up to this weekend with Luca, and what Ginger explores with Quinn 😊



Thank you to Fiona for spending library with us this week!



A quick snapshot in between playing The Greatest Showman soundtrack all week!

Reminders:

Library – Our library session is 2pm Tuesdays in the annex, (across the road in the classroom attached to the gym). Please remember to bring your child's library book in their bag for them to be able to borrow next week. *Chris we welcome you to library next week!* Please bring along a couple of Luca's favourite stories to read with Red Group.

Kindy Art Show – Our annual Kindy art show is on 27th June (week 9) in the hall at 2pm. Please put it in your diaries as it is a great way to see not only your children's artwork, but the other groups too. As a not for profit centre our art show serves as one of our fundraising initiatives for the year.

Vegas Nights – Put our Major Fundraiser in your diaries too!!! Tickets available soon. This will be in term 3, 11th August. This is an adults only event so we highly recommend booking your babysitters now!

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend, see you for week 6!
Your team, Shannon, Jo, Anne Maree and Kate.