

småle matters

BUG NEWS

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Hej småles!

Good news! Christmas is coming soon, and this year, we have plenty of games and fun things in store for you! No we didn't mean in the store, of course there you will always have fun things to do and find, but we meant here, in this Bug News!

This year, we want to help you discover many new things, and wants you to travel with us through some awesome Christmas traditions! Talking about travelling, we discovered there are many types of travelling too!

We hope you will like it, and wish you the merriest of Christmas and loads of joy!

With Big Bug Hugs,
Alex & Tampi





Draw Your Dream Soft Toy!

It's time for the 4th annual soft toy drawing competition! As a småles member you are invited to participate in the drawing competition at IKEA where you get to design your dream soft toy and have the possibility of it being made into a REAL TOY sold in the IKEA stores worldwide!

Winners will have their designs produced and sold in the IKEA stores late 2018 to promote playing for kids!

When can I take part?
From 3 - 19 November, come to the Bug House at the IKEA store to retrieve your drawing paper to participate in the global competition!



New Merchandise

Redeem a småles water bottle **\$2 Smålish dällars!**
Available from 15 December 2017 onwards.



småles CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Hej småles! Good news!! This year, like every year, we get to organise the Christmas Bazaar. Like the past few years, you can be your own boss to set up your stall! Stand a chance to get a stall with **\$2 Smålish dällars!**

Buy and sell your own stuff for Smålish dällars or even have your own game stall! **12 stalls** are available this year.

Date: 2 December 2017
Time: 11am - 3pm
Location: IKEA Tampines, Level 2

How to apply?

Get an application form from IKEA Tampines bug house or email alexandtampi@smales.com.sg with the subject 'Christmas bazaar 2017' and the following details:

- Items you will be selling
- Name
- Smålish passport number
- Contact number

Successful applicants will be notified by 24 Nov (Fri).

*Take note that stalls are only for småles members aged 4 -12 years and are non-commercial. The bazaar stall cannot be used for the promotion of a business/company.



It's a jungle in here!

Come join us for fun and activities too at both IKEA Alexandra and IKEA Tampines on 2 & 3 Dec for some jungle fun in-store! Many workshops, activities and games for you!



Melting Snowman Cookie Recipe

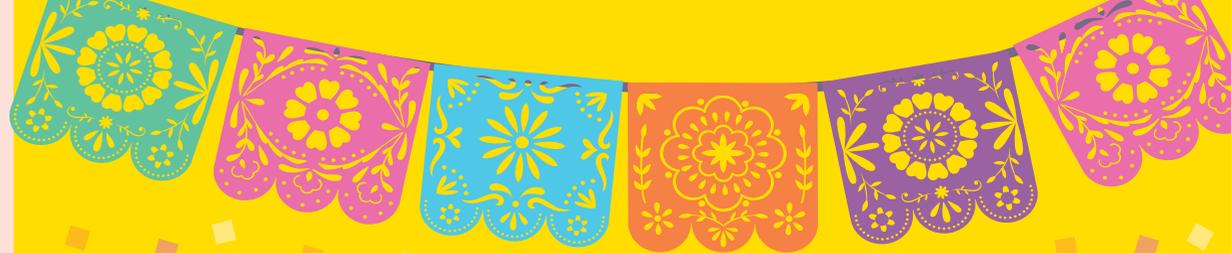
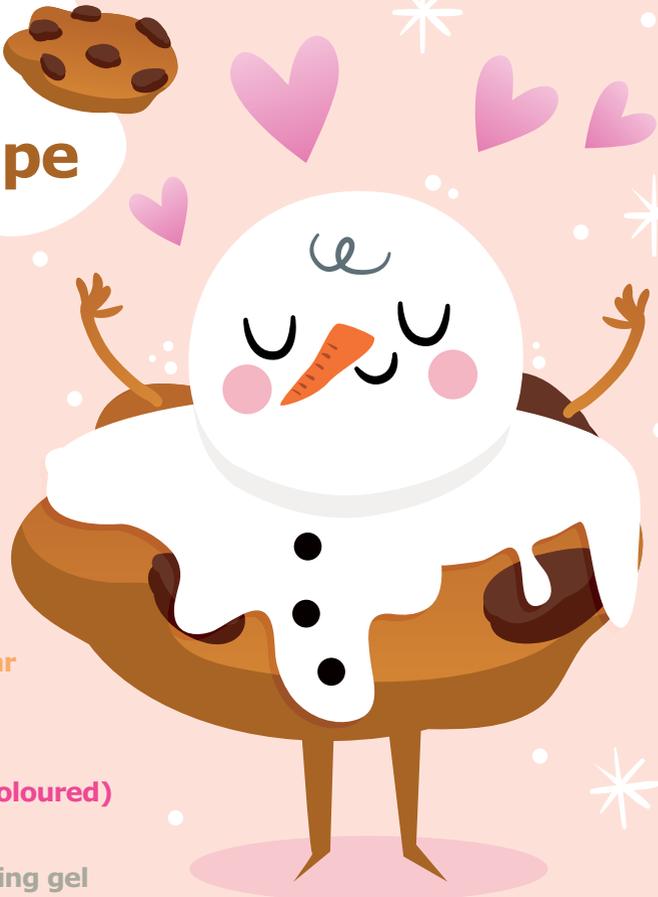
Can't make snowmen in our part of the world? Well, who says you can't! Make yummy melted snowmen cookies for your family and friends this Christmas!

What you need

- 200g fondant icing sugar
- 6 plain marshmallows
- 6 large cookies
- Mini chocolate beans (coloured)
- 6 Pretzel stick biscuits
- Edible black cookie writing gel

Instructions

- Put the icing sugar into a bowl and add cool water a little at a time until the mixture is runny but thick enough to coat a spoon.
- Cut the marshmallows in half using scissors that are wet. Dip the scissors in water in between cutting the marshmallows so it cuts it easier.
- Spoon a little icing onto each cookie and place the marshmallow on top of it before the icing dries out. Using a little icing, stick the other half on top at an angle (like a hat). Add just a little more icing onto the cookie to make the 'melting snow'.
- Break the pretzel sticks in half and place on the cookie for the arms of the snowmen. Stick orange coloured chocolate beans on for the noses. Stick three chocolate beans on each cookie to represent buttons – they can be any colour you want!
- Using the writing icing, draw on the eyes and mouth and leave it to dry before enjoying your cookie or giving it away!



Draw a friend

We asked our småles members to draw a friend they would like to have and we received so many entries!

We had Nicole, one of the småles members who showed us her friend, Potalicia!



Name: Potalicia
the Mexican Potato

Gender: Female

Favourite food: Tacos
(Preferably with twice the amount of hot sauce)

Characteristics:

- Oversized sombrero
- Smells of tacos



Santa Lucia

Do you know about Santa Lucia?

Every year on the 13th of December, Swedes have the annual Santa Lucia event.

On that day, someone is chosen to represent Saint Lucy and will walk through the villages, classrooms and other places wearing a candle crown.

'Lucia' means light, and this tradition celebrates light as did a pagan tradition on the same day before it was influenced and adapted by Christians. Saint Lucy herself was known for helping those in need by bringing them food, wearing a candle crown to have both hands free.

After the walking and singing, the festivities then continue with a magnificent feast!

Want to witness what the Santa Lucia event is? Visit IKEA on **2 December** to see it!



Winter traditions around the world



There are many different traditions around the world nearing the end of the year! Some are very scary, like Austria with the story of Krampus, an ancient European folklore about a beast who is known for going after naughty children.



Others are more fun, like in Venezuela where people are known to go to church for Christmas mass (prayer meeting) in roller skates on the night of Christmas.



A village called Oaxaca in Mexico is known to have a radish carving contest on the 22nd of December every year where artists display scenes of the popular life or historical displays using only red radish.



In Norway, people hide their brooms to make sure they aren't stolen by witches or evil spirits.



Finally, another very bizarre tradition is the Japanese tradition of going to eat fried chicken for Christmas after it was popularized by an advertisement by a fast food chain in 1974.



Can you find the words related to Christmas in the below puzzle?

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I spy with my eye...how many of each item can you find? Write them in the boxes below!

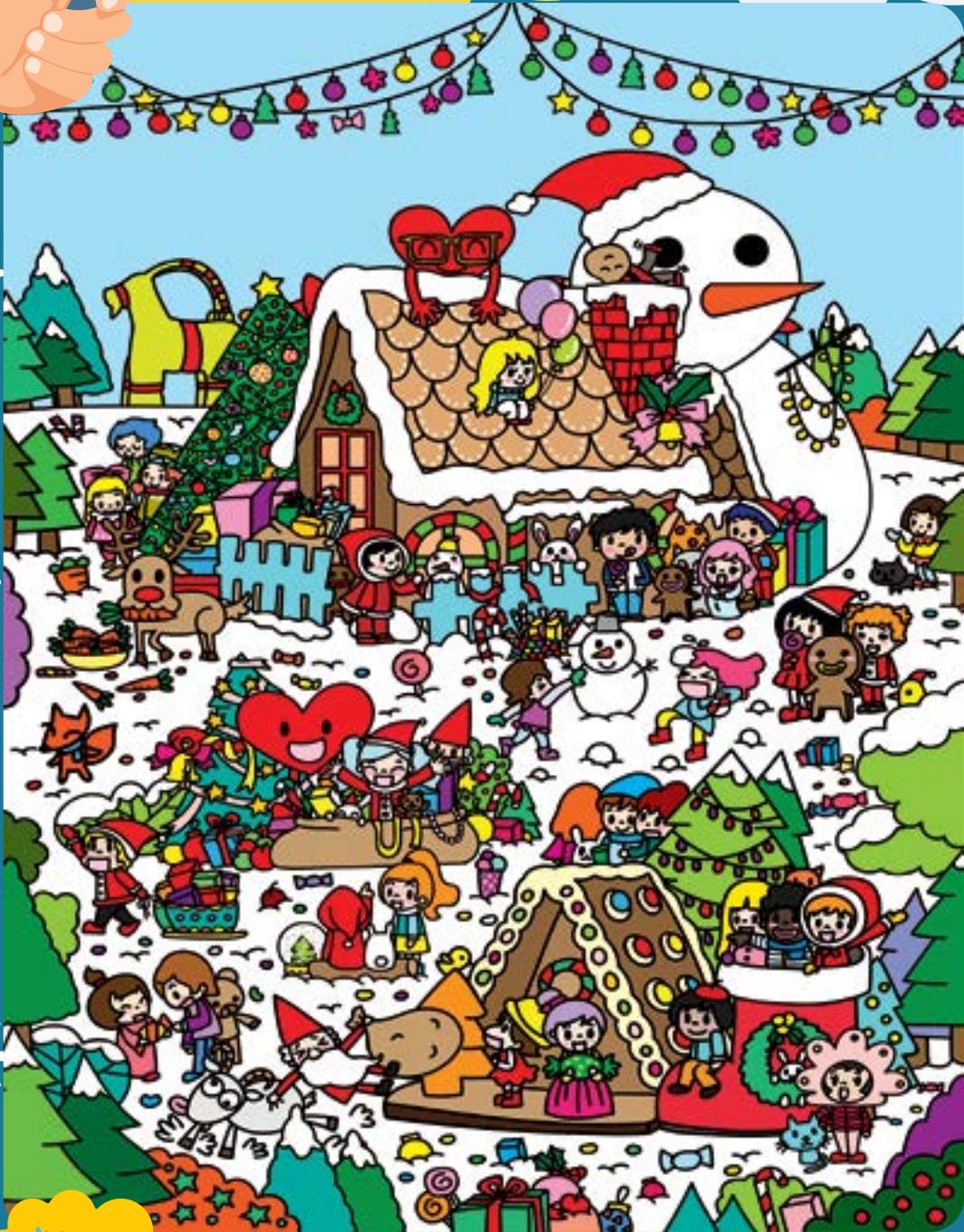


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Spot the difference

Can you spot the 20 differences in this drawing?

Send in your answers with your name, Smálish passport number and contact details to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg or 60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764 by 31 Dec 2017. 15 lucky winners will each win a FISKBO frame.





Sustainable Tourism

Have you ever travelled out of Singapore for a holiday?

That's you being a tourist! Tourism is great. It creates a lot of jobs, and enables people to learn a lot about other countries and people from those different countries.

Being a sustainable tourist

Tourism can also have a lot of bad impacts to the environment, that's why it's important for tourists to be aware of how they influence the places they are visiting and how to prevent that. When travelling, it is important to respect the local culture and beliefs, the environment by not polluting, and by respecting the places you visit by following the rules that places have set up.

When it comes to sustainable tourism, the most important is to remember that it's all about respect, for the local people, the environment, the cultural heritage and finally the traveller.

To make sure that tourism doesn't produce extra pollution and difficulty for animals and plants to survive, it takes effort from everyone, and even the little things help. It might not feel like much, but if you do your part, and show the grown-ups how to do it, you can become a sustainable tourist and help save the environment!

Different types of tourism

Do you know there are different kinds of tourism? Here are some types.

Ecotourism

One of the most common forms of sustainable tourism is ecotourism, the term most commonly used to describe any form of holiday or recreation in natural surroundings.

Defined by the Eco tourism society, ecotourism is :

“Purposeful travel to natural areas to understand the culture and natural history of the environment, taking care not to alter the integrity of the ecosystem, while producing economic opportunities that make the conservation of natural resources beneficial to local people.”

Cultural tourism

Cultural tourism focuses on the Cultural heritage of the place. Cultural heritage is something a community develops over generation, from parents to children, over hundreds of years. It's what the ancestors left behind, the traditions, history, customs, buildings, places and even art.

It is what defines a society. We all have some. Some are a bit older than others, some have almost disappeared, but they will always be found, just changed by time and our evolution. It's part of our lifestyle, and we have to thank our ancestors for it, and remember it so we can grow based on what the older generations have learned. Some examples of cultural tourism are - visits to hill tribes in Thailand or a village in Kenya or visits to art galleries, cathedrals and temples like the St. Petersburg in Russia or the Louvre in Paris, France.

How do you be a sustainable tourist?

A good check list to follow is by asking the below questions:

- 1 Which business is locally-owned?
- 2 Which one is more eco-friendly?
- 3 Which one employs local people?
- 4 Which one contributes the most to the local economy?

Historical tourism

Historical tourism tends to focus on the past glories in the form of monuments, museums, and historical sites. Some examples are Angkor Wat in Cambodia, or the Great Wall of China.

IN STORE ACTIVITIES



Reindeer bean bag

Does it have its own very shiny nose? Create your very own reindeer bean bag!

Cost: \$1 Smålish dállar

Date: 9 December

Location: IKEA Tampines

Time: 2.30pm, 3.15pm, 4pm

Session: 15 pax per session

Date: 10 December

Location: IKEA Alexandra

Time: 2.30pm and 3.15pm

Session: 10 pax per session



Register for these activities at the Bug House at the IKEA store entrance **18 November 2017!**

Paper Christmas Tree

Bring a little bit of the Christmas in your home with your very own tree!

Cost: \$1 Smålish dállar

Date: 25 November

Location: IKEA Tampines

Time: 2.30pm, 3.15pm, 4pm

Session: 15 pax per session

Date: 26 November

Location: IKEA Alexandra

Time: 2.30pm and 3.15pm

Session: 10 pax per session

Christmas lollipop cookie decorating

Decorate your own lollipop cookie as a gift for Christmas to your loved ones!

Cost: \$2 Smålish dállar

Date: 8 December

Location: IKEA Tampines

Time: 11am – 12pm, 1pm – 2pm

Session: 15 pax per session

Date: 24 November

Location: IKEA Alexandra

Time: 11am – 12pm

Session: 15 pax per session

WRECK- THIS-PAGE:

Draw a wintery scene
using only blue.

ADVENT CALENDAR

DEC

1

Eat your first chocolate of the month



DEC

2

Sign up for some småles activities



DEC

3

Learn about the different animals that hibernate in the winter



DEC

4

Write a thank you note to people you love



DEC

5

Sing a Christmas carol with your family



DEC

6

Start thinking of gifts for you friends and family



DEC

7

Watch a nice Christmas movie with your family like: "The Grinch stole Christmas"

DEC

8

Draw a Snowman



DEC

9

Invent a new type of hot chocolate and share it with your family!



DEC

10

Recipe: look up and try to make some Pepparkakor – a traditional Swedish biscuit



DEC

11

Tell a Joke: What do you can an elf who sings? A wrapper



DEC

12

Decorate your candy canes with googly eyes and give it to people



DEC

13

Don't forget to work on your gifts!



DEC

14

Bring paper porridge to IKEA to feed Alex and Tampi



DEC

15

Help decorate a Christmas tree or make your own!



DEC

16

Make a paper cake and snap a picture of it!



DEC

17

Have you finished all your gifts yet? Christmas is coming soon!



DEC

18

Help decorate your house for the festivities!



DEC

19

Give Big Bug Hugs to everyone you love!



DEC

20

Think about your 2017 and write down what you are thankful for in the year



DEC

21

Joke: What do you call the wrapping leftover from Christmas? A Christ-mess – don't forget to recycle!



DEC

22

Make last preparations for your gifts!



DEC

23

Help out to prepare the Christmas dinner for tomorrow!



DEC

24

Countdown to Midnight



DEC

25



Merry Christmas!

INBOX @ SMALES

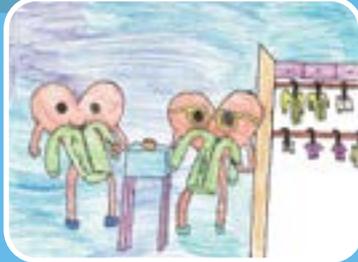


Last issue's theme:

Alex and Tampi were knitting sweaters for the coming winter in Småland to keep themselves cosy and warm. Draw how you think the sweaters look like!



Tan Ray Spencer, 8 years old



Elizabeth Yeo, 8 years old



Michael Xavier Koh Zhi An, 8 years old



Koh Hui Geok, Tiffany, 8 years old



Wang Ruilin, 11 years old



Lim Yu En Shayne, 8 years old



Charmaine Ong, 10 years old



Isaac Chan, 8 years old



Audrey Teo, 11 years old

'Look Tampi! The forgotten Temple of Ahkman Rah' exclaimed Alex. What did Alex see?

Include your name, age and Smålish passport number on the back of your drawing and Send your drawings to us in an A4 sized paper at **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** or email it to us at **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** by **30 December!** The Best Drawing gets to win a SOLIGT sun cushion!



It was a cold winter day. Alex and Tampi were enjoying a steaming hot bowl of paper porridge when the doorbell rang. "Who is that?" wondered Alex. "I'll get it!" volunteered Tampi. He opened the door but there was nothing there!



"Humph! Somebody's idea of a funny prank, I guess," said Tampi, when suddenly an unnaturally cold blast of air blew Alex and Tampi off their feet. It carried them out of the door and up into the air. Up, up, up they went, until they suddenly plunged downward at an earth-shattering speed. "AHHHH!" the two hearts screamed in unison as they plummeted towards the ground.

Suddenly, Alex and Tampi landed on something soft and warm. "Huh?" they said. They looked down and realised that they were sitting on paper porridge! "Wow!" Alex said. They played and ate in 'Paper Porridge Land' until twilight.

Then, another blast of air blew them safely home. They decided to go to bed. Just as they were about to fall asleep, Tampi said to Alex, "That was great!" "Yeah!" said Alex. "I hope we can go again soon!" And they did, in their dreamland...

Ruth Man, 9 years old

It was snowing outside and Alex, Tampi and Pillowie ate warm porridge and drank hot chocolate while enjoying the snowy scenery from the window.

"Ding dong!" the doorbell rang suddenly. "Hmm? Who can that be?" wondered Tampi. Alex got out of his seat to answer the door. When he opened it, nobody was there.

"Tampi! Pillowie! Look, someone left us a box." They ran towards Alex as he cautiously opened it. He grinned. "Let's go sleighing!"

The three friends, dressed in warm clothes, ran out into the snow. Alex and Tampi went sleighing, Pillowie built a snowman. They had a whale of a time.

After an hour of fun, they went back feeling tired but happy.

Cherish Kang, 12 years old

One cold winter day, while Alex and Tampi were eating their bowl of warm porridge, the doorbell rang. A voice called out to them "Alex, Tampi, please let me in, it is freezing out here!"

Alex quickly rushed to the door and opened it. Torva carrot looked frozen at the door, so Alex invited him into their warm, cosy house. Torva sat near the fireplace to warm himself up. Torva immediately gobbled up the porridge and seemed to enjoy it. As it was snowing outside, they decided to stay in their cosy house to play some board games for the whole afternoon. They had a wonderful day enjoying each others company.

Kesslyn Chng, 10 years old

As Alex and Tampi entered the ancient temple, they have to face multiple challenges to reach the treasure. What happened to them?

In no more than 100 words, Include your name, age and Smålish passport number and send your letter to **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** or email it to us at **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** by **30 December!!** The Best Letter gets to win FJÄDERMOLN cloud cushion.



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"Tampi! Let's have a snowball fight after lunch!" Alex exclaimed in excitement as he had always loved playing in the blanket of snow that covered their backyard. "Sure," Tampi replied, distracted by the pretty snowflakes that drifted down from the sky as he stuffed his mouth with another spoon of paper porridge. Some snowflakes had the shapes of Alex and Tampi and even their very own mushroom little cottage! "Ding dong..." The merry tune of the doorbell suddenly rang. "I'll get it!" Alex joyfully chirped, as he put his delicious bowl of paper porridge down and stood up to walk to the door. He skipped to the door and turned the doorknob. "H...help m...me," a little pixie stammered. The pixie wrapped her hands around her body, trying to keep herself warm. With that, Alex took the pixie to the little cottage's fire place. Tampi came over as well. He passed the little pixie some paper porridge that she gobbled up within seconds. "I wonder how so much food can fit into that puny body!" Tampi thought, feeling perplexed. He could actually picture her eating the paper porridge and growing at each spoon! Using tiny pieces of cloth that Alex had just cut out, Alex bundled the pixie up in her new "winter clothes" that had glitters stuck on it. "Thank you so much! I had better get going now!" the little pixie waved ecstatically before chanting a magical spell, "Pilly, palla! Shimmer, shallah!" There was a pixie glitter everywhere! When the pixie glitter had finally died down, Alex and Tampi saw a young unicorn standing there, staring at them with those puppy eyes that certainly made their hearts melt. "I shall name you Shimmery!" Tampi exclaimed as he squeezed it between his arms.

When the doorbell rang, Alex and Tampi were scared. Tampi told Alex that he was very scared. Alex told Tampi "Ok, since you are very scared, I will go and open the door."

When Alex opened the door, he was terrified. It was a scary, green and hairy monster. When Tampi saw it he immediately hid under the table. Alex ran away too.

The monster was actually friendly. It bent down and said "Hello, my name is Charlie. Don't be scared, I M friendly." Alex and Tampi slowly went to the monster and said "Hi!". They offered him some porridge.

Euclase Lim

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Charmaine Chai, 7 years old