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from Alex and Tampi...

Hej småles,

We're coming to the end of the year again! 2012 has been a really eventful year. We upgraded the Magical Forest, held the småles turns 5! exhibition and ran the 2nd Småland Book of Records. We have a few more exciting events to wrap up the year and end off on a high note.

The Småland General Elections is just around the corner. We have received so many applications from Minister hopefuls who are excited to serve Småland. From 11 Nov onwards, you can cast your vote and make another citizen's dream come true! If you did not apply to be a Minister, you can also stand a chance to attend our annual Parliament party. Flip to pg **7** for more information.

Want to earn some extra pocket money this season? Why not set up a stall at our annual

Christmas bazaar! It'll be great fun and you will also get to be a little boss for one day. This year, store owners will be chosen via balloting, so remember to throw your name in the hat.

While you're busy receiving gifts and goodies this season, don't forget to spread this joy to the less fortunate. Use your Smålish dållars to redeem for a soft toy at the Bug House from 1 – 31 Dec and we will donate S\$2 to the Singapore Children's Society.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic New Year!

See you in 2013!

God Jul and with Big Bug Hugs, Alex and Tampi (Lele too!)

Help us know you and what makes you tick! page 10

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To: Alex Brampé We would love to hear from you! Thank you to every småle who has written to us. We would like to share some of the letters with you. We apologise for not being able to publish all the letters we've received as there is not enough space.



Boh Duang Hee, 7 years old



Lee Si Hui Ann Claire, 10 years old

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Chu Jay Yun, 8 years old

Song Ling Xuan Livia,

9 years old



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Megan Soh Shi Qi,
10 years old
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BEST PICTURE



Tan Jia Xuan, 9 years old

Ng Qi Le, 9 years old

Congratulations! This issue's Best Picture and Letter will each receive a SKOJIG wall lamp. Write to us and next issue's 2 best entries will each receive a TORVA broccoli soft toy!

Sin Ying Yi Pearly,

8 years old

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BEST LETTER

"Dear Alex, Tampi and Lele, I am very sad as I am turning 11 and will be leaving Småland in a month! :(I have a riddle that always brings a smile upon my face when I feel sad about leaving Småland and I want to share it with you!

- Q: Why is Cinderella so bad at football?
- A: Because she had a pumpkin as a coach and she ran away from the ball! Hope you enjoyed the riddle as much as I did!"

Loh Kah Miin, 11 years old

"Dear Alex, Tampi and Lele, I hope you can conduct birthday parties for us. Here are some birthday party ideas:

- 1. For the birthday kid, he/she can be given an eraser, t-shirt, cap or wallet.
- 2. A birthday cake decorated with a picture of Alex, Tampi and Lele.
- 3. We can also have a paper porridge cooking competition. Alex and Tampi will be the judges.

You guys are so chubby. I hope you like my letter."

Odelia Koh Qi Han, 7 years old

"Dearest Alex and Tampi (Lele too!),

I will be turning 11 soon and I will miss all the exciting adventures in Småland in future. I have some ideas before leaving Småland.

- 1. Place some hidden baskets of mushrooms in Småland for kids to find and let Alex and Tampi cook mushroom paper porridge to eat!
- 2. A princess Lele party for girls and for the boys, they can make some balloons for prince Alex and knight Tampi!!!"

Lim Yi-Xin Chescia, 8 years old

"Hi Alex, Tampi and Lele! I have not visited Småland for some time as my mummy has been busy working. But she will be bringing my brother and I there next Sunday to play at the Småland play area. I know we will have an enjoyable time there. I look forward to eating the Swedish meatballs! I love Småland and IKEA!"

Tang Whui Kay, 7 years old "Dear Alex, Tampi (Lele too!), this is my first time writing to you. IKEA is the best place in the world! My favourite place is the Småland play area and I LOVE to read the Bug News! I read it everyday. I hope you like my message."

Chong Ying Tong, 7 years old

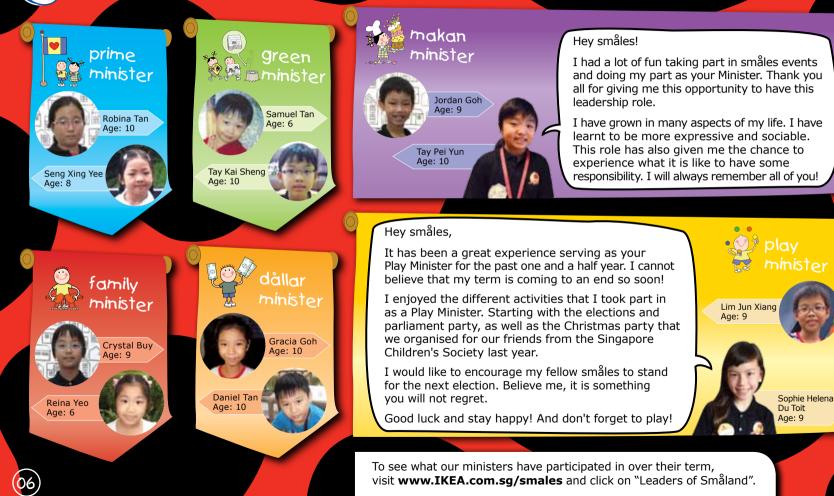
Tampi



Have an idea or a question? Share it with Alex and Tampi.

Send us your letters, drawings, pictures, recipes, book reviews, questions, anything! Post it by snail mail to **småles, 60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764**. You can also drop us a note at **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg**. Remember to include your name, Smålish passport no. and return address. jovernment





think big, vote småle!

Our last group of Ministers have done a fantastic job but it's now time to hand over the reigns to the next generation. We are so happy to receive many applications for enthusiastic Minister hopefuls. So, vote for your favourites and who you think can make Småland the best place in the world!





How to vote?

Voting will be held online and in the stores between **11 – 30 Nov**. Each småle is entitled to one vote for each Ministry. Don't forget to vote for your favourites!

Join us at the Parliament party!

We want to invite 80 småles to join us at the upcoming exclusive Parliament party! You'll get to witness the handover ceremony, enjoy a magic show performance and get a goodie bag!

To RSVP, email **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** between **15 Nov – 2 Dec** with your name, Smålish passport number and contact details with the header "I want to go!". RSVP is based on a first-come-first-served basis.

For more details, visit www.IKEA.com.sg/smales.

Date : 15 Dec 2012 (Sat) **Timing :** 10am to 11.30am **Location :** IKEA Tampines (Level 2 carpark)



Redemption is available at both IKEA Tampines and IKEA Alexandra. Each småle can redeem one soft toy only. Drop by the Bug House or visit **www.IKEA.com.sg/smales** for more details. Valid while stocks last, so hurry down!

småland 6th christmas bazaar Christmas is a shopping season for many of us. So why not make use of the shopping spree fever to earn

yourself some extra Smålish dållars or pocket money? Ballot for a stall at the Christmas bazaar now!

- 4.30pm



Dates	Location	Time	
15 & 16 Dec (Sat & Sun)	IKEA Tampines (Level 2)	11.30am ·	

What will there be at the bazaar?

Other than the stalls, there will also be popcorn, candyfloss, balloon sculpting and glitter tattoo station! Head down to the glitter tattoo station to get a Christmas-y tattoo.

How to apply?

- 1) Pick up an application form from the Bug House or email alexandtampi@smales.com.sg. If you are emailing to us, remember to include your name, Smålish passport number, contact number, desired date and items you will be selling.
- 2) Registration period is from 15 Nov to 4 Dec 2012.

How will stalls be allocated?

Stalls will be allocated through balloting this year. We have up to **12 stalls** up for rental per day at IKEA Tampines.

When will you be notified?

Successful applicants will be notified by 7 Dec 2012 (Fri). You will then need to pay \$2 Smålish dållars for the rental of the stall. For all other småles who did not apply or are unsuccessful in your application, do still come on down to the store to support your fellow citizens!

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re want to know you be The Quingdom of Småland is growing and growing. Help us know you better so that we can make Småland an even more awesome place!

Q1: What do you like best about being a småle? Rate from 1 - 7, with 1 being your most favourite!

Meal coupons & free drinks

- Bug news
- In-store activities & events
- Merchandise
- Partner promotions
- Recycling newspapers
- Running for Småland Government

Q2: Which devices do you use to play your games? (You may tick more than one)

- Mobile phone
- Computer
- Tablet
- TV gaming console
- Hand held gaming devices

Q3: What kind of activities do you like to participate in? Rate from 1 - 5, with 1 being your most favourite type of activity! Cooking and baking	m it. ar
 Outdoor activites DIY & handy work Arts & crafts 	_
Gardening & nature	_
Q4: What do you like best and least in the Bug news? Rate from 1 - 7, with 1 being your most fayourite!	_

Bonus question!

Tell us one thing you would recommend or småles and we ay just implement Crazy, wild ideas e welcomed too!

Games

Contests

Recipes & craft

Swedishness

Send in your survey answers to småles, 60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764 or email alexandtampi@smales.com.sg with the header 'SURVEY' by 31 Dec 2012. Remember to include your name, Smålish passport number and contact details.

Colouring

Comic stripe

Partner features



portner promotions

fantastic mr fox

Adapted for stage by David Wood, *Fantastic Mr Fox* is a classic tale of goodies and baddies. It is an inspiring story about the brave Mr Fox who devises a plan to steal food from three mean farmers in order to feed his family.

The farmers, Boggis, Bunce and Bean, try to get Mr Fox by any means possible. But with the help of his family and his friend, the Badger, Mr Fox outsmarts the farmers at every turn. Filled with humour and packed with action, this is a fantastic show to be enjoyed by children of all ages.



Dates : 1 Nov – 9 Dec 2012 Venue : DBS Arts Centre, Home of the SRT Tickets are available from www.SISTIC.com.sg

Contest : We have 5 pairs of tickets to catch the Fantastic Mr Fox up for grabs! Simply answer the following question: Name the three farmers in Fantastic Mr Fox. Email your answer to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg by 30 Nov 2012 with the header "Fantastic Fox". Remember to include your name, Smålish passport number and contact details. The winning tickets will be for the show on 9 Dec (Sun), 11am.



therockschool

The Double Up classes at The Rock School give you a chance to experience the exciting sport of rock climbing with your parent! This 2 hour workshop lets you climb alongside mummy or daddy and reach greater heights together!

Contest : We have 3 pairs of Double Up passes (worth \$58 per pair) to give away! Simply tell us **"Why you and your parent would make a great climbing pair?"** Send in your answers to **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** with the header **"ROCK"** by **30 Nov 2012**. Remember to include your name, Smålish passport number and contact details.



T&Cs*

Winners will need to redeem their rock climbing session by 31 Dec 2013.

Smålish passport must be presented on the day of the session.

All necessary equipment as well as guidance will be provided. Parent and child simply have to come in sports attire and track shoes.

For more information, visit www.therockschool.sg



Dalahorse magnet

Keep a symbol of Sweden by your side! Join us in this activity and you can create your own unique dala horse magnet to put on your fridge. You can beautify it with traditional Sweden motifs using brush markers and sequins!

Dates	Location	Time	Sessions	Class Size
24 Nov (Sat)	IKEA Tampines		6 sessions x ½ hour per session	15 småles per session
25 Nov (Sun)	IKEA Alexandra		4 sessions x ½ hour per session	12 småles per session



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Dates	Location	Time	Sessions	Class Size
15 & 16 Dec (Sat & Sun)	IKEA Alexandra	2pm – 5pm		15 småles per session

Cost: FREE! (you, just need to be a Smålish citizen) **Remarks :** Registration starts at 1pm and is based on a first-come-first-served basis.

Gingerbread man cake decoration

Who's the most yummylicious gingerbread man of them all? Dress up your own little Gingerbread man. You'll get to decorate the cake with Christmas ornaments, fondant icing and cream.

Dates	Location	Time	Class Size
1 Dec (Sat)	IKEA Alexandra	Session 1 : 1pm – 2pm Session 2 : 2.30pm – 3.30pm	20 småles per session
2 Dec (Sun)	IKEA Tampines	Session 1 : 1pm – 2pm Session 2 : 2.30pm – 3.30pm Session 3 : 4pm – 5pm	30 småles per session

Costs: \$5 Smålish dållars Age: 5 years and above Remarks : Pre-registration is required. Registration starts from 15 Nov 2012 and is based on a first-come-first-served basis.

Outdoor photography workshop

What's more fun than being in the outdoors, spending quality time exploring and capturing awe-inspiring images of nature?

Join professional nature/wildlife photographers, C.S.Ling (Nikon Professional Photographer) and Ethan Lim (Gitzo Ambassador) for an exciting photographic journey where you will learn to photograph animals and plants under professional guidance! Please bring along your thumbdrives!

Dates	Location	Times	Available slots
8 Dec (Sat)	Pasir Ris Park	9.30am – 12nn	25 småles
9 Dec (Sun)	Hort Park	9.30am – 12nn	15 småles

Costs: \$10 Smålish dållars Age: 5 years and above

Remarks : Pre-registration is required. Registration starts from 15 Nov 2012 and is based on a first-come-first-served basis. småles will need to assemble at the IKEA store before heading to the parks.

These 2 activities require pre registration

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Instructions : It's winter time again in Småland and everyone is having fun in the snow! Can you spot the 20 differences between the 2 pictures? Tell us where each difference is located, eg, B6.



Send in your answers with your name, Smålish passport number and contact details to **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** or **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** by **31 Dec 2012**. In the spirit of Christmas, we will be choosing **20** lucky winners, who will each win a baby soft toy carrot!

The ulira paper porridge ingredient hunt Alex and Tampi want to make themselves a pot of paper porridge but they do not have the ingredients. Go through the maze and help them gather the ingredients.

Tampi

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water

Christmas Crossword puzzle Lele is puzzled by this crossword puzzle. Help Lele solve it!

Hint: Read between the lines, answers can be found on page 18, 19 & 24.



ACROSS

 The colour of the sash that the girl portraying St. Lucia wears.

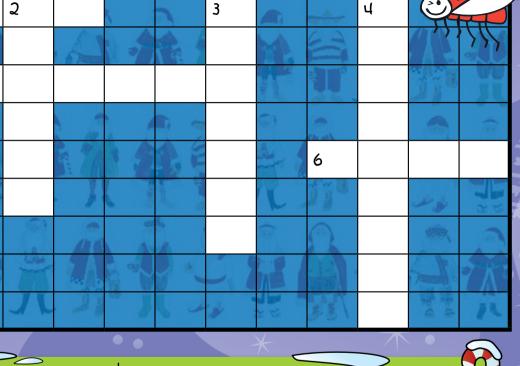
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- 5) An event that countdowns to Christmas Day.
- 6) Place where most Swedes celebrate Christmas.

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- 2) Is the girl who portrays St. Lucia the eldest or youngest daughter of the family?
- 3) A traditional fish dish eaten during the Christmas feast.
- 4) What is the name of the Swedish Santa Claus?

Answers: 1) Red, 5) Advent, 6) Home Down: 2) Eldest 3) Lutfisk 4) Jultomten



In Sweden, Christmas celebrations are a big thing which last for almost two months. There are a lot of activities going on. Let's take a look at some of them!

Medishness

Drop by IKEA Tampines on 15 & 16th Dec for the småles Christmas Bazaar

St Lucia procession

Swedishsanta

Jultomten, also known as "Tomten", is Sweden's Santa Claus. He is actually a small gnome that wears red robes and has a long white beard.

Usually, a family member will dress up as Jultomten. This will then be followed with Jultomten asking "Are there any good children here?" before distributing presents to the kids.

St. lucia's day (13 Dec)

St. Lucia's day falls on 13 Dec. On this day, the eldest girl in the family will wear a white robe with a bright red sash and a head wreath with candles. Then, she will go around the home serving each family member saffron buns and coffee.

The boys will dress up as star boys in long white shirts and pointed hats and they will help out the eldest girl portraying St Lucia.



Christmas presents

Tomten

Decorating the christmas tree

The whole family will help to select the Christmas tree and decorate it together. Some common decorations include candies, straw ornaments of goats, mini Swedish flags and small gnomes wearing red hats.

Smorgasbord

Smorgasbord is a buffet styled dinner served on Christmas Eve. Swedes usually have it at home. Some unique dishes include jellied pigs feet, lutfisk (dry white fish soaked in lye) and rice porridge.

A popular Swedish Christmas tradition is to serve rice porridge with one almond in it. The person who finds it can get to make a wish.

Smorgasbord



Straw goats



Christmas tree

St.knut's day (13 Jan)

This day marks the end of the Christmas season in Sweden. Christmas decorations are being packed away, children finish the wrapped candies on the Christmas tree and the Christmas tree is being discarded. christimos recipes

Who says only the adults can have fun in the kitchen during Christmas?Impress your family and relatives with these two easy and yummy recipes! You may need some help from an adult helper.

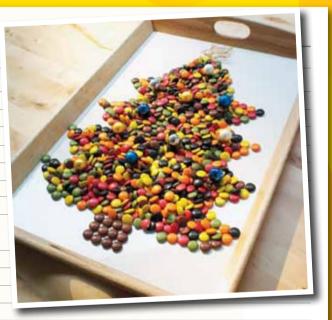
Edible christmas tree

Ingredients:

- ¹/₃ cup butter
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp clear vanilla extract
- 3¹/₂ cups sugar
- 3 4 ths milk
- Piping bag
- Lots of M&M's
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This is how you do it:

- 1) Divide the M&M's by colour and leave on one side.
- 2) Create your frosting:
 - Mix butter, salt and vanilla and beat until light and fluffy. Add sugar gradually, beating after each addition.
 - Add 3 tbs milk and beat until smooth. Beat in more milk until desired spreading consistency is reached.
 - This makes about $2\frac{1}{3}$ cups of frosting (enough to frost 1 dozen cupcakes). You can make more
- frosting depending on the size of your tray.
- 3) Put your frosting into piping bags. Draw out a Christmas tree shape on your tray using the frosting.
- 4) Start decorating your Christmas tree using the M&M's! You can go for the traditional tree and line it green. Or simply, use your creativity! Have fun!



Banana lingonberry cakes with ice cream

Ingredients:

- 4 ripe medium bananas, mashed
- 240g plain flour
- 150g brown sugar
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp pinch of salt
- 120g butter, softened
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 4 tbs warm milk
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 4 tbs SYLT LINGON lingonberry jam (or cranberry jam)
- Vanilla ice cream, to serve

This is how you do it:

1) Preheat oven to 170°C.

- 2) Butter and flour 6 small dishes for serving cake.
- 3) Mash bananas, leaving some bite-size chunks. Add milk and vanilla extract.
- 4) Sift flour, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder and salt together. Set aside.
- 5) In a separate bowl, beat butter, olive oil and sugar together at medium speed till pale and creamy.
- 6) Add eggs one at a time, beating well each time.
- 7) Add banana mixture and mix well.
- 8) Pour half of the flour mixture in and gently fold in with a spatula. Add the remaining flour mixture in.
- 9) Scoop batter into moulds, swirl lingonberry jam on the top of the cake. Bake for 20 to 25mins.
- 10) While the cake is still warm, over turn them onto a wire mesh
 - (you may want to use a toothpick to loosen it first).
- 11) Serve the cake warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream (if desired).

Tips! To make the little cakes more festive, tie a Christmas-y ribbon around each ramekin!



This recipe is contributed by:



Orangutans live in the tropical rain forests on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra. They have incredibly strong and long arms, which they use to swing from tree to tree! They are also known as the "Red Ape" due to their bright red-orange hair. Sadly, the orangutans are endangered animals and are in serious danger of becoming extinct!





This baby orangutan is hugging on to its mother as it takes a nice afternoon nap in the forest. Baby orangutans cry when they're hungry or hurt and smile at their mothers when they are happy.

Baby orangutans may stay with their mothers for up to eight years in the wild! The orangutan mother will protect her baby from harm.

> Orangutans have the same number of teeth as humans!

An adult has 32 teeth and a child has 28 teeth! How many teeth do you have?





Orangutans are very intelligent animals! This orangutan uses a stick to collect honey! Some are known to use a big piece of leaf as an umbrella for shelter in the rain!



This baby orangutan has lost its mother so a human caretaker is taking care of it. She is feeding the baby orangutan with a milk bottle!

> This baby orangutan is learning how to climb trees to look for food.

An orangutan spends 90% of their time in the trees. They live, eat and sleep on the trees!

Orangutans are losing their homes in the rainforest. We need to protect the trees in the forest to save the endangered orangutans!





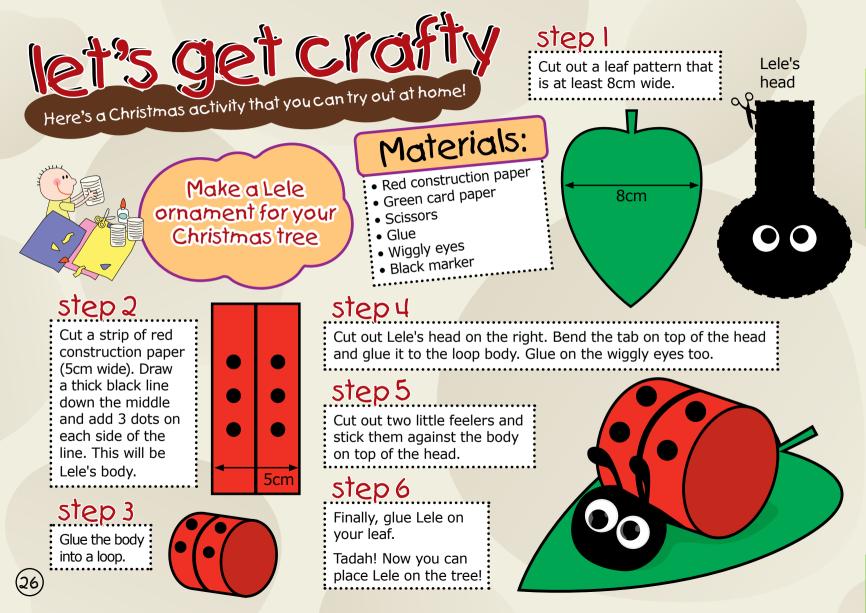
Photos and text by C.S. Ling and Ethan Lim of Life List Chase

View more of our orangutan photos & stories at **http://lifelistchase.com/orangutan** Find out how you can help the orangutans! **http://redapes.org/adopt**

Sign up for the photography workshop on 8 or 9 Dec if you want to learn more about outdoor photography. Shoeles always been an eagerly awaited event that marks the start of Christmas in Sweden. Advent has always been an eagerly awaited event that marks the start of Christmas in Sweden. Kids look forward to the advent calendar, a special calendar with boxes of surprises that make counting down to Christmas super fun! You may not be in Sweden, but we have a special advent calendar just for you. So countdown to Christmas the småles way!







did you know Candy is something that everyone enjoys and has very much become a part of our daily lives. Let's find out more about these sweet treats.

What are candies made of?

Candies are mainly made up of sugar and most of the sugar comes from plants.



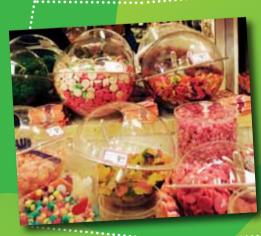
The differences in texture of candies depend on the temperature and sugar concentration. In general, higher temperature and greater sugar concentration will result in hard and brittle candies, and lower temperature and sugar concentration will make softer candies.

Fun facts about

- The world's largest lollipop weighed 4,759.1 pounds (10.492kg) and was made
- by Franssons of Sweden. Ms Green is the first female M&M's character.
- Candy was once advertised as health food.
- Astronauts chose M&M's to take to space
- as part of their food rations.

Other uses of sugars

Apart from making candies and tasty food, sugar is also widely used in many products such as paints, medicines, printer ink, cosmetics, preservatives, fertilisers, hair products, explosives, plastics etc. Sugar can be found everywhere!



candy unwrapped exhibition

Do you want to know more about candies? Join us at the Candy Unwrapped Exhibition at the Science Centre and learn about surprising myths and misconceptions about sugar and candies.

Dates: 6 Apr 2012 - 5 Apr 2013 Venue : Singapore Science Centre Halls D & E **Opening hours :** Daily 10am - 6pm **Typical time required :** 60 minutes **Price :** \$3 (3 years and above and excluding admission to the Science Centre Singapore)

For more information, visit www.science.edu.sg or call 6425 2500.

