



Dear Cale,  
I know how much you love digging in the sandpit so it came as no surprise to see that you transferred this interest to digging in the mud! You spent AGES playing in our mud pit! You sat in your mud hole and asked me if I could get you some warm water, I think you might have seen Leighton having a warm mud spa. I got you a big bucket of warm water, and then another. Perrin and Anna took on the challenge of carrying the water to you on the last leg of the journey. You lay back on the muddy ground with your feet in the warm muddy pool, you looked so relaxed! Perrin and Anna had quite a struggle carrying the bucket and at one point nearly gave up "Its too heavy!" Anna said, then Perrin had a good idea to use smaller

containers to bucket the warm water to you. You stayed put, as still as a rock, and soon the friends had managed to scoop the warm water up and pour it into your muddy spa! After quite a while lying down you decided it was time to move on. I offered you a lovely warm bath. We pretended to be the characters in the Mrs Wishy Washy story and Jo took photos of us that I have turned into a book to read to the children and give you a copy to keep! We read the story several times today and Jo read it at mat time too. I will give you a copy of the book to take home and show your family!





**What learning is happening here?**

Cale, one of the important aims we have here at Chelsea kindergarten is to support children in their interests, to find out more about who they are and what brings them joy and delight. I think we know that you LOVE digging and mud and messy play! I was really interested to see how you absolutely surrendered to the muddy ground,



how you lay there for so long, just relaxing, your body so still! You are a fabulously active person, so its so great to see that here in the mud is a place where you can really slow down and rest! And of course the lovely warm tub of water at the end did a good job of warming you up and washing you off at the same time!

Love Julie 17/8/17

*Post script*

I shared this story with your Mum and she told me that you LOVE lying down and relaxing in puddles and other places in nature! She sent me these photos of you today! OH MY GOODNESS CALE!!!! I

JUST LOVE LOVE LOVE THAT YOU DID THIS!!! How FANTASTIC!!!! There is a wonderful author called Natalie Goldberg, in one of her books she talks about how lots of people have a negative attitude to rain-she says 'EAT THE RAIN" in other words-say YES to the rain, instead of running away from it like its going to melt us, embrace it, eat it! You clearly are someone who says YES to puddles and mud and full on sensory experiences! FABULOUS!!!! I might offer you a big batch of slime to wallow in next!

Love

Julie

17/8/17



Oh the absolute joy and bliss! Total relaxation in warm mud xoxoxox.



Paula Lipscombe commented on a [story '\[Untitled\]'](#)

"Wonderful memories for Cale to look back on, he certainly is a sensory kid and loves to get totally mucky in whatever he is doing. His dad reckons he is prime bait for military boot camp!! look forward to seeing the booklet x"



Julie Killick

10 hours ago



Thanks for being so positive and understanding about all the VERY grubby clothes that are coming home-you are a LEGEND! XOX

Rex Peita commented on a [story '\[Untitled\]'](#)

"... my little guy has such an amazing zest for life ...it is heart-warming to watch him truly be a "kid""

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“Umm what has happened to that spring board I’ve just set up?” I mused to myself, as I scanned the playground. One of the blue climbing boxes was packed full of tyres, and my obstacle course was effectively deconstructed. “Wow! Whats happening here?” I asked. James said, “It’s our construction site” “Wow!” That very cool!” I replied, and I stood back and watched as James, Cale, Huddy, Jake, Paddy, Eli and Hunter all took part in hauling tyres, boxes, planks trolleys and all manner of other bits



and pieces to the construction site. I watched James struggle with a really heavy log “Watch out for your toes” I cautioned from the side lines ( I know how heavy that log is because I had struggled to move it earlier!) James was determined and I knew he wanted to conquer this manoeuvre alone! Then Cale decided to move the green house, soon without any words exchanged his construction mates were at his side. They pushed and hauled, they dragged and put their backs into it. It was a joy to watch! The image of them as big hairy teenagers pushing a car together flashed into my mind, classic! They managed to move the very heavy green house all the way across the safety fall area. “We need a blanket” James said pointing to



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the roof of the house frame that had also just moved into place. "OK, Great idea!" I said and I went inside to find a bedspread to throw over and make a roof. Then I had a better Idea and got the boys an old tent and a tarpaulin which gave them much more privacy. I poked my head into the little house and asked if they would like some blankets to make themselves cosy? They said yes, adding "And some pillows please!" happy to oblige I also brought them some mattresses so they could have five star comfort- after all that hard work they deserved a soft place



to rest! They really enjoyed the little hut, I overheard them talking, they were playing a game, James was the human and the other boys were his pet caterpillars! They stayed in there for quite a while snuggled up in the cosy blankets. Later I saw that some of the construction workers had set up another creation in our forest this time! Fantastic!

**What learning is happening here?**

Wow wow wow! I was SO IMPRESSED with this fantastic play today! The friends had such a fabulous time cooperating



with each other working together to create, it was **AWESOME!** It was fascinating for me to watch how they actually worked together without having to say a lot, they just got into it and helped each other!

Earlier in the year I went to a lecture on loose parts and creativity. As a team we have been talking about getting more things in our play ground that children can use to create with, but wow, today I saw how the children can do an amazing job of moving even very big and heavy boxes through their team work! I am still keen to get some stumps and other movable materials like

crates and driftwood that can be used to create with. Watching this play today has motivated me to get cracking with sourcing some more loose parts for our playground for these fabulous creative construction workers! I loved watching the children put huge effort into moving and carrying to make their construction site. Its great to have to struggle a bit, it gives children a sense of satisfaction and increases their feeling of power and self confidence. It also



strengthens their disposition to persist, and we know how invaluable that is in the learning process! It was also exhilarating for them to deconstruct and make something new and I believe it afforded the development of new relationships, and a sense of being part of a group. I love my days with these wonderful children, you just never know what might happen next!

love  
Julie  
1/11/17