

A sense of Belonging

Dear Tobias

Every day when you come into kindergarten you always make a point of greeting me by name, you introduced me to your Mum which I thought was a very kind thing to do too. I have noticed you greeting other teachers too and I think this is something special about you Tobias, to greet adults with out being prompted.

Your 'go to' place is the swings, your favourite being the flat swing with a rope on either side to hang on to. It could be said that you love swinging as it is probably the place you spend the most time when you are at kindergarten. Come rain or shine, if I ever need to find you, the swings is the first place I will go to have a look for you.

What learning do I see here for Tobias?

Tobias is so at home at kindergarten and he is probably the child who has made me feel the most welcome, he seeks me out and always has a story to share with me. Our early childhood curriculum Te Whariki, guides us as teachers to support children's sense of belonging. I often wonder what does this look like for a child, and now I know. When I think of belonging, I think of Tobias, I would imagine when visitors come to call at home that he is as welcoming and including as he is here at kindergarten.

How will we continue to support you Tobias in your learning journey?

Tobias, you have not been coming to Glamorgan Kindergarten for long and I wonder if the swings are your place of comfort. I have noticed that when you have had a long time on the swing after Mum goes that you are happy to get engaged in other activities on offer at kindergarten. What ever you choose to do we will be here to support you.

Jo
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