



bug news



småle matters

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WELCOME
TO
Småland!

greetings

from Alex and Tampi...

Hej småles,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our little survey. We're very happy to know that a lot of you enjoy reading the Bug News, playing the games and participating in our workshops and activities. So for this issue, there are even more games and activities planned for the school holidays.

One of the special event is, of course, our annual Småland Book of Records. Third time's the charm, and here's to hoping! We have old favourites like sudoku and paper aeroplane, as well as new challenges and even one for your parents... if they dare. Read more on page **18**.

And since all of you care so much about the environment, we want to invite everyone to become an IKEA små hero. By pledging to

be one, you would need to complete 8 tasks to improve the environment, and receive a special limited-edition gift in return. See how you can become a små hero on page **10**.

It's going to be an exciting June holiday – we can feel it all the way to our furry toes! We hope to see you in the IKEA store soon. Be well and be kind to one another.



With Big Bug Hugs,

Alex and Tampi (Lele too!)

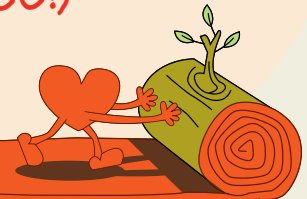


new merchandise
-Alex & Tampi keychain

Keep your keys neat with this cool småle keychain.

\$2 Smålish Dällars

Available at the Bug House at both IKEA stores from 17 June 2013. While stocks last.





inbox@småles

We love to receive your drawings and letters - they just brighten our day! Thank you and keep them coming. We apologise for not being able to publish everything as there is not enough space.



**Chua Min Fei Celeste,
10 years old**



**Alyssa Lauren Xavier,
8 years old**



**Milla Tan,
10 years old**



Chew Zhen Yan, 10 years old



**Ng Jia Xin,
7 years old**



**Ng Sin Yee,
9 years old**



**Tay Yi Rui Audrey,
9 years old**



**Sobiirah Binte Mohd Sabli,
11 years old**



Next issue's theme

Alex and Tampi have so many friends in the magical forest. Who do you think their best friends are? Share your drawings with us on who you think are Alex's and Tampi's forest friends. You could stand to win a MAMMUT chair.

BEST LETTER

"Hi Alex, Tampi and Lele, I will be turning 11 soon and will not be able to enter Småland anymore... :(But I will definitely remember those great times I had at Småland :) I always love receiving the Bug News as I can read the comics and catch up on småles matters. My younger sister is only 3 but enjoys reading it with me too! I am sure she will love Småland as much as I do! Thank you for all the great moments!"

Laetitia Tay Kit Sze, 10 years old

"Dear Alex, Tampi and Lele, I LOVE reading the Bug News! It is very interesting as there are many fun games in it! I always have an enjoyable time when I am reading the Bug News (especially the comics). I also love the three of you as you guys are SO cute! I want to thank you for ALL the different activities/ events you have planned for us. I wish you a happy and joyful Chinese New Year!!!!"

Ong Yu Jing, 9 years old

"Dear Alex, Tampi and (Lele), I love the three of you as you all are so cute! I like going to Småland as I can play with my friends. I wish I could go to Småland now but school holiday is not here yet so I could not go. I can't wait for the school holidays to arrive and I hope I can see Alex, Tampi and Lele when I visit Småland. Småland and IKEA rocks!!"

Teh Tjun Jin, 8 years old

"Dear Alex, Tampi and (Lele), this is my first time writing to you. When I was 3, I couldn't wait to be four years old so I can be a småles! I love jumping into the pool of balls in Småland. I look forward to going to IKEA every time!"

**Koh Zhi Qi Earlene,
4 years old**

"Hi Alex, Tampi and Lele, I miss the three of you so much! I also miss the meatballs. Each time I visit IKEA, I can eat at least four plates of meatballs! Lastly, I love to read the Bug News! Can't wait for the next issue :)"

Boh Duang Hee, 7 years old

"Hi Alex, Tampi and (of course not forgetting Lele), this is my first time writing to you all! I love to read the Bug News and I hope my letter will be in it! I hope I can go to Småland soon and play in the play area before I grow too tall. I also love the food at IKEA especially the meatballs. I shall try to go to Småland soon and watch TV on a cushion in the play area!"

Jaime Song, 9 years old



It's the June school holidays!

Tell us what you like best about the holidays and how you like to spend your time. You could just win a box of PYSSLA beads. Share your drawings and letters with Alex and Tampi. Mail them to småles, **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764**. Or email to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg. Remember to include your Name and 16-digit Smålish passport number.



government

meet your Småland leaders

These 12 småles are your elected Ministers of Småland and they help the Quings make sure that Småland is a happy and fun-filled place for its citizens.

Government



Quingdom of Småland

Minister

prime minister



Claire
Tan Shuan En
Age: 9

Clara Heng
Age: 6



green minister



Kyla
Athalia Surja
Age: 7

Goh Minxi
Vanille
Age: 9



play minister



Cayden Heng
Age: 4

Cadence
Lee Sze Chien
Age: 7



dållar minister



Lim Junbin
Age: 5

Cathleen
Lee Sze Xuan
Age: 5



family minister



Joei
Kwek June Le
Age: 7

Kyra
Koh Qi Rui
Age: 8



makan minister



Khoo Jieying
Age: 9

Soo Cheng Feng
Age: 8



parliament



How do you plan to spend the June school holidays with your family?

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what is your favourite activity at home to do together as a family?



Hej småles ,

I am looking forward to the June holidays too! ☺

Normally, I just go on a vacation and relax, but this year, it is very different. I have a NAFA ballet performance on 1st June (Saturday). ☺ I hope you have a good time with your family during your holidays too! ☺☺

Kyra Koh,
Family Minister

Hi småles citizen,

I'm looking forward to the upcoming June School Holidays!

My family are planning to visit our neighbouring country Malaysia. We are also planning to go for cycling at East Coast Park, movies, and shopping. One place I won't miss is Ikea Småland! Although relaxation and play are important to every growing kids, study is also important!

Lastly, I would also spend some time revising what I learn in term 1 and 2.

Cheers,
Cadence Lee,
Play Minister

Hej småles ,

I love to do painting & art & craft. I also love to do baking & cooking & eating together.

Cayden Heng,
Play Minister

activities

DIY owl

Make your own unique owl decoration that can be hung anywhere; it also doubles up as a box that can store small gifts or potpourri.

Dates	Location	Time	Sessions	Pax
25 May (Sat)	IKEA Tampines	2pm – 5pm	6 x 30 mins sessions	15 kids per session
26 May (Sun)	IKEA Alexandra	2pm – 4pm	4 x 30 mins sessions	10 kids per session



DIY kaleidoscope

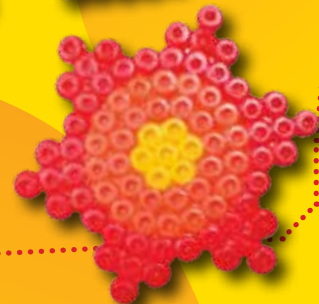
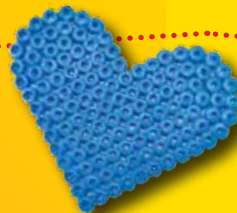
Create your very own magical kaleidoscope by reusing unwanted materials such as cardboard rolls.

Dates	Location	Time	Sessions	Pax
1 Jun (Sat)	IKEA Tampines	2pm – 5pm	6 x 30 mins sessions	15 kids per session
2 Jun (Sun)	IKEA Alexandra	2pm – 4pm	4 x 30 mins sessions	10 kids per session



Plyssa bead hero

Create cool magnets of your favourite superhero by using the IKEA Plyssabeads.



Dates	Location	Time	Sessions	Pax
8 Jun (Sat)	IKEA Tampines	2pm – 5pm	6 x 30 mins sessions	15 kids per session
9 Jun (Sun)	IKEA Alexandra	2pm – 4pm	4 x 30 mins sessions	10 kids per session



Wikkistix photo frame

Customise a plain photo frame by using Wikkistix. Perfect for displaying a family photo or as a gift.

Dates	Location	Sessions	Pax
7 Jun (Fri)	IKEA Tampines	Session 1: 10am – 11am Session 2: 11.30am – 12.30pm	30 kids per session
28 Jun (Fri)	IKEA Alexandra	Session 1: 10am – 11am Session 2: 11.30am – 12.30pm	15 kids per session

Cost: Wikkistix Photo frame = \$5 Smålish dällars, All other activities = \$1 Smålish dällar
You'll only need to pay on the day of the activity itself.

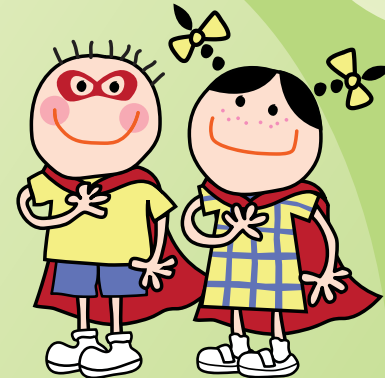
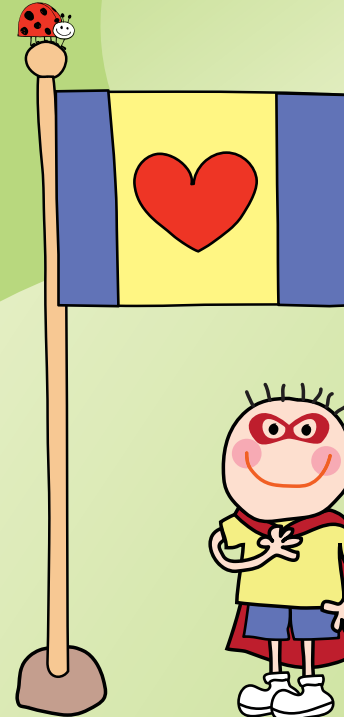
Remarks : Please print out your dällars and register at the Bug House. Registration starts at 1.30pm and is based on a first-come-first-served basis.

IKEA små heroes



Be an IKEA små hero!

From 15 Apr 2013 (Mon) onwards, each småle will be able to take part in the IKEA små hero challenge. All you have to do is pick up a copy of the booklet and complete all the tasks stated in the booklet within a year. When that is done, you would be appointed an IKEA små hero and also receive a special prize from us.



Who is an IKEA små hero?

You are an ordinary småle who does extraordinary deeds and lead by example to create positive changes to the world that we live in; whether it's for the environment or the community.

More details available from the Bug House at IKEA Tampines or IKEA Alexandra.



Be a små hero for a day!

Want to know what it is like to be a små hero for a day?
Try growing your own beanstalk!

What you'll need:

- A glass container
- Cotton Wool
- 2 Green Beans

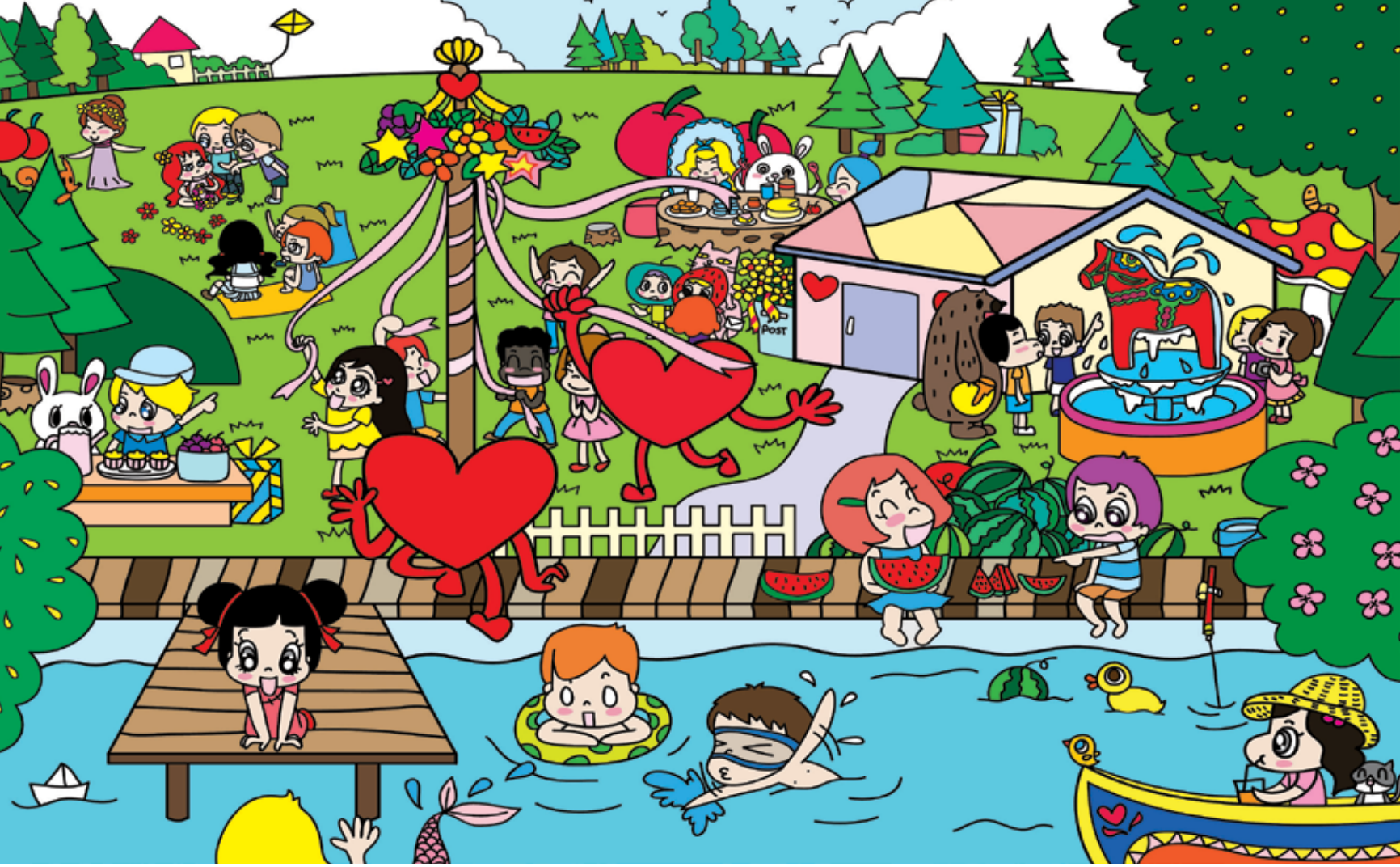
Here's how:

- 1) Soak the beans for 24 hours.
- 2) Make the cotton wool damp with water and use it to cover the entire base of the glass container.
- 3) Spread the beans out on the cotton wool. Place it somewhere where it has enough sunlight.
- 4) Within 2 - 3 days, your bean will start to sprout and grow, watch what happens after!



spot the difference

Instructions : Midsummer is here in Småland! It's time for some all-day summer fun!. Can you spot the 20 differences between the 2 pictures? Tell us where each difference is located, eg A6.



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 25 Apr 2013. 20 lucky winners will each receive a LILLABO 3 piece train set!

games games games!

Count how many ladybugs there are!



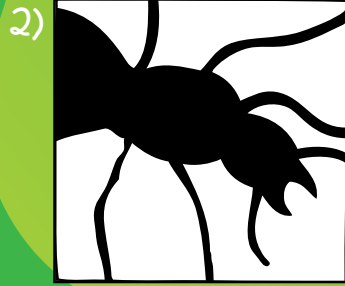
Answers: 12 ladybugs

Guess which creatures they are!



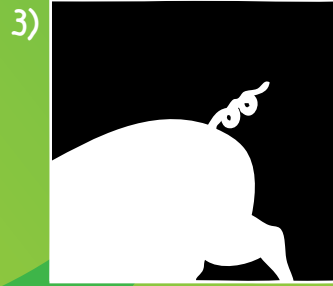
- A) Snake
- B) Earthworm
- C) Crocodile

Ans: _____



- A) Grasshopper
- B) Butterfly
- C) Ant

Ans: _____



- A) Mouse
- B) Pig
- C) Chicken

Ans: _____



- A) Fish
- B) Spider
- C) Crab

Ans: _____



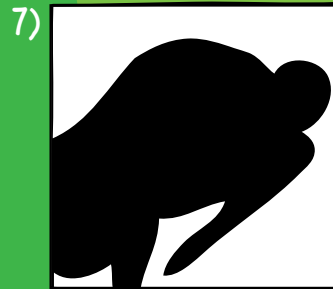
- A) Cat
- B) Frog
- C) Shark

Ans: _____



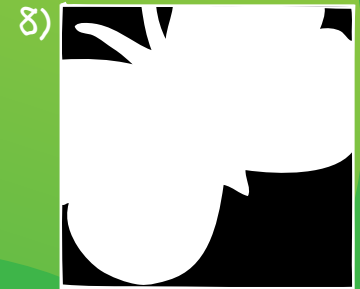
- A) Cow
- B) Elephant
- C) Giraffe

Ans: _____



- A) Rabbit
- B) Dog
- C) Goat

Ans: _____



- A) Butterfly
- B) Bird
- C) Squirrel

Ans: _____

games games games!

Circle out where the words are!

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p	s	c	k	n	a	t	u	r	e	a	u	k
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words to find:

dance	nature
flowers	party
fun	plants
games	sing
happy	solstice
herring	summer
holiday	sun
magical	swedish
maypole	tradition
music	wreath

l	i	j	a	o	i	i	i	d	o	l	l	l
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Answer:

Make your own midsummer wreath

You may need help from an adult assistant.

Materials:

- Flowers and leaves/greenery, string or thin wire, scissors.
- Ribbons and florist tape (optional)

If you are using fresh flowers and greenery, keep the wreath in the refrigerator until use. Spray it from time to time with water.



step 1

Start by making small flower bouquets. Make all the bouquets similar or create 2 - 3 different bouquets to alternate with. Estimate about 16-18 bouquets.

step 2

Keep the stems long in each of the small bouquets. This will create a sturdier wreath. Place the leaves and greenery beneath and flowers on the top. Bind each bouquet with a string or thin wire.

step 3

Take a long piece of wire and loop it around the bottom of each bouquet. Alternate, placing one bouquet to the left and one to the right. In this way, create a long "garland". When the "garland" is long enough to measure around your head, fit the stems of the last bouquet under the first bouquet and bind it into a round wreath. You may use ribbons or florist tape to cover the exposed stems.

Småland book of records 2013

The 3rd annual Småland Book of Records is here again! Calling all spirited småles to come forth and join us in creating history by setting records for the different challenges. This year, the challenges up for grabs are:



Furthest folded paper plane flown

Are you the best pilot in Småland? Fold a paper aeroplane and see how far it can fly before landing.

Longest paper clip chain

Are you quick and nimble with your fingers? String paper clips together to form a chain and see how long it can get within 1 minute.



Toy Frenzy

Have strength? Smarts? Or both? Grab the most number of stuffed toys within 10 seconds.

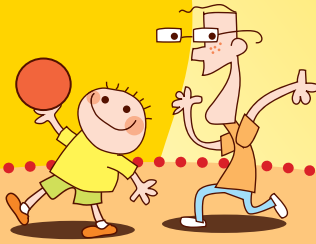
Fastest sudoku player

Are you logical and like to analyse? Complete a sudoku game on the spot and see how fast you take to complete it correctly.

Highest paper cup tower stacked

Do you have a good sense of balance? Create a standing tower with paper cups and see how many levels you can stack within 1 minute.





Parent and child team challenge!

Toss and Dunk

Team up with Mummy or Daddy!
Toss a bunch of balls and see how many goes into the basket, attached onto Daddy or Mummy's head, within 1 minute.

Småland Book of Records!

Date : 29 Jun 2013 (Sat)

Timing : 9.30am – 12.30pm

Location : IKEA Tampines, Carpark Level 2

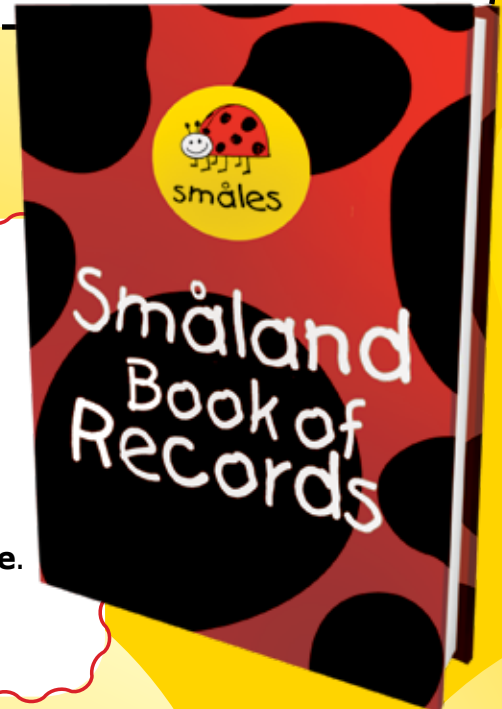
Contenders' registration : 24 May – 2 Jun 2013

Audience registration : 2 – 9 Jun 2013

Småland Book of Records!

If you are interested in participating as a challenger, please register at **www.IKEA.com.sg/smales/sborchallenger**. Each småle may only participate in 1 challenge. Limited to 8 småles for each challenge. On a first-come-first-served basis. Challengers would be contacted by email.

If you are interested in participating as an audience and cheer on the challengers, please register at **www.IKEA.com.sg/smales/sboraudience**. Limited to 50 småles members. Each småle may bring along another 3 guests. On a first-come-first-served basis.



Swedishness

Can the Sun Really Shine at Midnight?

Yes it can! Midsummer is the longest day of the year and in some parts of Sweden, when the weather is clear, the sun will be visible for a 24-hour period. Which means that when your watch shows 12 midnight, it may still be bright as day! This year, Midsummer's Day (or *midsommardagen*) in Sweden falls on 22 June.

7 year-old Melissa Nilsson shares with us on the things she does during Midsummer (or *Midsommar* in Swedish). Melissa lives in Sundbyberg in Sweden with her Mum Aida and Dad Bengt.



What is your favourite thing about Midsommar?

My favourite thing about Midsommar is singing and dancing around the Midsommer pole together with friends and family. It is fun to sing and dance together, especially "Små grodorna" (a song called "The Little Frogs"). We do that at every Midsommer celebration.





What's your favourite food at the Midsommar feast?



It has to be strawberry cake with plenty of strawberries and fresh fruit syrup – yummy!



Who do you usually celebrate Midsommar with?



Last Midsommar, I celebrated it with my family together with my mum's friends and their families. My mum and her friends usually take turn to host the Midsommar party every year.



It must be really special to have the sun shining at night, isn't it?



Yes! I feel very happy when the sun shines at night. Nobody feels like going to bed! It's very special because I get to go to bed much later than usually, probably around 10pm.



Do you wear something special during Midsommar?

Yes, girls wear the Midsummer wreath (*midsommar krans*), which is made of wild flowers or leaves, or both. We all wear this during this celebration. Whoever is free will go to pick wild flowers around the area where the party is held. Most of the time, the girls will follow their mums or dad to collect the flowers. They will also help to make the *krans* after they collected enough flowers and leaves.



Fun facts about Midsummer

- Girls and young women are supposed to pick seven different species of flowers and put them under their pillow, and that night, they will dream of their husbands!
- Streets in the city are usually empty around Midsummer because many people head to the countryside for celebrations
- There is lots of singing, dancing and games at a Midsummer party!

partner's promotions

Hey, Little Mousedeer!

Meet Kancil, and his friends and rivals; the big but blur 'King of the Forest' Harimau the Tiger; Monyet the friendly and helpful monkey; the tiny and slow lizard Cikcak.

Kancil cannot let an opportunity pass to show how clever, brave and quick-witted he is; but always seems to tangle his friends in his crazy schemes. It brings no end of trouble, and in the process teaches Kancil and the audience some valuable lessons!

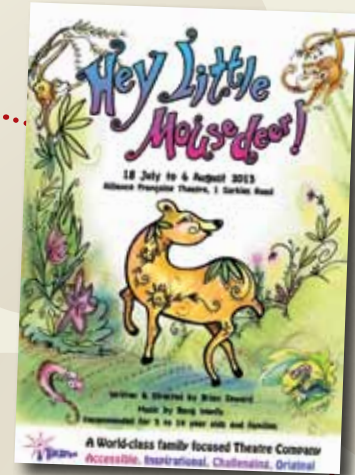


Dates : 18 Jul – 7 Aug 2013

Venue : Alliance Francaise Theatre

Duration : 45 mins
(including meet and greet)

Tickets are available at SISTIC and all SISTIC authorised agents.



Contest: We have 5 pairs of tickets to giveaway! You will also get a chance to meet and greet the cast! Simply answer the following question: **Who are Kancil friends and rivals?** Send in your answer to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg with the header "**Mousedeer**" by **30 Jun 2013**. Remember to include your name, Smālish passport number and contact details.



The Tale of the Frog Prince

Prince Phillip has been stuck in the form of a frog since a wicked witch cast a spell on him. Ashamed of his outward appearance, the frog prince hides in a swamp where young Princess Rosalie finds him one day. According to the frog prince, the spell can only be broken by a kiss from one whose love for him is true. Will Prince Phillip find true love undeterred by his outward appearance?

The Tale of the Frog Prince teaches children not to judge a book by its cover, and also serves as a light-hearted reminder to us adults that we should treat everyone with kindness and respect.



Dates : 29 Aug – 29 Sep 2013

Venue : DBS Arts Cebtre, Home of the SRT

Tickets are available at SISTIC and all SISTIC authorised agents.

Contest: We have 3 pairs of tickets to giveaway! Simply answer the following question: **Who found the frog prince?** Send in your answer to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg with the header "**Frog Prince**" by **30 Jun 2013**. Remember to include your name, Smālish passport number and contact details.

did you know

Since it's Midsommer and all about celebrating a longer day time with a lot of light, let's talk about the Sun!

The sun is the largest object in our solar system

The sun is larger than all of the planets. Its radius is approximately **432,000 miles**. This almost **109 times** as large as the Earth (whoa!).

The surface of the sun has lots of eruptions

Giant flames erupt from the sun's surface caused by sunspots. Some of these eruptions are even bigger than the Earth!

The sun is really, really hot

The outer part of the sun is about **50 times** hotter than the temperature of water boiling. It is so hot that if we were to put any kind of metals there, it would not only melt, but be vaporized on the sun.

The sun has dark spots known as "sunspots"

While you cannot see them without special equipment like a telescope, the sun has some dark areas, called sunspots. These spots appear darker because they are about a **1000°C** cooler than the surrounding gas.



The sun is about 70% hydrogen and 28% helium

The core of the sun converts hydrogen to helium. So basically, the sun is a large ball of gas. Poof!

It takes 8.3 minutes for light from the sun to reach the Earth

When you see the sun, you are actually seeing what it looked like **8.3 minutes** ago. It takes that amount of time for light to reach the Earth.

