

## 8 WAYS TO ACKNOWLEDGE

# CHILDREN'S achievements



Participation  
Award

**1** **Ask children:** how they feel about what they have achieved: Are you pleased? What do you think of that? Are you happy with that?

**2** **When appropriate, add your opinion (not judgment):** Well, I agree with you! I agree that you can be very pleased with yourself I think it's special too.

**3** **Intend to congratulate, not manipulate:** Try saying things like "Congratulations!" "Hey! You did it!", "Wow!" or "look at that!"

**4** **Focus on the process, not the product:** I admire that you tried something new. I'm impressed that you had another go. Looks like you really worked at that

**5** **Give information or feedback in the form of I-verb:** I admire... I respect... I value... I'm impressed that ... I appreciate...

**6** **When children are saying or giving nonverbal messages that they are pleased, reflect that:** You look delighted! You seem very proud of yourself. You look very pleased

**7** **Express appreciation:** Celebrate their achievements by saying things like thank you! I'm grateful that... I appreciate that because...

**8** **Verify children's own assessment that they have achieved something worthwhile, highlight their successes so that they notice these, and expand on what they have achieved:** I agree that it's quite an achievement! (verification) Did you know you could do that? (Highlight) And not only have you finished it, but you worked on it for ages (Expansion).