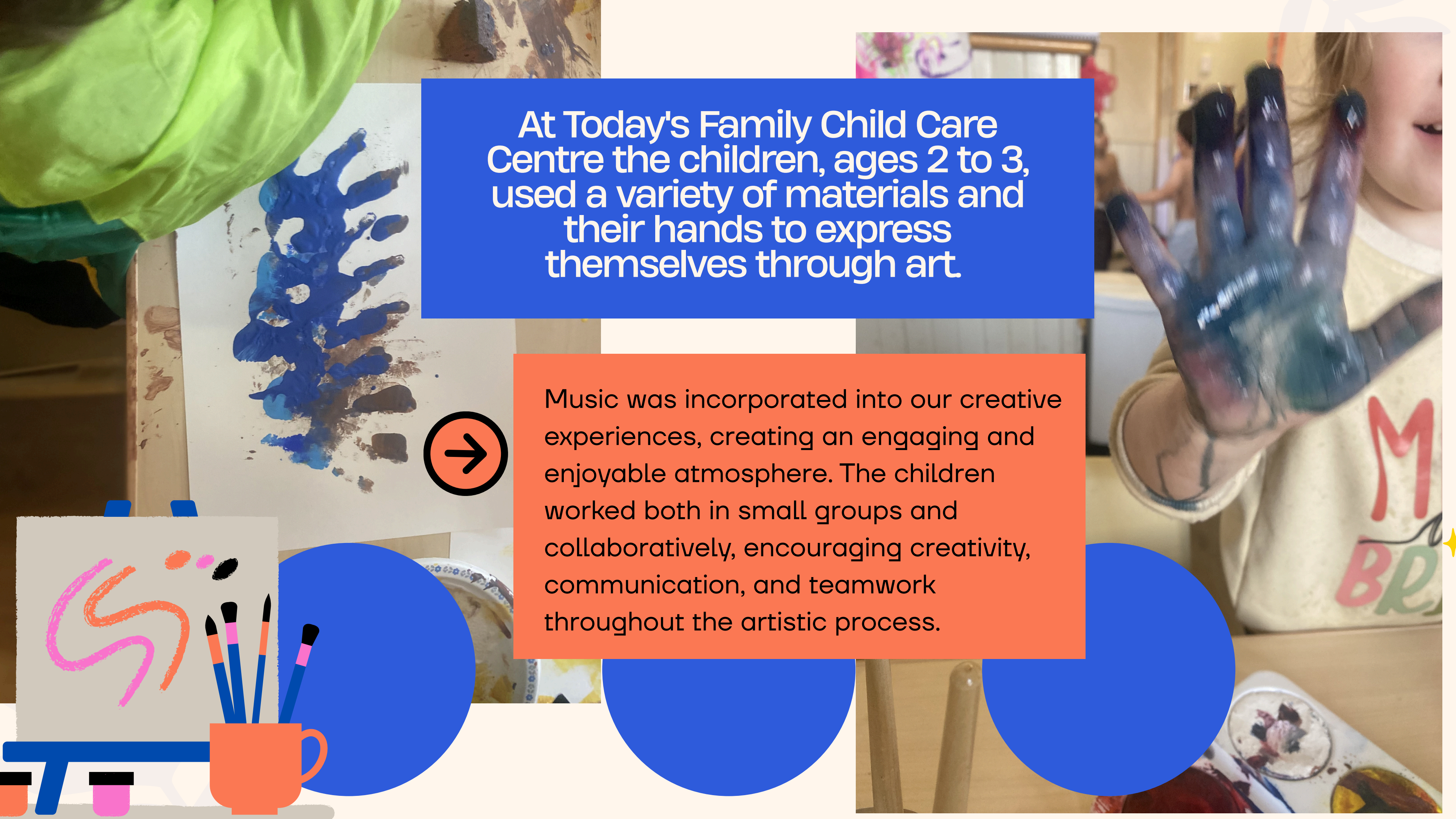


The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of overlapping organic shapes in shades of pink, orange, green, and purple. A large, light blue handprint is visible on the right side, partially overlapping the green and purple areas.

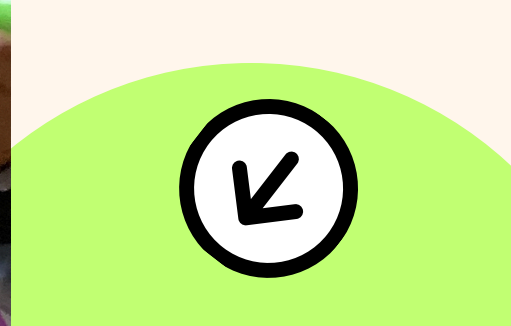
Today's Family Central Child Care Centre

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At Today's Family Child Care Centre the children, ages 2 to 3, used a variety of materials and their hands to express themselves through art.

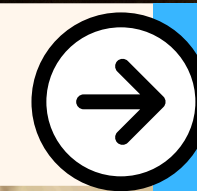
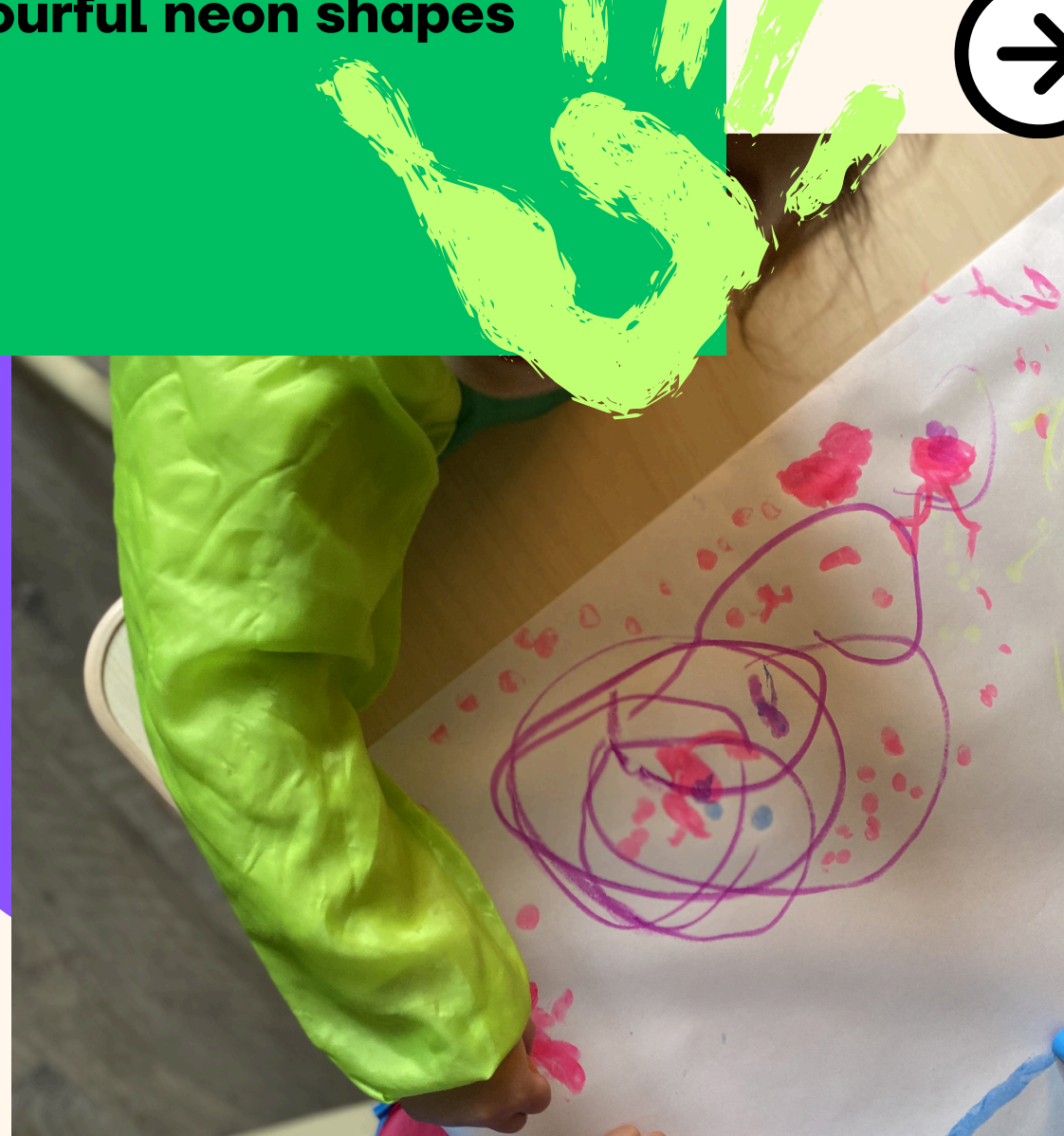
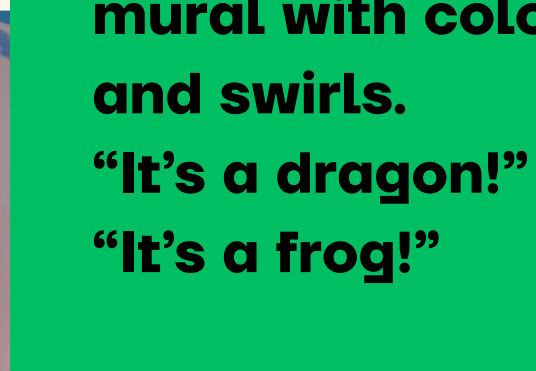
Music was incorporated into our creative experiences, creating an engaging and enjoyable atmosphere. The children worked both in small groups and collaboratively, encouraging creativity, communication, and teamwork throughout the artistic process.



Collaboration:

The children used paint sticks to create a collaborative mural on a large sheet of paper. While each child had their own space to draw, they worked together to fill the mural with colourful neon shapes and swirls.

“It’s a dragon!”
“It’s a frog!”



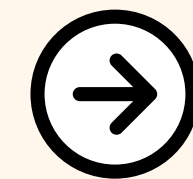
Confidence:

Afterwards, we displayed the mural in the classroom, allowing the children to reflect on and celebrate their shared creation.





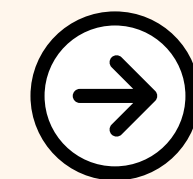
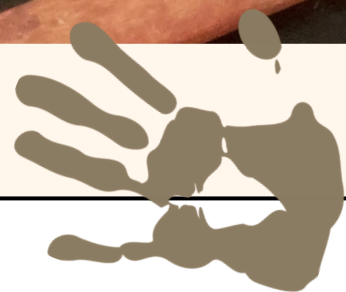
Clay Faces



The children used mirrors to observe their facial features and create self-portraits with clay while listening to jazz. With support rolling out the shape of noses, eyes, and mouths the children placed each feature on their clay face.



A boy, aged 2 years and 11 months, demonstrated remarkable attention to detail in accurately placing his facial features.



The best part was seeing their faces light up when they looked in the mirror with each self-portrait becoming a unique abstract piece!



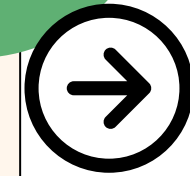


Splish Splash!

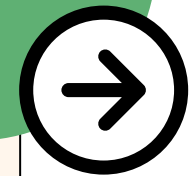
In small groups, the children explored watercolours and crayons on watercolour paper. They then moved to the water table, where they immersed their artwork in water.

As the other children entered the room, noticing the art invitations, they immediately showed excitement. One child looked at the activities and exclaimed, “WOWWWW!” Another child, aged 3, shouted, “I’m ready!”

Paper Fishing



As they watched the paint wash away, the children tore and shredded the softened paper, exploring its changing texture through hands-on sensory play.



“More paper please,” the children requested. One boy used his paintbrush to “fish” for the paint palette and shredded pieces of paper.



Working Together



During our musical instrument exploration, the children engaged with a variety of instruments while developing their understanding of how to use and care for them. As one child played the maracas, she observed a peer placing the xylophone keys back in position. She decides to pause her own play and assist her classmate in completing the task.

Up Close!

The educators used a microscope pen to help the children closely examine natural materials collected during the spring, including pinecones, a wasp nest, a bird's nest, and flowers.



As curiosity grew, they also explored their hands, eyebrows, and hair, discovering details they had never noticed before. This inspired the educators to purchase a microscope pen for continued exploration in the classroom.



Tools We Use in Art



Throughout our sessions, Today's Family Central Child Care Centre provided a rich and well-organized collection of art materials and creative mediums that encouraged the children to explore, experiment, and express their ideas in meaningful ways. The wide variety of supplies allowed the children to engage in open-ended experiences using paint, clay, and drawing materials.



The centre also maintained an excellent selection of recyclable materials that could be incorporated into sensory and art experiences. These resources can encourage the children to investigate different textures, shapes, and materials while promoting imaginative thinking and environmental awareness through reuse.





**Thank you to the staff and
children for making these creative
learning experiences so
meaningful and memorable.**

Thank you so much!