

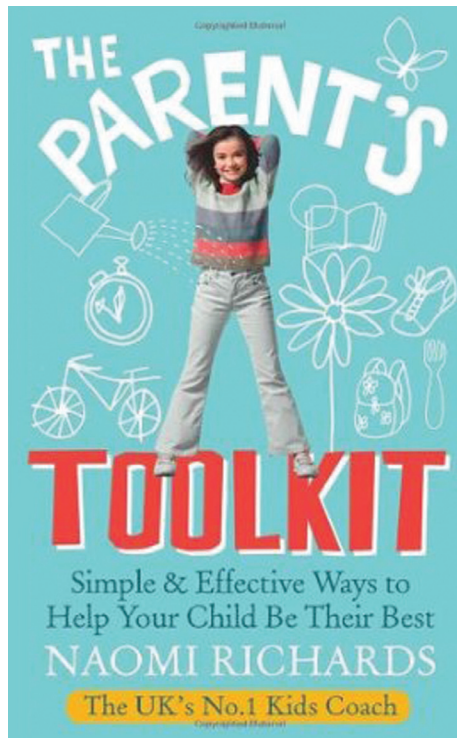
Shy guy

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Having a shy child should not be a barrier to making friends. If they want guidance from you, suggest that they invite some classmates to your house. The smaller group will mean they will have a chance to talk to each child and get to know them away from school life. You could introduce them to hobbies where they can make friends with children who enjoy the same activities. Going with a friend will make the new activity less daunting.

Another way you could help them combat shyness is to suggest to their teacher that they work in a team. Sharing ideas and learning together will be more fun and your child will get to share the responsibility of the project. Finally, talk about who they are and how much you love who they are. www.thekidscoach.org.uk

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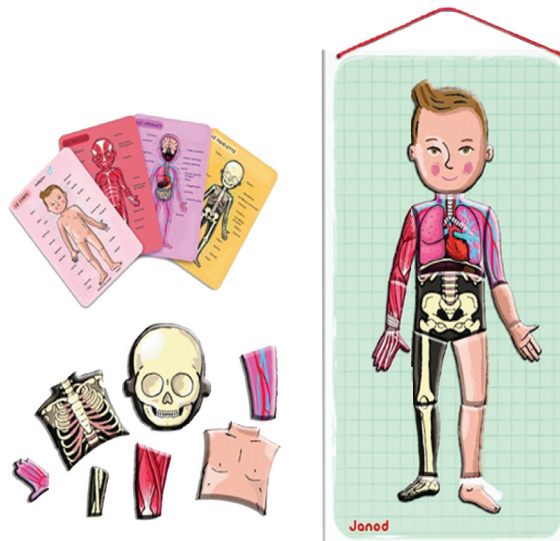
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