

Around the portfolio: Evidence-Based Dentistry

Here we take a look at what's been published in *EBD* that you may have missed!

Does the use of antimicrobials in different periodontal treatment strategies result in better treatment outcomes? – A radiographic analysis

McSorley R. *Evid Based Dent* 2024; 25: 31-32.



The role and importance of antimicrobials in the treatment of periodontal disease is a topic which is a source of ongoing debate. This Comment, published as part of the *EBD* Antimicrobials in Dentistry collection which is currently open to submissions, describes the outcome of a four-arm double blinded randomised controlled trial. It indicates that while the addition of metronidazole to mechanical debridement might add a very small marginal benefit to periodontal treatment regimes, the gains acquired are small and do not bring about clinically significant positive changes. Equally, full-mouth disinfection offers little advantage over traditional scaling and root planing.

As the world becomes increasingly aware of the dangers of over-prevalent use of antimicrobials, it is important that the dental world weighs very carefully the costs versus the benefits of every prescription that the profession writes.

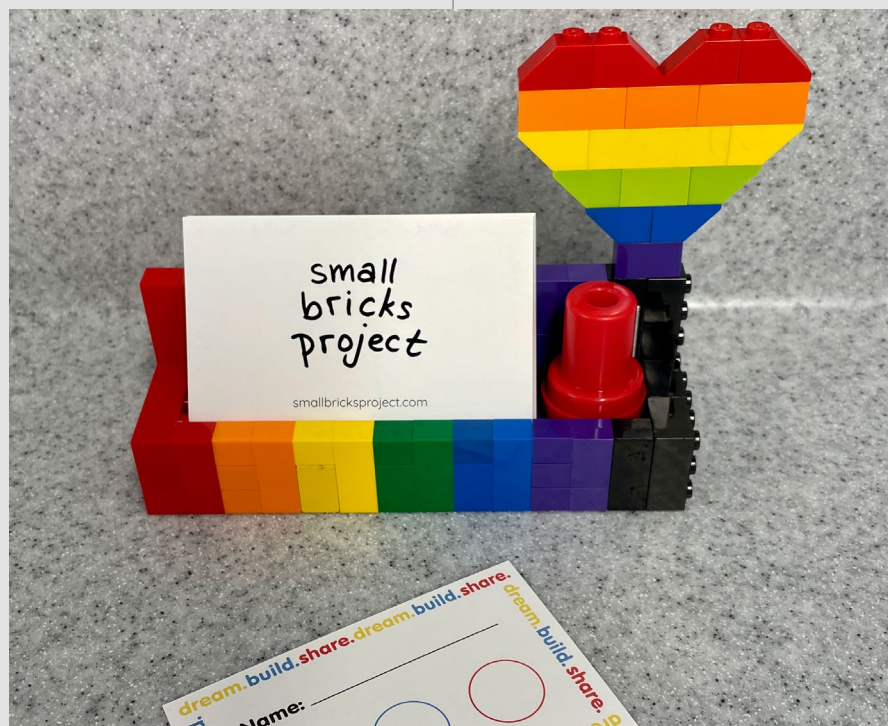
Read the article in full here: www.nature.com/articles/s41432-024-00972-1.

Around the portfolio: BDJ In Practice

Here we take a look at what's been published in our sister publication, *BDJ In Practice* that you may have missed!

'It's more than just bricks; it's about building smiles and fostering a positive environment for children facing dental challenges'

Westgarth D. *BDJ In Pract* 2024; 37: 42-43.



In the February issue of *BDJ In Practice*, Manolis Roditakis, Founder of Small Bricks Project, talked to the editor about how the charity is impacting paediatric dental patients through play. The ethos of the charity? Simple.

'The ethos of Small Bricks Project rests on

three pillars: Dream, Build and Share.

'Our dream is this: Every child, regardless of their social background or health challenges, deserves a healthy smile. Every child deserves the opportunity to engage in creative play. This dream propels our commitment to making a positive impact on children's oral health and overall wellbeing.

'The build pillar describes our unique approach. Using donated and second hand Lego bricks we build spaceships and unicorns, parrots and helicopters, but it goes

beyond just building toys with bricks, we aim at fostering a sense of empowerment to children. We want to build confident, creative and resilient children.'

Read the full interview with Manolis at: www.nature.com/articles/s41404-024-2612-2.

The recruitment market today: Who holds the upper hand?

Westgarth D. *BDJ In Pract* 2024; 37: 114-119.

In April's recruitment and retention themed issue of *BDJ In Practice*, the cover feature takes a deep dive into who holds the balance of power in today's market: the recruiter or the job seeker.

Combing through the Long Term Workforce Plan, the Dental Recovery Plan, the reaction to this and assessing the question against the backdrop of previous

research and the landscape of today, the article looks closely at the market dental students will find themselves in before they know it.

While the market may be tough, it also provides opportunities for job seekers, so well worth reading up on the lay of the land!

Read the full article at: www.nature.com/articles/s41404-024-2710-1.

