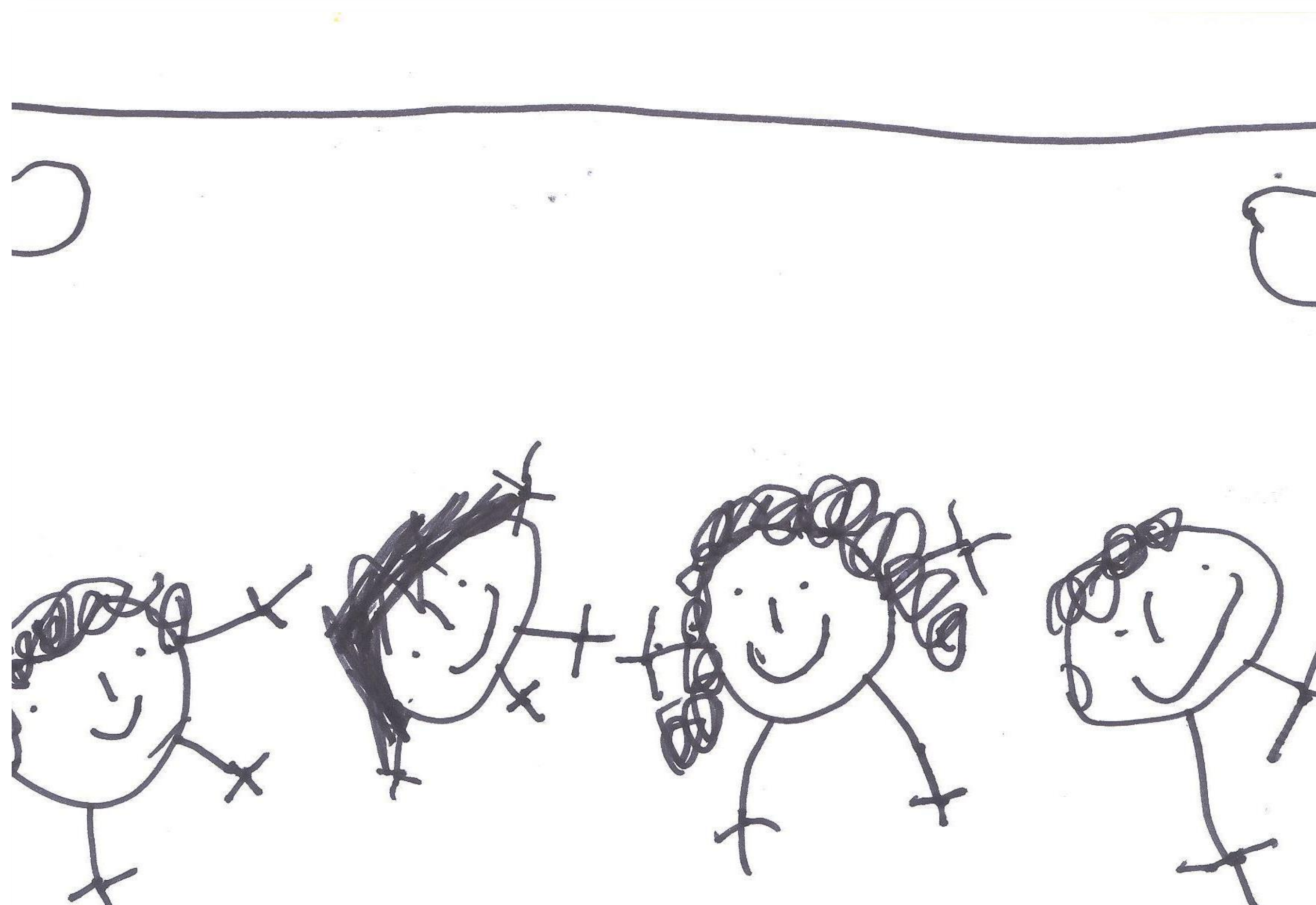


I see the children's hearts...



When groups of children come together, we believe the essence of what they create together is based on how they share, negotiate and listen to each other. Our team wanted to research this further.

We set the scene by communicating to the children that our expectation was that they were going to create together in small groups. We observed and documented the strategies that took place and then as a team we discussed how we would take this further.

Did the children actually know what collaborating meant?

Could they use words to describe their behaviour?

Could they share their words and make them understood to the rest of the group?

We decided to use the children's enjoyment of dance and movement as a way of making their way of working together more visible.

After this experience, the children reflected on how they had worked together and what strategies they used to make this possible:

*You need to talk about it with the other person.
You had to listen and try each other's ideas and see what worked.*