

2nd Semester Newsletter

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We are halfway through the year already, it is amazing, wonderful and exciting to see how far the children have developed since the beginning of the year. The children are looking smart and behaving exceptionally well and working very hard in lessons. Our staffs are committed and working enthusiastically to ensure that every child makes good progress and that they are happy and well supported.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who sent me messages of condolences on the passing away of my mother during the school holidays. Your words of sympathy, thoughts and prayers made a difficult time of my family a little easier.

Depart and welcome of staff

This is to announce to our dear and loyal parents of Montessori Maths and Science that, effective end of July 2016, Teacher Thamary will no longer be part of our school. Her contribution towards the school is beyond description as her dedication and hardwork played a very significant role in our School as well as that of our learners.

Her position will equally be filled by one of our potential candidate who is highly qualified and Montessori Directress Graduate, a tangible working experience gained from Number of Montessori Preschools. She will be doing observations from the 18th July 2016. This will enable her to learn our culture as well as getting to know our learners before Teacher Thamy vacate her position. Her official Appointment will be on the 01st August 2016.

Once again, we would like to wish Teacher Thamy all the best in her endeavors and to thank her on behalf of Montessori Management, Staff and learners for her contribution.

Pick and drop off zone

We are appealing to our parents to kindly make use of the parking in front of the school rather than parking directly in front of the gate. We are working on opening a second gate to create drop off zone inside the school premises. In the interim, we are pleading that you make use of the newly established parking in front of our school. Please can we all work together to ensure that our children are safe and arriving to school in plenty of time to avoid the rush and stress of running in late. Many thanks for your understanding.

Attendance

As we all know that we are only left with 4 months to have covered all the 2016 yearly themes. As a result, we are appealing to parents to bring kids to school everyday to enable teachers to cover the scope. As a school, we recognize the strong link between good attendance and good academic outcomes. Children learn best and make good progress when regularly in lessons. We continually strive to work in partnership with parents to ensure that every child reaches their potential by way of regular and punctual attendance at school.

GARDEN & PET ANIMALS

Our school gardens have been planted pumpkin, tomatoes, onions, corns and carrots as well as winter flowers. The children are doing a fantastic job in caring and watering plants.

Montessori's model encourages learners to learn through seeing, touching, hearing, tasting and smelling. As a result, our garden is created particularly for that purpose to compliment the curriculum. After winter, will be bringing our new birds and bunnies in the newly erected cage near the School garden. That way, learners will learn how to care for the animals.



FIELD TRIPS

Our learners went on the following excursions this year; Gautrain, Airport, Bunny Park and Irene farm. It was a lovely warm day, perfect for exploring and looking at different animals. Students also enjoy Gautrain ride as well as air planes. Highlights of our excursions can be viewed on Facebook. They will have another opportunity to attend the last excursions in October 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have supported our excursions in various ways last semester. We are looking forward to your continued support in term 2 where once again we have lots of exciting and engaging activities planned for our learners.

FACEBOOK

Check out our Facebook page to see excursion pictures and keep up on events. We would also very much appreciate it if you would "like" us or add a message. Thank you to all the parents who are on our Facebook page.



Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, October 7 – Recycling trip (Either Benoni or Denver)
- Graduation date to be confirmed
- Concert date also to be confirmed (Practice for the concert to resume September 2016)

We look forward to another busy semester ahead and as always, if anyone has questions or concerns, we welcome you to discuss things with us at anytime. Thank you for your continued support. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of children and supportive parents.

Once again, thank you for all your involvement and care!

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