

Lilima Montessori High

NEWSLETTER

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Important dates: School opens: **Third term** : Tuesday 10 September 2024

Mid term: Friday 18 to Monday 21 October 2024 School closes: Friday 29 November 2024

Montessori for adolescents

Many people have heard of Montessori for the pre- and primary school ages. Montessori for adolescents is a lesser known phenomenon. In South Africa there are four Montessori schools offering an adolescent programme and here in Eswatini, Lilima Montessori follows the principles of the Montessori pedagogy. Our programme fosters rigorous, self-motivated growth for adolescents in all areas of their development; **cognitive, emotional, social and physical.**

Maria Montessori identified two essential needs of adolescents; the need for **protection during the time of the difficult physical transition** and secondly the need for **an understanding of the society which they are about to enter to play their part as an adult.**

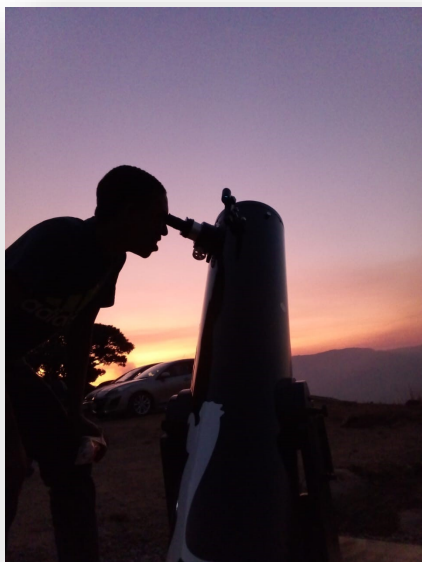
This means that adolescents require support and direction from their parents, classmates and guides. They also need to become self dependent and all of this requires a degree of freedom. Freedom in a Montessori environment means freedom within limits. A common misunderstanding of this type of education is that it is undisciplined and without structure. On the contrary, a Montessori classroom may appear to be a bit chaotic but it is very structured and carefully designed to facilitate peer-to-peer learning, communication and interaction with learning materials. There is freedom of movement, but this must involve respect, respect for the environment and for others. Freedom in an adolescent programme essentially focuses on the freedom of choice. Students are able to self direct their learning process through choice of inquiry in their study guides.



Art collaboration with the Italian volunteers in July

"Young people must have enough freedom to allow them to act on individual initiative. But in order that individual action should be free and useful at the same time it must be restricted with certain limits and rules that give the necessary guidance." Maria Montessori

Moonlight magic fundraiser



On Thursday 11 July the school held a fundraiser titled "Moonlight Magic". The highlight of the evening was the chance to see the moon through a fairly large, 8-inch telescope. The level of lunar detail seen this night was enchanting, with craters, boulders and mountains easy to spot.

Visit to Waterford IB Diploma art exhibition

Lilima students had the opportunity to visit the Waterford Kamhlaba UWC ID Diploma Art exhibition this term. Seven IB Art students showcased their work and gave our students insights into their creative processes.

It is always encouraging when students are able to learn from one another and share with another IB World school.



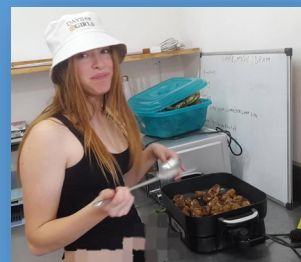
Students did a fantastic job of cooking up food to serve everyone- there were drumsticks, crackers with cream spreads and cheese, delicious vegetable soup made from our own school garden vegetables, and of course various cakes with coffee and tea. The Lilima students took control of the menu, the shopping for it, the planning and the execution.

Staff Nqaba, Nhlanhla and Bheki put their talents on display with original story-telling, dance and music all around a cosmos theme. Our students Bungaza and Simengaye entertained with original performances, and Baya MC'd.

It proved to be not just an upbeat evening for those involved with the school but for our local Pine Valley neighbours too, many of whom attended and were delighted with their first real exposure to the school and the many talented students and staff we have here at Lilima.

"It just worked", said one supporter who attended with his wife and two teenage boys.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a great success, to parents who attended and brought their friends and family, to sponsors who donated to the raffle prizes, to students who did their school proud, and to staff who had as much fun and enjoyment at seeing it all come together in a wonderful community-spirited way.



Opening, Monday 29 July 7pm

IBDP VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
OPENING BY INVITE 7PM

OPEN MONDAY 29 JULY TO WEDNESDAY 31 JULY
8AM TO 4PM
WATERFORD KAMHLABA

Sheila and Richard Attenborough Fine Arts Centre

MYP Personal Project exhibition

“Success is not final,
failure is not fatal.
It is the courage to continue
that counts.”

Winston Churchill



This year five MYP personal projects and one presentation from the careers programme were made. The projects ranged from sports, personal fitness training to singing and songwriting, and tech and YouTube channels to Crochet as a business. Thank you to all the parents who attended and helped assess the exhibition.

to observe

I have observed that the child, on condition that he is granted the freedom to work, learns, becomes cultured, absorbs knowledge and gains experiences that become embedded in his spirit. Like seeds planted in fertile ground, they soon germinate and bear fruit.

MARIA MONTESSORI
Citizen of the World, page 96



Other activities



The container mural collaboration

Italian visit



This term we hosted a lovely group of Italian adolescents and their teachers from Bologna. They visited Eswatini to volunteer with Eswatini Skate and assisted at Little School, Noah's Ark and spent time at Lilima. It was a great time filled with Italian food, lasagne, pizza and a lovely collaboration. We were privileged to meet new people from another culture and share our new school premises with them. Lilima students were able to interact closely with other adolescents and it was a wonderful cultural exchange.

We hope that they will consider coming back to visit again.



African Youth Chess Championships

MYP 4 student, Santiago De Nobrega (front right) proudly represented Eswatini in the African Youth Chess Championships in June. He travelled to South Africa and participated in the under 16 category and was one of 10 students from Eswatini who qualified to play chess in the competition that was held from 15 to 23 June this year.

School in pictures: Italian visitors



“The child who concentrates is immensely Happy”

Maria Montessori





Gallery—design projects



Our vision is:

A peaceful world: which is attained through our children, where all forms of life are respected, creating an inter-dependent global community.

The board of Lilima Montessori High School has made a commitment to establishing a school which will provide:

A holistic Montessori/ International Baccalaureate (IB) education which recognizes the physical, emotional, social, entrepreneurial and intellectual capacities of the students awakening the inner potential of the human spirit.

Suitably qualified, inspired and compassionate teachers who are committed to collaborative learning and growth.

The students with a dynamic, prepared environment which meets the specific needs of each adolescent and young adult.

and inspire the students with a global perspective encouraging an awareness of their continual social responsibility.

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Hand in hand we learn

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