

## DIRECTORS NOTE

Dear All,

Welcome to 2016/17 School Year!  
As promised we will try to make "The Kidster" newsletter a regular feature this year.

The beginnings of a school career are almost always an anxious and exciting time both for parents and children. Once they arrive at school the reaction to their new environment varies from pure joy to outright trepidation for some! I am now glad to report that all the children enrolled this school year have settled well and we can now get down to the business of fun and discovery

The art of unveiling a child to becoming an independent entity starts in the home and we would encourage you to let your child do things for themselves, even if it may be deemed a precarious venture, this is an integral part of their journey. Let them explore and question the world around them .

The reassuring presence of an adult and the knowledge that you will not exclaim "Do not touch/play with that" instantaneously helps the child build confidence and ability in the task at hand and for the future.

In this edition of The Kidster we have lots of pictures and commentary and we hope you enjoy them as much as we do.



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## TEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We welcome you to the second half of Term 1 2016/17.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday. A big welcome to the new parents and children that have joined us this year.



Ms Yumna

Thank you for trusting us to be part of your children's development. As your children's teachers we believe that we are here to provide guidance and support to your efforts as together we help them blossom to their full potential.



Ms Martha

We are looking forward to having a pleasant time and creating memories throughout the year.



Ms Tisu

# THE KIDSTER



“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed”

## SPECIAL REMINDERS FOR THE TERM

Montessori encourages peace. Character Education is part of our curriculum. Every week children are reminded on the dos and don'ts in and outside the classroom.

To provide consistency parents are communicated on how to implement the reminders at home too.

The following are some of the reminders

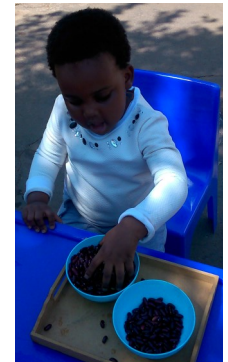
- Honesty
- Discipline
- Responsibility



Circle time presentation.

## DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE

**PRACTICAL Life** is the pre-requisite area of the Montessori Environment. Children work with real life materials, to develop Order, Coordination, Con-



## FOOD PREPARATION ( GRATING AND SQUEEZING)



Our greatest sign of success is to be able to say, “ The children are now working as if we never exist”

## WORKSHOPS



### Parent's Workshop

As a matter of continuity, we conduct Parent's workshops every year since we opened our doors.. The outcome has been so impressive. So far we have conducted. The aim of the Workshops is to share insights about Montessori methods and to empower parents with skills that would assist them to engage and play their role effectively in the crucial beginnings of their child's education.



### ROLES OF A PARENTS

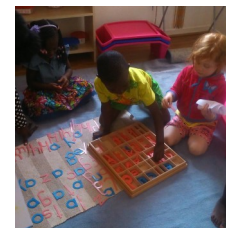
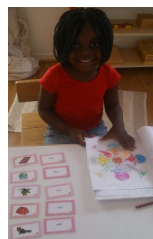
- \*Developing Independence.
- \*Developing self Esteem
- \*Love your child unconditionally
- \*Provide opportunity to Succeed
- \*Encourage good manners and problem solving skills.

## EMPOWERING NANNIES



"PARENTS ARE NO THE CHILD'S MAKERS , BUT HIS GUARDIANS"

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT



Team work

*We believe that Education is not what we give as teachers, but the natural process spontaneously carried by the children themselves. Therefore we provide them with opportunity to explore and become successful .*

## THEMES COVERED

### ALL ABOUT ME

As it is the Norm the children begin the term by sharing more about themselves. They share about their holiday, the games they played, and places they visited. Among these they drew a self portrait and had their weight and height recorded.

### PLANT KINGDOM

Main focus was on the concept that plants are among the living things.



### THE CALENDAR

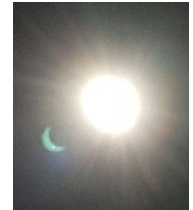
Helping children to understand why we need a calendar, and parts of a calendar. among other we celebrated the birth-day of



Dr. Maria Montessori on 31st August.

Towards the end of the week, during closing circle, we got a call from one of the Parents

Fiona , Cora's mum telling us about the Solar Eclipse happen-



## LAND AND WATER FORMS

Introduction to the forms of the Earth. This was an exciting moment for the children. We had time to form a Lake and an Island. This exercise left an indelible mark on the children so much that they always make islands and lakes and "other" land forms in the sandpit everyday!!



Construction of Lake Lili's!!



When the Lake was accidentally divided, we thought they will become sad, to our amazement one child exclaimed: "See another Lake has started!"

### Making an Island



## EXPLORING WITH THE SENSES

Montessori values the training of the Senses. During this week the children explored with their senses. We played games and did tasting and smelling activities. It was exciting to see the reaction of the children when they tasted some of the food. Main emphasis was on sweet, sour

and salty. We also did hearing activities and discussed about the importance of not exposing yourself to loud noise.



"The things he sees are not just remembered but they form part of his soul"

- Maria Montessori



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## PLANTS WITHOUT LEGS : ROOTS

Time to start exploring the parts of the plant. Amazing to note that a plant has got not legs but it can stand. We discussed about the importance of roots to a plant and the roots we can eat.

We did root scrubbing and grating as part of the Practical Life activities using roots



The children explored and tasted the common roots found in Malawi – cassava



Root washing part of the fun

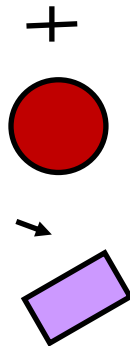


Roots such as



## SCIENCE AND ART

Wonderful and joyous moments. Among other activities, the children had time to discover how some secondary colours can be made.



### Cutting exercise



Listening to sound waves



### Parent participation

Veronique reading a book and helping with physical exercise. Thank you for your support.

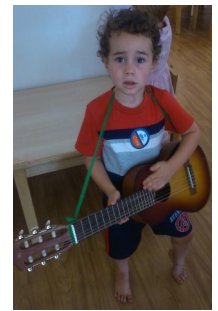
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## MUSIC AND SPORTS

Hop scotch and the bear jump



Every Thursday we have music lessons with Mr. Chimwemwe. Thanks to those who remember to send their child with a musical instrument. The children are practicing rhythm and patterns. Fridays are for sports. Please remember to dress your child in comfortable clothes suitable for sports. Please pack an extra pair of clothes incase we have water games.



Following instructions and waiting for a turn \*\*\*\*\*part of the game



Taking play an extra mile. (Climbing wall)



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## SHOW AND TELL



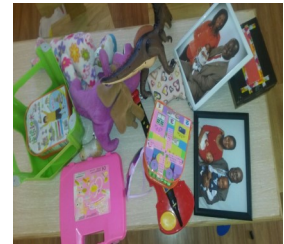
Showcasing their favorite things from home.



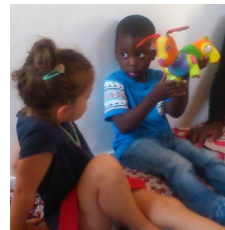
The children brought from home various items, including family albums to show their friends. It was an exciting moment. We were honored to have Lucy (Gus's Mum in our midst)



The idea behind was to have children appreciate each other. The silence as each student shared was awesome.



Enock brought his puppies



## Upcoming Themes

- The Globe
- Leaf formation
- Animal kingdom
- Cultural Celebrations Around the World

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE TERM 1 2016/17

Please remember to check your emails for updates...

- ♦ 17 - 23rd October
- ♦ 25 November
- ♦ 1- 2 December
- ♦ 8 December
- Mid term break
- Movie Day strictly for the children at Lili's - Title to be Communicated
- Parent/Teacher Meeting (Book a slot with the Teachers)
- Christmas Pageant and School closing

**\*\*N.B** Bring a book to school program ( please check the list for your child's allocated date.

# BIRTHDAYS

The first  
Birthday  
for  
The term.

Benjamin  
turned 4



Gus - 5



Cora turned 4



Michelle—5



Ruairidh  
& Fiona  
—Cora's  
Parents

When parents  
come for the Par-  
ties, the  
excitement is  
**EXTRAORDINARY**

Shamim —  
Lusako &  
Lughano's  
Mum





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Lusako & Lughano— Twins (5)



We love parties \*\*\*\*\*



Balloons part of the excitement

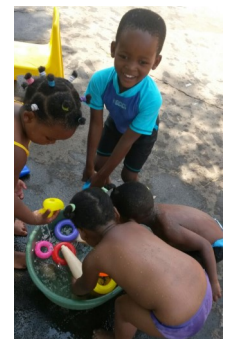
## Lili's Party Anthem

I love you forever  
I like you for  
always  
As long as am living  
My friend  
you will be.



A CHILD IS BOTH  
PROMISE AND A HOPE  
FOR MANKIND  
(DR.MONTESSORI)

## WATER FUN DAY



A wonderful day that started with a reminder on the importance of saving water. The children were so astonished to learn that other children on the globe walk miles and miles to fetch water. Thank you parents for supporting this cause.



**BUSY BODIES**



Fun all the way



Amazing concentration



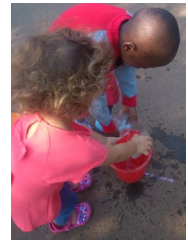
Coordination games



Team work



Water games



Who fills the cup first!!!



Discovering about plants



Killing two birds with one stone \*\*\*\*\*  
Table scrubbing and having fun with soapy foam at the same time. ( dishwash liquid was used!)



# THE LILI'S FAMILY 2016



From left to right , top to bottom

Alya, Ethan, Chantal, Cora, Reign, Lusako, Mathilda, Natalie, Alistair, Sury, Prince, Adrian, Sobahle, Lia, Tweh, Lina, Nathaneal, Amanda, Enock, Chloe, Edith, Joseniah, Noah, Lughano, Kaso, Anyole, Gus, Michelle, Coralie, Maya, Mlambo, Abigail, Unathi, Annabel, Benjamin, Ms. Yumna, Ms. Martha, Ms. Tisu, Ms. Amina, Ms. Glory, Ms Helen, Ms. Georgina & Ms. Ethel



To all the children that left to continue school elsewhere—“We Miss You”

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