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Welcome all to the 1st Newsletter of 2015.

A happy New Year to all. We trust you had a lovely and restful festive season and are ready for the new years challenges. The New year brings with it renewed hope expectations not to mention New year resolutions that I hope are on track!

The 1st Term of 2014/15 was an eventful term and we have highlighted some of those events in pictures for you.

We had the Parents Workshop in October, the Nannies Session in November and of course the highlight was the End of Term Celebration.

A big Thank You to all Parents for making this day an amazing one with all the colorful and creative costumes you made for your children. The talents shown by the children in costume and in front of an audience demonstrate that the children have come a long way from the shy and tearful mites that they were at the beginning of the Term to the confident, brave and gregarious individuals that they have become.

This is both heartening and encouraging to me and the Team here at Lili's that we are growing as a school everyday.

The long awaited school website is up and you may visit us at lilimontessori.com

Comments and advise about the website are welcome so we can make it a superb one.

Ines & Lili's Team



PARENT'S WORKSHOP 15 OCTOBER 2014

We had a very successful Parent's Workshop. The aim of the Workshop was to share with Parents some of the insights into the Montessori method and philosophy of learning and to share some examples of activities they could do at home to reinforce the Montessori experience .

The next Parents Workshop will be held in May 2015 at a date to be announced.



NANNY TRAINING 15 NOVEMBER 2014

The theme of the training was **“Partners in Childcare & Development”**

The aim was to equip and remind Nannies with some tools and insights into the developing mind of the children in their charge.

The topics discussed were amongst others: Stages in Child of Development; Maria Montessori's approach to learning & what can Nannies can do in and around the home to provide continuous learning These topics were geared to make the process of learning fun.

The training also sought to emphasize that change of behavior e.g. use of encouragement and positive language and attitude toward their charges, results in enhanced love of learning and exploration as well as improves their interpersonal relationship with the child.



The main lessons and comments from the Nannies was that the training session was an eye opener and that they were going away with some tools that would help them in their daily activities. These were encouraging sentiments from them because we pressed upon them to take a stand in making the child's interaction with them a fruitful and rewarding one.

First Aid Training

As part of our Health and Safety Policy development to preserve life, prevent illness or injury from becoming worse and promote recovery.

Four members the Team at 'Lili's,' namely Tisu, Fales, Ethel & Georgina were trained during the four day First Responders First Aid Course from 9—12 February 2015 conducted and facilitated by the Council of St John Ambulance course covered how to treat wounds, insect bites, resuscitation techniques.

The Participants were given a written and Practical exam after which they were awarded the internationally recognized First Responder Certificate issued by The Council of St Johns Ambulance UK.



Ethel ties an arm sling.



Practicing the Heimlich Maneuver



Tisu practicing resuscitation on a child dummy

TEACHERS ORDERS: Develop Concentration

Maria Montessori in 1949 said ' a 'focused child is a happy child' , 'The child who concentrates is immensely happy; he ignores his neighbors or the visitors circulating about him. For the time being his spirit is like that of a hermit in the desert; a new consciousness has been born in him – that of his own individuality.'

Wherever possible do not interrupt a child when he/she is engaged and focused on something. You should always encourage focus by paying attention to what sparks your child's interest. Build on their interests by providing opportunities and materials to make this happen.

From the Montessori perspective, 'play is work' and 'work is play'. The defining factors are freedom of choice, the exercise of will and deep engagement, which leads to concentration. It is best defined by a four-year-old who responded to the probing question from his teacher,

"So what did you do today? Did you work or play?" The boy's response was, "Silly, I was writing!"

Recently a Montessori teacher defined her understanding of play in Montessori classrooms as follows: 'Montessori gave value to play by calling it the child's work.'



Check out my skills!!

End of Term Celebration 2 December 2014

The End of Term Celebrations were held on 2 December 2014 and were a roaring finale to the Term.

The Children displayed an narrated what they learned in Term 1 through song and dance. The wonderful and creative costumes were the cherry on the cake with the cavorting *Dancing Forest*, the *Clever Continents*, the *Senses*, the *Fluttering Butterflies*, *The Earthlings*,

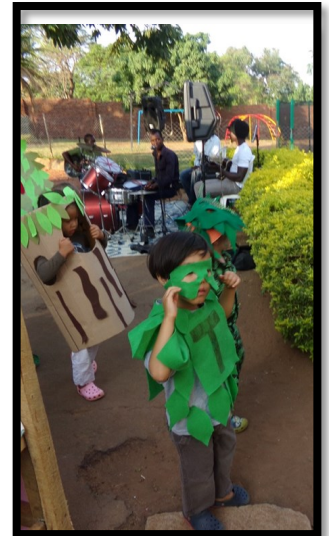
The children learnt three Malawian folk songs namely -'Mzama' (Bambara nuts), 'Kalulu Bvina' (Hare please dance) Pamchenga (on the sand) and the finale with the *Jungle dance*.

Also in performance were the *Maziko Arts Band* led by Chimwemwe Phiri.

Dima Berk and Noora-Lisa enthralled us with the *Tango dance* and for some of us it was a first to see it done live!

A special mention should be made to Oliver Pierson for getting us into the spirit of Christmas with the medley of *Christmas Carols* accompanied by his horn & Jennifer Boyle on tambourine.

The children were the stars of the show and worked very hard to make this an amazing day and experience for all .



Dancing Forest exits the stage



Waiting to go out to perform in the Dancing Forest...Break A Leg Oceane!



The Lili's Family!



The 7 Continents of the Earth

A big pat on the back to our parents for all the lovely costumes



THE FLUTTERING BUTTERFLIES



Wings ?.... Check!!



THE SUN



SINGING ...'THE EARTH(S) GO AROUND THE SUN'





Christmas Activities

Our School Party on 4 December was a festive affair. We sang carols, played some games and shared the many treats we brought to school.

A rather curious looking Santa (whom the children suspected was one of us!) handed out the Christmas Presents!

Nevertheless the children were thrilled to receive their Christmas gifts from Santa.



Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts that were presented to each child on 4 December 2014.



We had quite a spread of yummy things to share at the End of Term Party! Then we played Games before getting our Christmas presents from Santa!!

Themes for the Term

S

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Reminders , Grace & Courtesy



B

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The Stem
The Leaf



Z

oology

Invertebrates

Insects



Fish



H

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Story of creation
Layers of the earth
Volcanoes



G

eography

The Planets
North America : people, countries and food
Asia: the people, countries and food

Dates to Remember in Term 2

15 January- John Chilembwe Day

26 February- Watch me work day

3 March- Martyrs Day, School will be closed

19-20 March-Parent Teachers Meeting - 1pm-5pm

2 April- Easter Egg Hunt/ Fun Day

13 April- School Opens for Term 3.

September 2014

16th Aiden Gremley turned 3

26th – Alfeo Wali turned 4

November 2014

1st Chantal Oganga turned 3

Zachary Pierson turned 4

January 2015

8th Miss Yumna turned...!

15th Kiran Vikan turned 4

16th Mallika McCarthy turned 3

23rd Ms Tisu turned...!

February 2015

14th Tadisa turned 3

22nd Hannah Gwavuya turned 4

23rd Zanele Mangundu turned 5



Happy Birthday!

