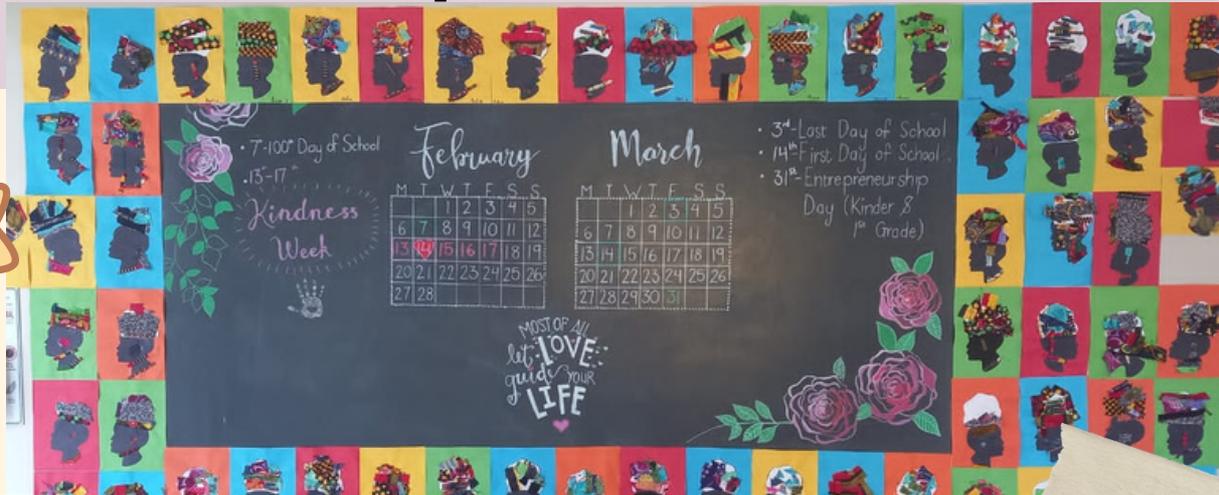


# Preschool news

## April 2023



Happy new month everyone! What an exciting month we had filled with lots of learning opportunities and exploration. We are looking forward to kicking off the month of April where we will be exploring the themes of South America, Europe, Asia, Earth and recycling. The children will be learning about each continent and where it is on the map. They will be exploring the different animals around the world and all the popular places in these continents. In our Earth and recycling theme our children will learn about the environment around us and how we can take care of our Earth. The children will be looking at different items we can recycle and learning to make better choices for our Earth.

### Upcoming events

- 7th- Good Friday (school closed)
- 10th Easter Monday (school closed)
- 22nd- Earth day
- 28th- Holiday in memory of President KK.

We would like to ask parents to please send through any recycled materials to school for our crafts for the earth and recycling theme.

### April Birthdays

- Eliana - 02
- Ms Nina- 02
- Owen - 03
- Serena - 03
- Elliot - 07
- Kareem - 08
- Oz - 15
- Ethan - 17
- Sebastian - 24

# Guest Speakers



Lady Justice, Abha Patel

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Salma Sky, Zambian singer and songwriter  
Tivot, Zambian Film producer



Ngozi Asinga, Zambian Olympian

Last month the children enjoyed learning about influential Africans around the world and in our country Zambia. In honor of Black history month and Womens month we had many special guests who shared more about their careers and successes. They encouraged the children that they can be anything they want to be with hard work and dedication.



Lulu Haangala Wood, US aid ambassador



Mr and Mrs Bulawayo on behalf of Mr Fines Bulawayo,  
Zambian Freedom fighter



Sary Mwaba, Zambian Artist

The needs of mankind are universal. Our means of meeting them create the richness and diversity of the planet. The Montessori child should come to relish the texture of that diversity.

-Maria Montessori

**Play is the work of the child**  
**-Maria Montessori**



The children engaging in role play. Children are able to get into character and act out real life or imaginary performances. Role play fosters children's self esteem, communication and creativity, as well as the ability to solve problems.

**We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit.**

**-Maria Montessori**



The children are engaging in independent Montessori activities. When children are engaged in an activity it is important to not interrupt unless the child asks for assistance. Independence is an ongoing process in the Montessori classroom. Children become more confident, which will lead to ongoing benefits throughout life.



Children engaging and learning through sensory activities. This helps enhance memory retention, developing fine motor skills, encouraging problem solving and learning abstract meaning.



# Incorporating Montessori principles at home

How can we incorporate Montessori's principles at home? To do this we need to understand what Montessori's principles are.

Lets take a look at what these are.

- Importance of Play
- Prepared environment
- Observation
- Freedom within limits
- Respect
- Hands on learning
- Independence

It is important to acknowledge that children, even the littlest ones, are capable of more than we realize.

Here are a few tips on how you can make some changes around your home to set yourself and your child up for Montessori success.

- Designate a place for everything and have your child help clean up and pack away after themselves as this teaches them to be responsible of their belongings.
- Involve your child in activities such as cooking and cleaning. You can let your child help prepare meals and their snacks for school.
- The children should have a quiet, calm and relaxing space. You can put in a reading corner too. Try to rotate or switch out story books every few weeks to keep their curiosity fresh and prevent boredom.
- Have different hands on activities for children to explore. This can be with sand, playdough, water play etc.

**The goal of early childhood education should be to  
activate the child's own natural desire to learn.**

**-Maria Montessori**