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The Importance of Communication and Language in Early Years

Insights from Our Inset Day on Enhancing Language Development

----- MMI TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

At Modern Montessori International (MMI), we recognize that communication and language development are crucial to a child's growth. Research from the National Literacy Trust, Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), and Cambridge Oracy Project confirms that strong language skills in early childhood lead to better academic and social outcomes. During our recent Inset Day, we explored ways to create language-rich environments and enhance communication strategies.

Why Communication and Language Matter

Language development goes beyond speaking; it includes listening, understanding, and engaging in conversations. According to the EEF, children with strong communication skills tend to be more confident, socially aware, and academically successful. The National Literacy Trust highlights that a child's vocabulary at age five is a strong predictor of future achievement. This underscores the importance of fostering language skills from an early age.

Strategies for Enhancing Language Development

One approach is teaching and modeling language by expanding on children's speech. For example, responding to "big car" with "Yes, that's a big red car driving fast!" helps improve vocabulary and sentence structure. Encouraging conversation skills through turn-taking, active listening, and open-ended questions also nurtures critical thinking and meaningful dialogue.

We also focused on creating language-rich environments through storytelling, songs, and interactive play. Making storytime engaging with props and prediction exercises enhances children's interest in language. Additionally, supporting children with language delays using visual aids, repetition, and simplified language helps ensure all learners thrive.

To reinforce language development:



- Encourage meaningful conversations.
- Expand vocabulary through daily activities.
- Enhance storytelling with interactive elements.
- Use open-ended questions to deepen thinking.
- Support children with additional needs through visual cues and repetition.

By embracing these strategies, we continue to strengthen every child's communication foundation, setting them up for future success.



London

Exciting Learning Adventures at MMI Croydon & Raynes Park!

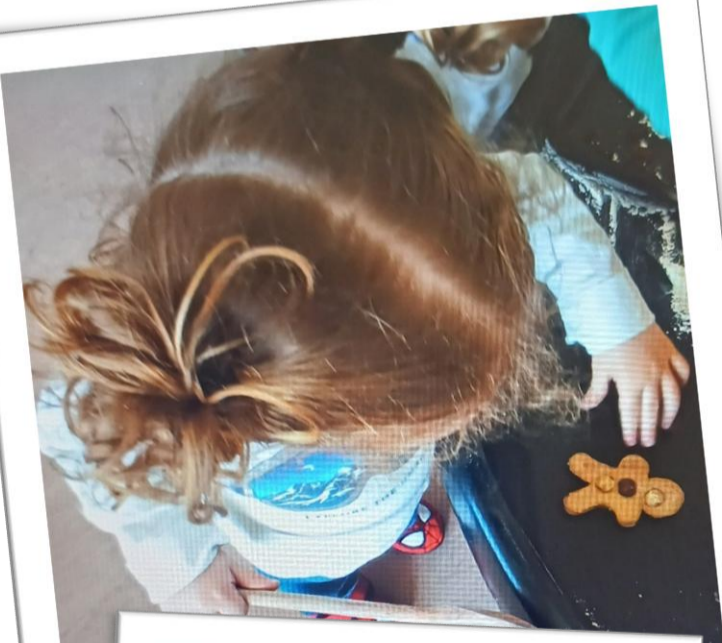
From Rainbow Experiments to Gingerbread Delights – Where Education Meets Fun

----- MMI LONDON

At MMI Croydon, our garden has transformed into an exciting outdoor classroom, extending learning beyond the walls. Recently, children took part in the fun and educational “Rainbow Running Water” experiment, where they observed how colours blend and flow, creating vibrant rainbows in the water. This hands-on experience sparked curiosity and wonder, making science come alive for both children and teachers alike.

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Meanwhile, at MMI Raynes Park, our culinary adventures are blending storytelling and cooking in the most magical way! This term, we’ve been exploring traditional tales, bringing The Gingerbread Man to life in the kitchen. The classroom was filled with the sweet aroma of ginger and cinnamon as children worked together to create gingerbread delights, turning cooking lessons into a memorable learning experience. Hands-on fun and creativity are at the heart of everything we do!



Benefits of Cooking with Children

- Mathematical skills: Measuring ingredients
- Scientific understanding: Observing baking reactions
- Fine motor skills: Mixing, kneading, decorating
- Language development: Learning culinary terms
- Cultural awareness: Exploring food traditions





The Three Little Pigs – A Delightful Performance

A Fun-Filled Term at MMI Preschool

----- MMI SINGAPORE

Families were invited to enjoy our Speech & Drama Presentation of The Three Little Pigs, where our little performers brought the classic tale to life with enthusiasm and charm! Laughter and applause filled the room as they showed their creativity.

This term, we also had an exciting Field Fishing Trip! The children were thrilled to experience fishing firsthand, making unforgettable memories while exploring nature. What a fantastic and enriching term it has been!





India



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Bharat Utsav: Celebrating the Spirit of India

One Nation, Countless Traditions, Infinite Joy

----- MMI INDIA

Our Annual Day, Bharat Utsav, was a spectacular tribute to India's rich cultural heritage. The event featured vibrant dance performances, soulful music, and festive delights, showcasing the diversity of Indian festivals. Children dazzled in traditional attire, presenting folk dances from various states. MMI India also celebrated Republic Day with patriotic fervor, along with a heartwarming Grandparents' Day and Christmas, inviting NGO children to share in the joy, creating unforgettable moments of love and togetherness.





Sri Lanka



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Celebrating Team Spirit at ANC MMI Sports Day!

Unite, Compete, Celebrate – The Spirit of Sportsmanship Shines Bright!

----- MMI SRI LANKA



Our annual ANC MMI Sports Day was a vibrant showcase of energy, teamwork, and joyful learning! With boundless enthusiasm, our young learners participated in a series of exciting activities designed to foster agility, coordination, and sportsmanship. From thrilling obstacle courses to fast-paced relay races, each event encouraged confidence, collaboration, and a love for movement.

The air buzzed with cheers and applause as parents and teachers rallied behind the children, celebrating not just their physical skills but also the values of perseverance, determination, and fair play. True to the Montessori philosophy, this special day highlighted the holistic development of our students—where learning extends beyond the classroom and into the heart of teamwork and sportsmanship.

A big thank you to everyone who made this event a success!





Vietnam



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Tết Celebration Brings Joy to MMI School

Parents, Teachers, and Children Unite for a Festive Lunar New Year

----- MMI VIETNAM



MMI School was filled with excitement as parents, teachers, and children came together to celebrate Tết, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. The event featured traditional music, vibrant lion dances, and cultural games. Children, dressed in colorful áo dài, enjoyed making bánh chưng and receiving lucky red envelopes. Families shared delicious festive treats, strengthening the spirit of togetherness. The celebration created a joyful and meaningful experience, honoring Vietnam's rich traditions and bringing the school community closer.





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MMI Preschool in **WEST** Jakarta – Now Open!

Experience Montessori Learning Firsthand

----- MMI INDONESIA

MMI Preschool Kelapa Dua in West Jakarta is officially open! To welcome families, we invite you to our Open Houses and Discovery Days, where you can explore our Montessori environment, meet our educators, and discover our programs.

Classes began in January 2025, and our Pre-Montessori (1.5–3 years) learners are joyfully engaging with hands-on materials. Meanwhile, the Mum & Me class (6–18 months) is filled with laughter as babies and mothers bond through interactive activities.





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North

Exciting Learning Adventures at Kelapa Gading MMI School!

Exploration, Imagination, and Family Involvement

----- MMI INDONESIA

Our children recently enjoyed a thrilling visit to the Komodo Museum, discovering reptiles up close and learning about their habitats and survival. The Book Carnival brought stories to life as children paraded in costume and shared their favorite characters. During Guest Teacher Week, parents joined the classroom to lead fun, creative activities—from storytelling to cooking. These experiences fostered curiosity, creativity, and stronger school-home connections, making learning both meaningful and memorable!



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Myanmar



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Celebrating Myanmar Union Day at MMI School

A Day of Unity and Cultural Pride

----- MMI MYANMAR

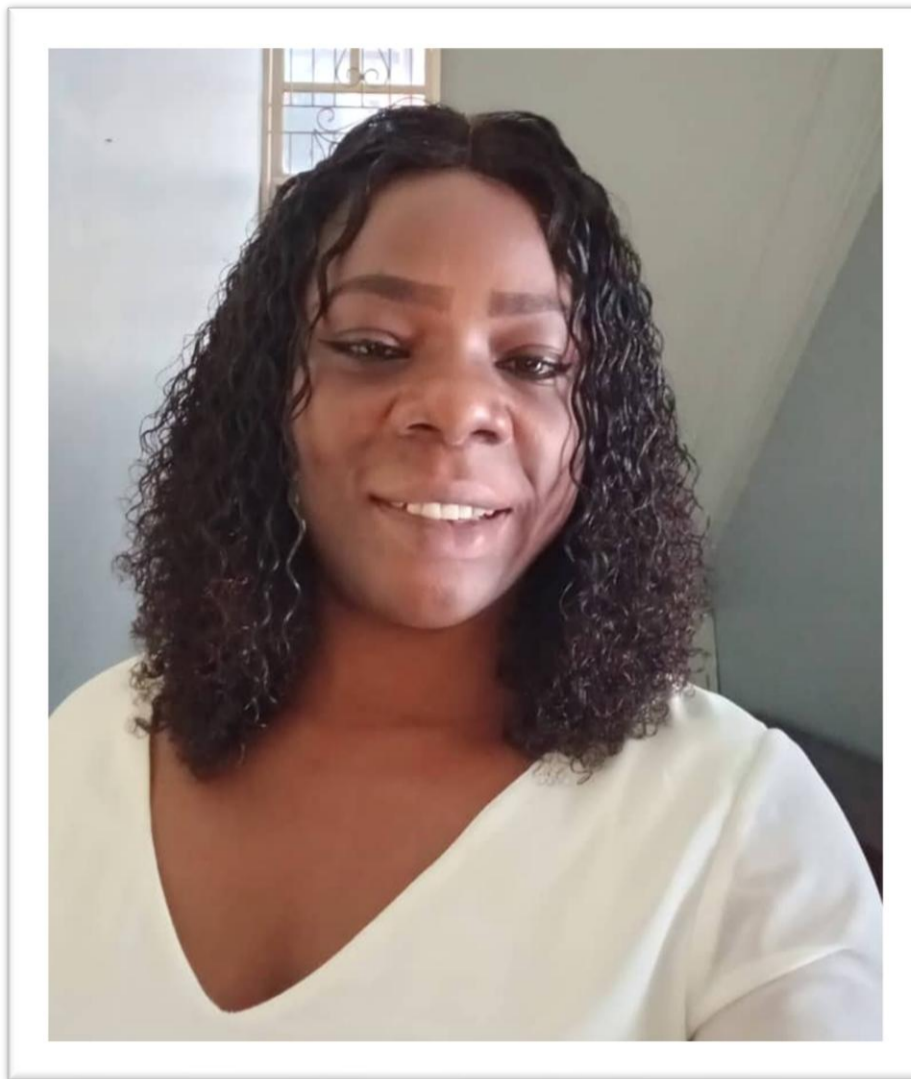
MMI School joyfully celebrated Myanmar Union Day with a vibrant event showcasing the nation's rich cultural heritage. Students and teachers came together to honor the spirit of unity through traditional performances, music, and storytelling. The event emphasized the significance of Myanmar's unity and diversity, fostering a deeper appreciation among students. Through engaging activities, students learned about the historical importance of this special day, strengthening their understanding of national harmony and togetherness.





Nigeria

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A Personal Journey Through the Transformative Power of Montessori



Nurturing Competence, Curiosity & Independence

----- MMI NIGERIA

As a Modern Montessori International trainer and a parent of adolescents, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of Montessori education. What began as a simple quest for clarity when my children were just one and three years old evolved into a lifelong passion—one that challenges today's screen-dominated childhoods and fosters the development of capable, curious, and independent individuals.

In a world where digital distractions replace hands-on experiences, Montessori stands as a beacon of intentional learning. I have seen 5-year-olds struggle to hold a spoon yet navigate a virtual world effortlessly and 10-year-olds glued to screens, missing out on simple, joyful tasks like folding laundry or chopping vegetables. While technology has its place, its unchecked dominance robs children of sensory-rich experiences, the very foundation of concentration, repetition, and independence. Montessori reminds us that true mastery begins with the hands.

A growing concern among parents and educators is the belief that children are incapable of basic tasks. Yet, how can a 4-year-old learn to tie shoes if never given laces? How can they develop problem-solving skills if adults rush to fix every stumble? The Montessori method provides a structured, step-by-step approach to understanding and supporting child development from birth to age 12. By allowing a 2-year-old to peel and cut a banana or sweep crumbs, we nurture competence, not dependency. The result? Children who surprise us with their grit, creativity, and self-reliance.

Montessori is more than just an educational philosophy—it is a GPS for childhood development, guiding us through cognitive, emotional, and moral milestones. It answers fundamental questions: What does a 3-year-old's brain crave? How does a 9-year-old's sense of justice develop? With this structure, adults can meet children where they are, equipping them with tools, not directives. This is why parents and educators who discover Montessori late often express the same sentiment: "I wish I had known this sooner."

Teaching Montessori has deepened my conviction that it is not just a pedagogy but a way of life. It urges us to slow down, to see children not as projects to manage but as individuals to guide. As we navigate the complexities of raising and educating the next generation, Montessori remains an urgent and relevant response to modern challenges.

The future demands innovators, critical thinkers, and empathetic leaders. Let's empower them by first giving them the space to be human. After all, the greatest lessons are not streamed—they are lived.



Kenya



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Montessori Goes on Safari!

Partnering with Ol Jogi to Transform Early Education

----- MMI KENYA

MMI Kenya embarked on an inspiring journey 'up country' to Ol Jogi Conservancy in Laikipia County, supporting the creation of The Kiota (The Nest), a Montessori Early Years setting. Driven by Nadine, the conservancy's passionate founder, this initiative is transforming education in local communities, and we are honored to be part of this journey.

Through our partnership, we have provided hands-on Montessori training to Kiota's teachers, both on-site at Ol Jogi and at MLC in Nairobi, where they observed Montessori educators in action. The enthusiasm and commitment of the founders, teachers, students, and parents at Ol Jogi have made this an incredibly fulfilling experience for our own teachers and community.

With the generous support of donors and volunteers, The Kiota has been furnished with Montessori materials and a carefully prepared environment, creating an inspiring space where children can thrive. This collaboration has deepened our belief in the power of Montessori education to empower children and uplift communities.

We remain committed to supporting The Kiota and expanding similar opportunities to other local communities—spreading the freedom, joy, and transformative power of Montessori learning to children everywhere!





Cyprus

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Carnival & Green Monday – A Festive Celebration in Cyprus!

Celebrating Tradition with Joy and Feasting



----- MMI CYPRUS

Carnival time arrived in Cyprus, bringing excitement to Limassol as the town crier announced the festivities! Rooted in ancient Greek traditions honoring Dionysos, Carnival continues today with costumes, parades, and feasts before the 50-day Lenten fast.



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We celebrated Green Monday with a delightful picnic, where families gathered outdoors to enjoy traditional fasting foods like fasolada and fresh vegetables. The day was filled with laughter, community spirit, and colourful kites soaring high! To welcome the New Year, we honoured the tradition of Vasilopita, a special Greek cake for Saint Basil, with a hidden coin bringing luck to the finder. We also embraced the Year of the Snake 2025, symbolizing wisdom and transformation. Here's to a year of joy, prosperity, and new beginnings!

Green monday

Vasilopita

CNY 2025





❁ Thank You for a Wonderful Term! ❁

As we conclude another enriching term at Modern Montessori International, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our families and dedicated staff. Your unwavering support and commitment to the Montessori journey inspire us daily.

This term, we've witnessed our young learners blossom—embracing independence, cultivating curiosity, and demonstrating kindness. Together, we've nurtured an environment where children thrive as confident, compassionate individuals.

— With appreciation,
The MMI Team



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We welcome your feedback and look forward to another term of growth and discovery!