06 February 2025

NEWSLETTER # 2 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians

It's been a productive start to the year, and it's lovely having everyone back at school. Please see below for the latest updates.

Upcoming Events:

Please note that indemnities will be sent home to all selected participants for all sporting events. Please sign and return them as soon as you receive them.

February

Wed 05th – U9 & U14 Cricket @ Usutu
Wed 05th – U9 & U14 Girls Soccer @ MLP
Wed 12th – U14 Cricket @ Malkers MLP vs Sifu
Wed 12th – U9 Cricket @ Sifu
Wed 12th – U9 & U14 Girls Soccer @ MLP
Wed 19th – U14 Cricket @ Malkerns MLP vs KPS
Wed 19th – U9 Cricket @ KPS
Wed 19th – U14 Girls Soccer MLP vs Premier, MLP U9 vs Premier @ Premier
Sat 22nd – U14 Girls Soccer Festival @ MLP
U14 Boys Cricket Festival @ Usutu (UFS)
Wed 26th – U9 Boys Cricket Festival @ Enjabulweni
Thurs 27th **– Close at 12 o'clock for Mid-Term break, no afternoon activities**

March

Tues 4th – Open Mid- Term break
Wed 5th – U9 Girls Soccer Festival @ MLP
Sat 15th – U11 Boys Cricket Festival @ Malkerns
U11 Girls Soccer Festival @ MLP

Sports

We have been given permission to use the Coronation Park Swimming Pool and will continue working with Mrs Hoff's' coaches. We have made the decision to use this pool as it is a bigger 25m swimming pool, and the pool has a large shallow end. This offers our diverse range of swimmers good training opportunities. Students will continue to be accompanied by two professionally trained swimming coaches and one class teacher.

School Office Contact details:

Please use the following numbers and email addresses to contact us.

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Principal (Thea) – 76362636 principal@montessorilife.net

Parents' Meetings

Thank you to those of you who joined us for the parent meetings last week; it is always lovely seeing the parents and having the opportunity to connect.

Extra PAID Curricular Activities

Please be reminded that these activities are NOT run by the school and are paid for privately by parents. We will continue to work on increasing the availability and improving access to these activities for our children. **The school bus does not wait for children booked in for extra paid activities that finish after 3 pm.**

School Uniform

We apologise for the stock shortfalls at our uniform suppliers. Some stock has arrived, and we have been assured that the rest of the stock should arrive soon.

Staff

We say goodbye to Mr Nhlanhla Ginindza, who will be retiring due to medical reasons. We welcome Mr Mbongeni Motsa as our new driver. He has many years of experience as a professional driver. Mr Mbongeni also played soccer for Eswatini and is still very active on the sporting scene. He will be assisting Coach Delisa with PE and Sports.

We say goodbye to Coach Gerard (Teacher in Class 4) on the 21st of February. Coach Gerard is leaving us to teach at a Montessori School in Scotland. Gerard has been a valued member of Montessori Life Primary for many years and will certainly be missed by many. Although we never desire anyone to leave, we recognize that sometimes people must make choices for their personal growth. Coach, as we say goodbye, we wish you all the best as you embark on this next chapter of your journey.
We also say goodbye to Ms Meghan (Teacher in Class 2) at the end of Term 1. Ms Meghan will be leaving us for further studies in Scotland.
We also say goodbye to Mr MX (Music and Drama); Mr Mx will be leaving us to rejoin the corporate world.
We wish you all well and thank you for everything you have done for the school in the years you have been here.
We will be announcing replacement teachers in a week or two. Once Coach Gerard leaves, Ms Thea will be in Class 4 working with Ms Chembo and Ms Ashlee while we await our replacement teacher to fill the position.

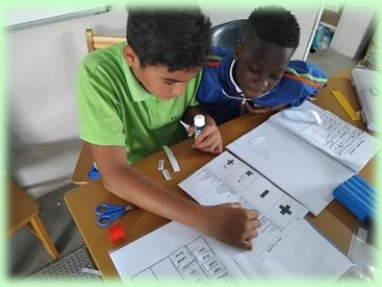
ILead

We are excited to introduce ILead, a character-based leadership development program, to Upper Elementary children. The program consists of short lessons, which are facilitated in class, and focus on developing values, growing leadership and building community.
Please search Maxwell Leadership Foundation, should you want to know more about the program.

Fees

We remind parents with outstanding fees to please settle their accounts promptly. Termly payers should have settled their accounts; monthly payers, please make payment before the 7th of each month to avoid disruption to learning. Learners with outstanding amounts and no current payment plan or communication to the school, will face disruption to learning.

We look forward to a productive year together. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you need to.

Kind regards

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