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The 31st August 2020 is 150 years since the birth of Maria Montessori. Visit montessori150.org to get information about upcoming events, learn how you can get involved and share your #Montessori150 stories

This will be a year to celebrate her legacy of Montessori education, as well as her commitment to advocating for the human rights of the child, a cause which is continued through the work of the Educateurs Sans Frontières.

Visit [our new website](#) to get information about upcoming events, learn how you can get more involved in your local communities and share your [#Montessori150](#) stories with our global network.



We have started with a new feature on our Social Media channels: Questions & Answers with our Pedagogical Director, Ginni Sackett, an AMI trainer, lecturer, consultant, and examiner with over thirty years of experience in Montessori education. We have received a great number of interesting questions for the months of September and October, which proved the AMI Q&As are a useful feature which engages our Montessori community.

Join us on Instagram at [@ami_montessori](#) and submit your questions via Instagram Stories every month: we will choose the best three questions and post the answers at the end of each month!

Courtesy: AMI November newsletter



PMA AGM 2019

The Annual General meeting was held on 2nd October, at the PMA premises. Zohra Gaya, PMA President welcomed the general body and requested all members to be more active in PMA activities and help with various duties done by PMA. She stressed on the trip to the Mazin Academy Montessori and suggested all members pay a visit to the Jogi Mor, Hassan Panwar Village. The school caters mainly for the Hindu community and admits children of other faiths also. PMA's work is to propagate the Montessori philosophy and bring awareness of the benefits of Montessori education, not only to the elite schools in Karachi but to schools all around Pakistan including the under privileged areas. She mentioned the oncoming Edutainment fair and requested all members to come forward with ideas.



L to R: Farida Fazal, Zohra Gaya, Kishwar Allawala, Bano Kissat

Accounts were read by Treasurer Banoo Kisat, and approved unanimously. Minutes of the last meeting and the Annual report were read by General Secretary, Kishwar Allawala, approved and seconded.

PMA members enjoying a joke



L to R: Maheen Pasha, Zubaida Asghar, Masooma Alibhai, Nilufer Ahmed, Shireen Gaya, Zohra Gaya, Bano Kissat, Kishwar Allawala

The meeting for forming a committee for the Edutainment fair was formed with many schools offering participation. Mrs Anjum Saeed was made in charge of the Edutainment fair and Ms Parveen Islam will be assisting her. The next meeting for the Edutainment fair will be held in November. The meeting ended with refreshments.

Participants at the Edutainment Fair meeting



"If we try to think back to the dim and distant past... what is it that helps us reconstruct those times, and to picture the lives of those who lived in them? It is their art... It is thanks to the hand, the companion of the mind, that civilization has arisen."

Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*

The Healing Power of Children's Art

PMA members enjoyed an informative and enlightening presentation by Sajida Hassan, a Clinical Psychologist, who has had training in healing art and various other subjects with child psychology.

She discussed the importance of Art and its healing process and how it improves a person's physical, mental and emotional well-being.

The benefits of Art therapy with children with mental problems, disabilities, and children with limited vocabulary were discussed. Talking to children about their drawings or paintings and helping to interpret the art helps Therapists to get to the bottom of the problems affecting their patients.

Healing Art can be used to assist children with a number of ailments including death of a family, childhood trauma involving physical, mental or sexual abuse, learning disabilities, emotional issues like fear of abandonment or phobias, improve cognitive abilities, deal with the challenges of serious diseases like cancer, help children understand and deal with physical disabilities.

Healing Art Studios in Karachi

Mudpie Studio: Building 43C Khayaban e Shujaat, Bukhari Commercial Area, Phase 6, Defence Housing Authority, Karachi
Phone: 0300 0683743

Farooq Parekh, Sunflower Mantra, House no. a-101, off North Avenue, Block A, KDA Officers Society, Karachi

Sajida Hassan can be contacted by whatsapp only on 0300 8282599.

Sajida is the Head of Department of Child and Adolescent Development Programme under Hussaini Foundation, Honorary Research Fellow, Leicester University, UK. A gold medallist in Clinical Psychology from Karachi and she has a PhD in Child Psychology from the University of Leicester, UK. A befitting talk for the participants on Teachers Day!

Participants at the Healing Power of Children's Art

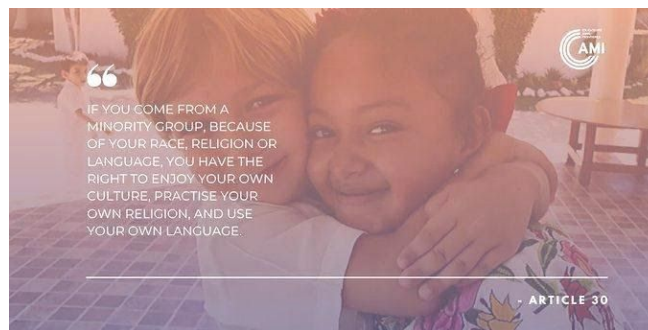


Farida Fazal PMA vice President thanks Sajida Hassan



AMI supports the natural development of the human being from birth to maturity enabling children to become the transforming elements of society.

Today on [#WorldChildrensDay](#), we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Convention on The Rights of the Child. To mark this milestone, we need your help to engage children in Montessori around the world. Visit <http://esfforchildrensrights.com> to learn more about our project.



Courtesy: AMI Twitter

Pakistan goes blue on World Children’s Day

Twenty monuments across Pakistan have turned blue to mark World Children’s Day, UNICEF Pakistan tweeted Wednesday.

It includes monuments in six cities: Islamabad, Peshawar, Quetta, Ziarat, Karachi and Lahore.

The idea is to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

UNICEF Pakistan shared a magical picture of the Quaid’s mausoleum, the resting place of the country’s founding father, in blue. Minar-e-Pakistan, the Ministry of Human Rights, Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Saudi-Pak Tower in Islamabad are also among the buildings bathed in blue in honour of World Children’s Day.



What is in the Convention?

1. Non-discrimination (article 2)
2. Best interest of the child (article 3)
3. Right to life survival and development (article 6)
4. Right to be heard (article 12)

Courtesy: www.convention on the rights of the child

When I Grow Up

Dear Editor,

When I grow up I want to be a traveller. I will go all over the world.

Grant(8 years) Iraq

When I grow up I want to be a carpenter. I have a nice tool set. I will make all kinds of things.

Peter(6 years) Iraq

When I grow up I would like to be a teacher. I am interested in teaching. My mummy is a teacher and my daddy is a headmaster. When my friend and I play together we play at schools quite a lot. I like being the teacher and so does my friend. We get a piece of paper and write names of children down and call it a register. We put little thoughts and little dashes behind names.

Margaret (8 years) Yorkshire

When I grow up I would like to go to England so that I can learn many things. When I come back home I will be a teacher in a boarding school and I shall teach the children Arithmetic, English, Geographiy ,History and Nature Study. I shall like teaching in a boarding school very much.

Elizabeth, West Africa

I want to be a wrestler because I want to be strong.

Ronald (8 years) Ascot

I want to be a Scout when I grow up. I have a sheath knife at home.

Glyn (5 years) Ascot

When I grow up I want to be a hero.

Amar (7 years) India

When I grow up I want to be an engineer.

Sangdev (9 years) India

When I grow up I would like to be a school teacher. I would teach the children to read and write. I love children; I have one brother and one sister.

Janet (7 years) Somerset

When I grow up I want to be a milk tank driver. I would drive slowly through the towns.

Steven (7years) Somerset

When I grow up I want to become a doctor because I would like to help poor people and a doctor can help poor people.
Navinchandra, Kenya

When I grow up I would like to be a builder and build my mummy and daddy a nice house. And build lots of other houses, too, with some nice new bricks. And if I am a builder it will be fun to watch the cement-mixer going round.

Jonathan (6 years) Middlesex

When I grow up I want to be a dressmaker and make a lot of nice dresses, net ones, plain ones, and all sorts of different ones with golden sequins on.

Margaret Co. Durham

Child Education, September 1958
Contributed by: Zohra Gaya

I want to be a teacher like Ms Nida so I can do all the work she does.

Noora (6 years)

I want to be a policeman because my mummy is a policewoman. I shall go to Thatta for training with her and arrest everyone.

Tayyab (5 years)

I want to be an inspector so I can do all the work.

Kishen Danesh (6 years)

Mazin Montessori, Jogi Mor, Allana Hasan Panwar Village, Karachi November 2019

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If a child memorizes 10 words,
the child can read only ten
words, but if a child learns the
sounds of ten letters, the child
will be able to read 350 three
sound words, 4,320 four sound
words and 21,650 five sound
words.



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Dr Martin Kozloff

Announcements

Practical Life workshop on January 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PMA premises, PECHS



PMA Edutainment Fair at the PMA premises. Watch out for details on facebook

AMI Annual Global Meetings, 2020

16 - 20 April 2020, Amsterdam

Join hundreds of friends and colleagues from over 50 countries for AMI's Annual Global Meetings including: Africa Roundtable, Board Reception, Affiliated Societies Meeting, Annual General Meeting, Montessori Forum Research Day

Numerous forums and seminars for practitioners, trainers, training centres, affiliates, alumni, students and members
Further details coming soon!



29th International Montessori Congress Bangkok, Thailand 16 - 19 July 2021

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