

MEfA Montessori News

Montessori House, 135 Westcombe Hill, Blackheath, London SE3 7DP



Easter 2020 Newsletter

Dear MEfA Montessori Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all managing well, and not trying too much to do 'homeschooling' - especially with our smallest people. Taking a few months out of children's usual routine will not have a lasting negative impact on their education.

There will be challenges along the way, and we are all worried about the future. Some of our children are already 'edgy' and unsure. The most important thing right now is to eat and sleep well, try to exercise each day, play board games, card games, memory games, jigsaws and puzzles and lots of moulding, arts and crafts and of course you must read to your children as often as possible - at times like this it is more important that you read to them, than they read to you.

Encourage your children to help you - toddlers love to sweep stairs, load dishwashers, sort laundry etc. - all the activities of daily living (we call these Practical Life activities at school).

As families play and 'work' together, just as the various plants and trees in our Forest School work together to make the landscape more beautiful, children can teach us something about the ways they build their characters - their personalities. Dr Montessori wrote about the child and the building of community, Now the child who manifests perseverance in his 'work' as the first constructive act of his physical life, builds upon this an internal order, equilibrium and the growth of his personality; and as he reveals this we see the true manner in which the child renders himself valuable to his community.

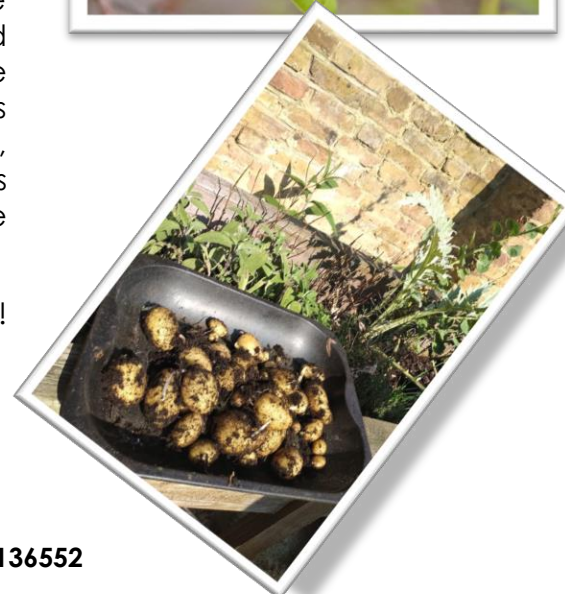
I hope you will love these beautiful photos of our Forest School in Spring!

Wendy

P.S. Our tadpoles now have long tails and are thriving in our pond!

[Wendy Fidler, MEfA Academic Director/Founding Trustee](#)
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"Knowledge can be best given where there is eagerness to learn, so this is the period when the seed of everything can be sown, the child's mind being like a fertile field, ready to receive what will germinate into culture....at six years of age all items of culture are received enthusiastically, and later these seeds will expand and grow." Dr Maria Montessori, To Educate the Human Potential, p. 3





Montessori School 2 - 9 years – also homeschool, flexischool

Montessori School classes: **Tuesday** and **Wednesdays** 9:30 -11:30
and **Thursday** 13:00 - 15:00



Baby Montessori 0-15 months / NEW! Toddler Montessori 15-36 months

Baby Montessori **Wednesdays** 13:30 – 14:30

Toddler Montessori **Thursdays** 09:30-10:30



NEW! Outdoor Forest School

We have two Montessori Forest School/Well-being Classes:
Tuesdays from 13:30 – 14:30 and **Thursdays** from 11:00 -12:00

Montessori After School 4 – 11 years

We have two Montessori After School Groups each week - On **Tuesdays** the **Montessori Moles After-school Nurture Group** is for children who are struggling to make the most of their schooling because of difficulties associated with autism or other special needs. On **Thursdays** the **Montessori Enrichment Group** is for children who have graduated from MEfA Montessori and wish to continue their Montessori journey with us!

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