



## Dr. Maria Montessori viewed education

as an aid to life which ideally begins at birth and continues throughout the course of development. The Montessori approach to education is based on developmental principles and emphasizes the responsibility of adults to help the child actualize his inner potential. This collaborative approach is a universal one, tested by time and has found successful application globally.



## The Summer Vacation brought a perfect opportunity for the 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 Months April-May 2018, Montessori Certificate



**Course** for teachers from various parts of Tamil Nadu, in and around Madurai, some from Saudi and some IT Professionals too; to deepen their

knowledge in the child. Mrs. Thanemozhy, Head, R&T, LVS was the Chief Guest of the day and encouraged the group with her enriching experience to learn and understand the numerous ways in which one could touch the child. Apart from practical sessions and regular lectures, the group had fun by unfolding reality of Montessori through their Field Trip to Sacred Heart College Museum - Kodaikanal, Games, Rhymes, Singing and Nature Walks.

Shri. R. Srinivasan, The Director, TVS Schools and Mrs. Meenakshi, Senior Manager Finance, TVS Schools were the Chief Guests for the one month and two months Valedictory Functions respectively emphasizing the focus on the people that play a great role in shaping a child's future – parents and teachers.



**Ms. Upasana Raju K. V., SKP Vanitha International School, Thiruvannamalai – April 2018**

*It was a month of hard work and love. It was a true Montessori experience, we were happy that we were stepping into a journey filled with great hope in nurturing the future young minds.*

**Ms. Jacqueline Sheela C, Vice Principal, Cambridge MHS, Ambasamudram, – April/May 2018**

*The course was an eye opener not only for an educator but for any parent as everything we have learnt can be identified from birth. The lectures were like a spiritual journey. With every lecture there was a better understanding of the child's mind. The group work in practical in class was insightful and enjoyable.*

## The 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 months Montessori Certificate

**Course** began with a bang on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. It generated a keen interest which included a mixed gathering of parents of TVS Schools, professionals, college students, teachers



from Kodaikanal and pre-school owners who wanted to get a bird's eye view of the Montessori process. Ms. S. Santhi, (Retd.) Diploma in Elementary Education Coordinator (NIOS) was the Guest speaker, who stressed that we need to be at peace with ourselves first so that we can create peace outside with the work with our children. The group rounded up the course by interesting presentations with emphasis on the role of a teacher in all and completed the course with a field trip at Gandhi Gramam leading to a plan of study and life time experience. The students had a wonderful time collaborating and experiencing in subjects such as Art, Craft, Language, Botany and Cultural Activities.



Celebrations was in the air when the students received their Nursery and Primary Certificates from the Chief Guest Ms. T. Sundaravalli, Principal, BSS who stated the importance of teacher in the society in her key note address to the students.

**Ms. Nivetha – July-December 2018, House Wife – Chennai –** shared her experience of doing the course with us.

*The course started off initially with some lectures and I could relate to them easily because even though the topics were new, I was able to understand the Montessori Principles. It was delightful to see the higher levels of work in 3-6 materials where I was made to memorise during my school days, now made sense to me through the materials. This course put me on a firm footing to complete the course successfully.*

The 13<sup>th</sup> One Year Diploma Course too started on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The group comprised mainly of mothers, college students and some trained teachers.

The group was geared to start working on the following lines.

- ☞ Class Observation for KG to Class V at LS and LMHSS.
- ☞ Teaching Practice from KG to Class V at PS.
- ☞ Case Study Programme of KG at LMHSS.
- ☞ Advanced Diploma Classes with eminent and experienced lectures from the TVS fold.
- ☞ Plus the Integration of Quality Circle Case Study Presentation and Competitions kept life throbbing with excitement and guidance.

**According to Sriesaradhya – July 2018-May 2019**

*It was a new experience for most of us. Preparing for QC helped us to have order, to coordinate, to have confidence. It helped us acquire many skills that were dormant in us. Every participant's perfection and excellence showed in her hard work and dedication. They were equally competent, confident*

*and excited to participate in the Case Study Competition. Team Dhiya emerged as the winner, their case study was on Lack of Awareness on Feminine Hygiene. Here I would like to mention the Team Leader Lavanya, a practicing Physiotherapist from Singapore did the One Year Diploma Course so that she could go back and start her own school for Autism. Adding Quality Circle to the Montessori Course has enhanced our perception of the subject from a different plane.*



At the Book Fair

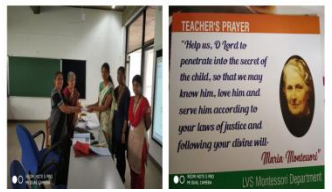


In the Ground



Field Trip - Avvai Ashram, Ambasamudhram

Celebrating Dr. Maria Montessori's birthday



Festivals



**One with nature**



The much awaited day of celebration dawned on 31.05.2019 in the presence of our President Ms. Shobhana Ramachandhran. The President shared a beautiful message that the students should apply their knowledge and skills in situation wherever there are children in the community at large and whenever an opportunity arose.



As each of the students received their Diplomas, a sense of gratitude, camaraderie and accomplishment filled the air. It was a combination of laughter, love, hard work and emotion.

On behalf of the Montessori Department, we wish them the very best in all their future endeavours!

**Courses available round the year**

1 Month Certificate Course  
**Nursery**  
April 1st to April 30th

2 Months Certificate Course  
**Nursery & Primary**  
April 1st to May 31<sup>st</sup>

6 Months Certificate Course  
**Nursery & Primary**  
July 1st to December 31st

1 Year Diploma Course  
July 1st to May 31st

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