

CASCADE Family Learning Society (regd)

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Dear parents

It gives us great pleasure to release this Newsletter with a summary of the year's happenings. You will receive these newsletters every quarter hereon, with updates on the highlights and interesting notes.

Highlight of this year was the shifting to a new premises with a wonderful ambience and lighting, a major milestone in the history of our making.

We hope you will enjoy the same and give us your feedback, besides contribute articles and help compile it.

Vidya Shankar

Founder

CASCADE Family Learning Society

Dr. Maria Montessori's quotes:

The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist".

Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.



Upcoming Events

April 23

ANNUAL CONCERT

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ANNUAL CLOSING

June 4

CASCADE OPENS

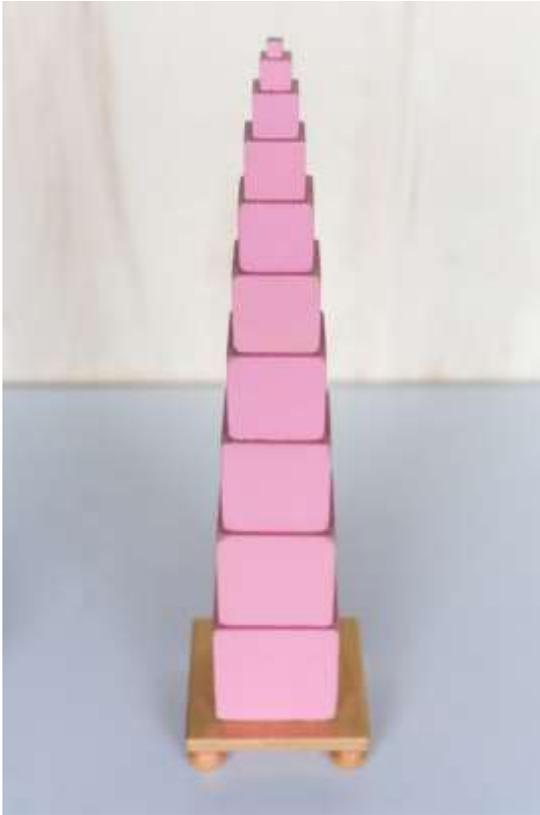
Important Announcements

Admissions open for Casa age group – 2.5 to 3.5 years

Orientation for new parents coming up in early June.

Montessori infant and toddler parenting course for parents – contact us on cascadefls@gmail.com

Materials of this season:



CASA:

The Pink Tower, iconic to the Montessori classroom, embodies the direct and indirect purpose of most Montessori materials. Stacking the cubes calls for visual discrimination, coordination, and precision. Indirectly, a child is preparing himself or herself for understanding cubed roots in later math.



News In the Community

Our student Kanishk Gokul has written two papers of his 10th NIOS Board exam successfully in April 2018.

Programs are being planned for the forthcoming academic year

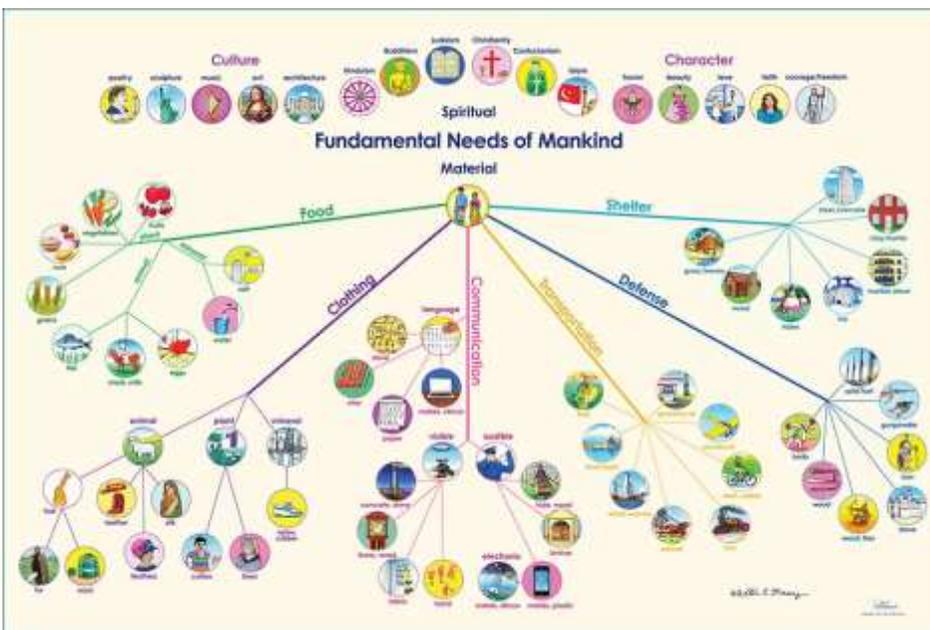
We need the time of parents to plan and anchor a few of them.

Monday Mondri – in a new format coming up from June.

Retail shop by Adolescent group coming up from June.

April 21st - Year end Study circle – Summary of the years learning.

Our Adolescent Group is preparing for **International Geography Youth Summit** in July 2018, to present before an august audience, a series of documentaries on various topics related to "Geography of our Daily Needs" which is the theme of the Summit.



ELEMENTARY: Fundamental needs charts: This beautiful in-depth Fundamental needs charts come with a complete set of materials and research stories for each icon on the chart. It opens the door for children from elementary through Middle school to study how people have met their needs across the globe and in various time periods and civilisations

PHOTO GALLERY :



Legends meet legends – Independence day drama



Our new CASA Classroom with an inviting ambience.



Adolescents visit JM Rural centre and share a community meal.



Deepa and Jayaraman offering Business studies, poetry sessions.



Social events – Traffic Awareness on SN Nagar main road and Waste disposal awareness on Car Free Sunday with Namma Ooru Foundation



IGYS2017 interludes and Geography conversations



Mosamism Play and children's Grand Art Auction



Memorable Pongal Celebrations with Traditional games, Pongal making and folk songs.



Family Sports day.



Theosophical Society, Guindy park and Home visits by Casa children.

Highlights of the year (besides the events in the gallery)

- **Formation of the first ever Montessori society in the country by a parent community.**
- **Moving to a new premises, much awaited change by all.**
- **Membership with the International Montessori Council.**
- **Committees to handle various tasks formed and volunteers sign up to off-take responsibilities.**
- **Full scale two additional languages offered in the classroom.**
- **Website and blog created with updated information.**
- **Visitors from across the globe and from different parts of India visited our premises and commended the unique model of FLS.**
- **Participation in the Indian Montessori Foundation Conference for sharing and learning with the Montessori community.**
- **Adolescent community work gains momentum with the making of a documentary film on Homelessness.**
- **Adolescent students had sessions from experts on sculpture, acrylic painting, theatre, photography and many more during the year.**
- **Prof. Ramanujam from Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Taramani, came in to address parents, on an informative session on PROCESSES IN MATHEMATICS LEARNING". At CASCADE Prof Ramanujam would be our resource for higher math learning for parents and students seeking such sessions.**

- Along with the Goethe Institute, CASCADE celebrated a week long Science festival with films and activities for elementary and adolescent age groups. There was a watershed Exhibition organized by Goethe Institute, which children attended at Lalit Kala Academy and learnt about the importance of conserving water in natural ways.
- Mr. Ashok from Trash Gaadi, made an elaborate presentation on how Waste segregation is important for all of us to follow. This happened after we began composting and segregation at CASCADE with the help of Namma Ooru Foundation to make it a Zero Waste premises.

CASCADE Adolescents Speak Wisedrops:

Contemplation topic: **Door:**

Adol group: One liners on what the article represents.

" I invite and send off people, so respect me, not using me as a weapon of your anger!"

" Remember that I protect you and your belongings! I give you the sense of privacy"

VS: We all need doors dont we?

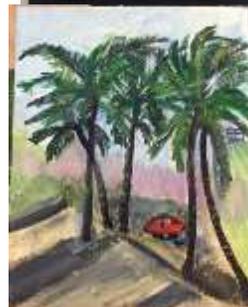
Adol group: Aunty, both mental and physical - but it shouldnt be a barrier for us to communicate or receive information. A door also gives us the room to ourselves, to contemplate good things- or plot bad things. Not the fault of the door! We think there are a lot of things that we use, that give us good use and bad use.

Me: Example?

Adol group: Knife, Slippers, Broomstick, pen...

Me: So its really up to the user, anything can be used or abused, right? Think about it... Was a stopping point,

Few of the children's artwork sold on the auction day.



WANT TO BE TEACHER?

