

# #BloomingTogether

ur planet continues to suffer from the actions of man. Nature has reminded us of its power by producing a virus that, despite its tiny size, has had enormous consequences for humanity. No matter where in the world, each and every single human being has faced unprecedented fears and unknowns, shutting themselves in their homes, isolating themselves from the world, adapting to a new way of living. Two words stand out when we think back on this crisis: solidarity and resilience.









We Humans are social animals, we thrive on connection with others. It's often the driving force behind everything we do. After two long years, our community has been fortunate to be able to gather in its cradle, EMC, where it all began. The #BLOOMINGTOGETHER event was a long-awaited opportunity for us as parents to reunite with our children in their extended home, to share their pride in the ownership of the school they cherish so.

For those who carry EMC: educators, administrators, and technicians, these days were a time to no longer be isolated from the community that exists beyond the school walls. These moments of reconnection, appreciation, and community are not only valued, they are much needed by all of us. We envision EMC as fertile soil, one that shelters and nurtures, one that brings together and builds.

EMC is a school that stands strong with its vision and ambition to be a model Montessori school for our region. We are constantly evaluating ourselves, our practices, and seeking to enhance the experience we offer our students. During the event, we have offered the opportunity to a panel of parents across our school to share their Montessori experience through our "Reflection on a decade" series of interviews. We are truly grateful for the families who were able to make it for their constructive and caring input.







Our world today calls for more collaboration, not division. As we reflect on all we have built together over the past decade, the feedback from our parent community that will serve our betterment is truly appreciated. Please take a few minutes to reflect upon these series of questions, which are the opportunity for you to consider various different aspects regarding the education of your children, both at home and at school.

Together, impossible is nothing. #BLOOMINGTOGETHER









#### HOY BLOOMS

Within the context of their Communication Work & Study, our HoY students have gotten lessons about the history of Vox Pop interviews, their purpose, and how to construct a Vox Pop questionnaire.

The students then put their newly acquired skills in practice as they conducted Vox Pop interviews at the Blooming Together events on the Californie and CIL campuses. They asked parents how they felt about the event, and what spring represented for them. The group of students also got to sell their famous tie-dye t-shirts at the events, which are always a big hit!

For the #Bloomingtogether event, the HoY community of students prepared a delicious buffet lunch for their parents, as well as an afternoon packed with entertainment and fun! They organized a treasure hunt, a karaoke sing-along, and lovely performances.

We thank the students for their implication and hard work in crafting this event with such short notice! They did an amazing job!

#### **GOING OUTS**

The elementary students continue to explore the outer community to seek information for their research projects.

## Sailing on Ibn Batuta's route

One group ventured all the way to Tangier! In their research about biographies, they chose to explore the life of the famous Moroccan explorer Ibn Batuta, by visiting a new museum honoring his life in the city of Tangier.









The students determined the cost of the trip, yet instead of asking their parents to pay for it, they raised the entire amount by selling tea, coffee, and goodies to parents at arrival and dismissal! Upon arriving to Tangier, their tour guide took them to the museum — and to everyone's surprise, it was closed! They had been misinformed, but oh well, in life they must learn to adapt and make the best out of their trip. So, they explored the old medina, visited the Hercules Caves and the Cap Spartel, and saw where the Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea met! They had an unforgettable trip!

## Starry nights

Another group of elementary students visited the Meteorite Exposition in the context of their study of stars, black holes, and comets. They got to see an exciting video of an asteroid hitting the earth. They discovered (and even touched!) Meteorites found in Morocco, and one from Mars with a drop of water inside. The guide shared with them fascinating information about constellations, and how they relate to the Horoscope. They came back from the exposition thrilled and eager to return and learn some more!









#### Back to roots

Last month, some of the Mimosa Earth environment students visited ANFA PARK; looking for roots and leaves to observe. They decided to explore more and wrote an email to the adolescent community at the House of Youth to ask if they could visit their garden. The House of Youth is a quiet haven, home to more than 500 different kinds of plants. The group was greeted by two HoY students and a guide, and found out more information about roots and leaves. This was a wonderful opportunity for the adolescents to see their friends from a few years back, and meet some of the new students in the elementary.







#### Planet Love

Alongside with their academics, EMC seeks to instill the environmental awareness of the pupils. Some of the children in Mimosa Sun went to the beach for a beach clean-up session to keep our ocean healthy. They understood the impact of the humans on our natural world and were happy to be positive contributors to the planet!



## Geometry in the streets of Casablanca

A small group of girls in the Sun environment had lessons in geometry about Symmetry and quadrilaterals. They decided they wanted to see the materialization of these concepts in real life. They stepped out of the environment and walked around the block to observe where was the symmetry line of the cable stayed bridge of Sidi Mâarouf, then to observe the quadrilateral shapes on the façade of Marjane.

#### PARENT SUPPORT

After a long break due to Covid, some of our environments have opened their doors to parents to join their children and discover the work they are doing at school. The children are always eager and proud to greet their parents in their environment, and parents were delighted to share these precious moments with their children.

The Primary environments also greet parents a few times a week to read books, sing a song, or share their knowledge with the children. We thank our parent community for their valuable involvement and support.

These sharing experiences are precious and bridge home and school in the most wonderful way.



## HOY-CONSULTANCY

The House of Youth had the immense pleasure to greet Lesley Ann Patrick for two weeks.

Adjustments continue to be made as to find the perfect balance for the program. Lesley Ann held a parent session to explain the next work and study's content and objectives, as well as present the experts who will assist the students during this last term.

### **CAMP**

