



## HENNA CELEBRATION

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## NEWS FROM OUR ENVIRONMENTS





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### **Ramadan Show and Tell in Primary**

Primaries celebrated the joyful occasions of Ramadan and Eid! As part of their celebrations, they hosted a special group time 'Show and Tell' session, and greeted parent volunteers to share meaningful aspects of these sacred events with the children.

During the sessions, parents were encouraged to share pictures, explain the significance of cultural clothing, highlight traditional foods and drinks. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young learners to deepen their understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and celebrations.

### **Community Charity Meal**

As a community, we believe in strengthening our community bonds, and what better way to do so than by sharing a meal?

Our Elementary guides organized a Flour Celebration at the Association Solidarité Féminine.

Many parents donated funds for the association and others came to share a beautiful moment with the children and staff.

It was a heartwarming moment for all of us.





## HENNA TRADITION

As the holy month of Ramadan drew to a close, we organized an end-of-Ramadan event for the children. This event was a chance for them to come together in a spirit of joy and camaraderie. Part of the festivities included offering henna and baking. This was a memorable and joyful event!




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## RAMADAN DONATIONS

The Elementary guides as well as some parents have organized a collect of goods for our technical staff at EMC.

Each of the 12 people working with us in the kitchen, driving the bus and cars, guarding the doors and cleaning the buildings received a bag of typical Ramadan goods to take home.

We thank all of you who intitated and participated in this donation!



## READ AND PLAY @ HASSAN II MEDIATHEQUE

### Read & Play

with Ecole Montessori Casablanca at Hassan II Mediatheque!



EMC held a read and play session for Toddlers in the Hassan II Mediatheque. Our community and the public were invited to join the EMC teams to discover reading and playing with the Montessori Method. Our staff read stories, talked about animals, and everyone was able to create their little jungle. It was a big success and we are looking forward to the next Edition!



## TODDLERS HAVE A READING CLUB!

Toddlers finding joy in reading is a beautiful sight to behold. The wonder and excitement that sparkles in their eyes as they flip through the pages of a book is truly heartwarming. It's not just about the act of reading itself, but also the opportunity it provides for parents and children to share precious moments together.

Joining a reading club could be a unique opportunity for parents

to actively engage in their child's development and create lasting memories. The shared experience between a parent and a child is truly priceless.

We were delighted to welcome parents to the third TODDLER READING CLUB! Parents joined and read a book of their choice, in their preferred language, to all the children present at the Reading Club.



## EXPLORING BOUREGREG RIVER

Mimosa Moon kids had a blast exploring the Bouregreg River in Rabat! Following several lessons on the parts of a river including factors affecting rivers such as pollution.

They embarked on a boat journey, marveling at the river's mouth as it flowed into the mighty Atlantic Ocean. It was an educational adventure filled with laughter and learning!

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## CAPSTONES

Our Mimosa Moon graduates are working hard this term on preparing their capstone projects. They have chosen different topics and are organizing presentations, exhibitions, fund raisings, concerts...They are motivated and don't shy away from contacting organizations and making phone calls! Activism is ON!

We would like to thank the parents who volunteered to help them in their project, by sharing knowledge and expertise:

- Rita Kadiri: Workshops on Project Management
- Yoram Sfez: Workshops on Sustainable Gardens and Energies - Theory and Practice



- Kenza Sedrati: Brought a specialist to school to facilitate a workshop on the link between climate change and the other Sustainable Development Goals

# THE MONTESSORI FAMILY WITH NO BORDERS



## Cynthia Adewole, from London back to Casablanca

It is with immense pleasure that EMC and our elementaries greeted their previous Toddler guide for 5 years, Cynthia Adewole. Cynthia left Morocco a few years back to go back to her home, London. She decided to come visit us for 10 days and reunite with her toddlers who are now either Elementary or Hoy Students. A visit full of emotion and love.

## Russian students and families visiting former teacher at EMC

Ms. Elena, who has been a Montessori teacher for a long time in her home country, had left an unforgettable mark in the students' minds and their families. Some of her former students, their parents, and their head of school, came to visit her and our school. They spent an entire day with our students, shared stories, culture and experiences in Mimosa Moon.

This was a wonderful opportunity for all of us, parents, students, teachers and administrators to witness again the magic of Montessori without borders!



# CAREER DAYS IN MIMOSA CLASSES

Our students had the wonderful opportunity to meet professionals in their class to discover what their jobs consist on and, why not, be inspired by their careers. Mimosa Moon also organized a career day, where the students chose a career, presented the job and came dressed as professionals.

We thank the parents, staff and extended community who accepted to share their profession with us:

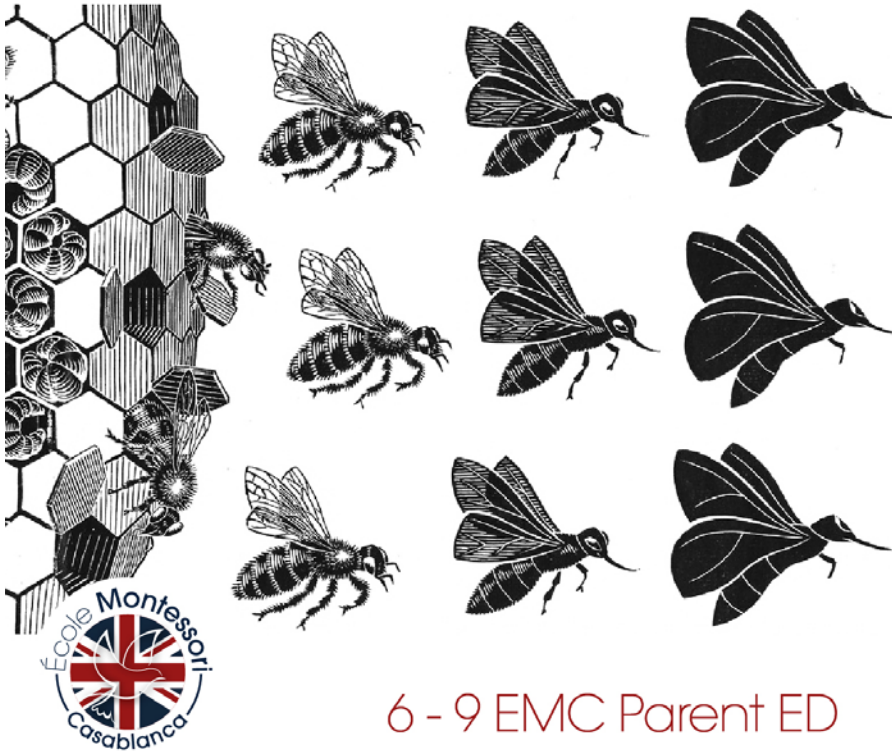
- Safaa Sadouk - Airline Pilot
- Khadija Bennani - Conscious parenting and mindfulness coach
- Mariem Lahlou - Marketing Consultant
- Raouia Idokhsane - Human Resources Specialist
- Domizia Trenta- Graphic Designer
- Saadia Sabati - Janitor
- Laila Seddiki - Teacher
- Elmahdi Benabdeljalil - NGO Organizer
- Charif Khalifi - Ophthalmologist
- Meriem Houzila - Chef
- Shola Dada - Architect
- Fatima Zahra Aamer - Lawyer
- Fabrice Ekue - Sports Coach
- Nicolas Felger - Inspirational Speaker

Please meet our Singers, DJ's, Footballers, Janitors, Actresses, Dancers, Lawyers and so much more....!!



# READY FOR THE NEXT STAGE?

## READINESS FOR 9-12



Our Hoy and Elementary teams hosted sessions to orient parents for the next important stage of their child's life. It is very helpful for families to understand what the programs are about, and how they meet our students' needs. The guides also explained how we support the students for a smooth and seamless transition to the next stage.

## 6 - 9 EMC Parent ED

## ART@HOY

The students and teachers at HoY came together to make a beautiful art project about our cycle theme 'Walls'. This wall represents meaningful aspects of our beloved community, with each tile capturing the distinct individuality and personality of its creator. A special thank you to our HoY Art teacher, Ms. Luisa Cai Chen for her creativity and spirit!



## ECONOMISTS@HOY



A rare and educational opportunity arose for our young Economists this term where they spent the day, received a full tour as well as a very descriptive seminar on the intricate work of the G4S cash centre headquarters in Bouskoura. We were privileged to be given an in-depth explanation by the operations manager of the day-to-day work that keep such an organization working around the clock. Followed by a Q&A with various department

managers our young economists were able to gain invaluable insight into how the world of cash is collected, delivered, counted and sorted. The cherry on the top was a full tour of the 'in-action' sorting centre which we cannot say much about. It was truly an indispensable experience and a memorable one to say the least! Each student also received a gem of a gift – you are going to have to ask them if you want to find out what it was!





## Our primary environments opened their doors to parent observations in march!

This was a wonderful opportunity to discover the atmosphere and works of our classrooms, to understand the dynamics between our teachers and the students, and get a feel of how learning takes place in our unique setting! The great majority of parents have left the classrooms very pleased with the experience, and have shared the following remarks and appreciations on their observation feedback forms:

- The liveliness of the environment: many things are happening everywhere.
- The children are busy and active.
- The environment is nice, calm, respectful, fun.
- Children are kind to one another and are independent.
- The atmosphere is calm and the adults are relaxed while juggling from one child to another.
- The low voice of teachers, they are non-intrusive. Their words are chosen carefully.
- Adults are caring giving guidelines without being intrusive and suggest activities when some children might be hesitant.
- The adults help if necessary and guide the children gently.
- Children appear to enjoy their time whilst learning.
- Everyone seemed at peace, and conflicts were quickly resolved.
- Children help one another...it's like a family!

A few parents shared their concern that the environments had too many children and that perhaps more adults were needed to support their development and learning. This is a very legitimate concern, yet it is important to understand that as a Montessori school, larger class sizes are the quality standard as it has a strong educational value.

*"When classes are fairly big, differences of character show themselves more clearly and wider experiences can be gained."* Dr. Maria Montessori

Please check out the Montessori standards on the AMI USA website:

<https://amiusa.org/schools/standards-for-ami-montessori-classrooms/>

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**29** APRIL TO  
**3** MAY INCLUDED  
SPRING CAMPS



**29** APRIL TO  
**12** MAY  
Spring Break (no school)



**27** MAY TO  
**07** JUNE  
END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS



**8** JUNE  
COMMUNITY DAY  
@HOY - more details to follow



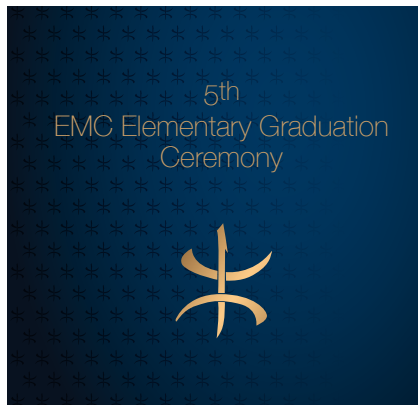
**12 & 14** JUNE  
Primary graduates visiting Elementary  
Elementary graduates visiting HOY



**17, 18 & 19** JUNE  
Eid al-Adha (no school)



**20 & 21** JUNE  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences (no school)



**26** JUNE  
ELEMENTARY  
GRADUATION



**26** JUNE  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
(half day)