



Beehive MONTESSORI
The best place to BEE!



ABOUT US

Set amidst tall trees in a Kloof country garden, children chatter and play, their laughter mingling with birds singing and squeals of delight as they learn in a secure fun environment. Beehive Montessori Preschool was established in 1984, by Margaret Courtney in response to the need for specialised pre-primary education and care for children aged 2 to 6 years old. Margaret, our principal, is a caring and nurturing role model for children and teachers alike. She is a qualified Montessori teacher and Montessori examiner who has a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. In addition to her pre-primary teaching qualifications, Margaret is a trained nursing sister and midwife, having trained at Oxford in England.

In operation for 35 years, Beehive Montessori Pre-school is the most established Montessori centre in Kwa-Zulu Natal, with an impeccable reputation and hundreds of happy children with satisfied parents. Staffed by six fully qualified Montessori teachers, each responsible for their own class. The number of children per class is strictly controlled in order to ensure that the best care is given to all. This allows for focused, individual attention and the development of an intimate, trusting relationship between teacher and child.

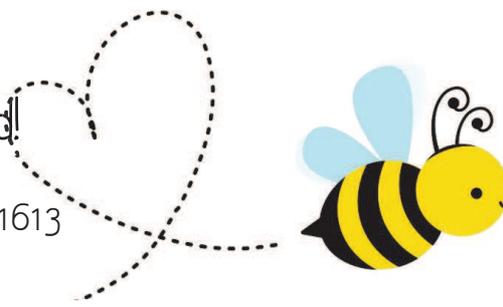
The Beehive school grounds comprise of a quaint real children's house, roomy classrooms, library, sensory walk, vegetable garden and farmyard. All are comprehensively equipped with specialised authentic Montessori learning materials. In addition, the outdoor facilities include extensive jungle gyms, a trampoline, sandpits and a mud kitchen. These have been installed to encourage healthy physical development and co-ordination as well as to inspire imagination and creative play.

Nature is an important part of any child's development and growth, especially to ensure a balanced and healthy perspective as well as to stimulate sensory learning. Our small farmyard is very popular and the children experience holding and feeding our chickens, guinea pigs and rabbits. This process allows our children the opportunity to learn gentleness with small creatures and cultivate an appreciation for all nature.

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Our established garden includes a myriad of plants where colour, smell and touch are explored. Our vegetable garden forms part of the curriculum where children learn how things grow from seed to kitchen, ready to cook a delicious, nutritious meal.

Here at Beehive Montessori, we are committed to the proven highly acclaimed Montessori principles of early education, that provides all children the opportunity to realise their full potential in a caring and holistically stimulating environment.

MONTESSORI METHOD

The Montessori system of education develops the whole child. Dr Montessori formulated her approach to education through her observation of the child. She believed that every child had a spontaneous urge to learn. It is the teacher's task is to discover the true nature of each child, assist them to reach their full potential and to prepare them in all aspects of life.

The environment at Beehive, both indoors and outdoors, is carefully prepared so that each child can take from it what they need to learn and develop at their own pace. By allowing them to choose the activities which interest them the most we stimulate natural curiosity and a keen interest to learn. This also encourages the children to develop self-discipline negating the need for motivation through punishments and rewards.

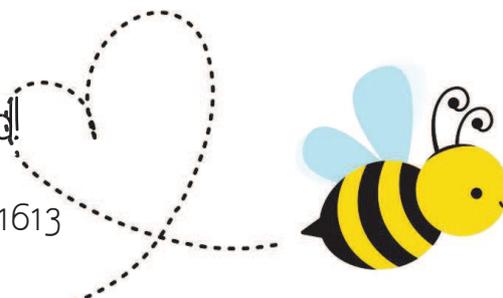
THE PRACTICAL LIFE AREA

Providing our children, the opportunity to perform tasks with familiar objects such as sweeping, polishing, pouring, preparing food etc has been proved to help them become more co-ordinated, confident and independent. It definitely improves and develops their concentration as well!

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THE SENSORIAL AREA

It has been scientifically proven that the more we learn experimentally through our senses, rather than by rote, the more we actually retain. The sensorial area allows children to understand their environment, while learning through the exploration of their senses. The seeds of history, geography, science, maths, language and nature study as well as a love of learning are sown here at a pre-school level, while a child is in their sensitive formative years and is able to absorb knowledge easily. At this age, a child's mind is like a sponge and with creative stimulation they can be encouraged to learn a multitude of subjects. As in all areas of life balance is needed: art and music are an integral part of the Beehive learning programme, providing both learning and fun.

We endeavour to create and inspire in each young child within our care a feeling of love understanding and responsibility not only for themselves, but also for their environment. This helps them to understand their individual role and that they are a part of a whole system, which enables them to become true citizens of the world and confident human beings. Maria Montessori said: "Love is a gift to mankind and must be treasured and developed to the fullest possible extent, for it is this that unites each and every one of us and only in this way can we bring about a good, peaceful world."

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

We look forward to welcoming you into the Beehive family and a happy association with you and your child!

MARGARET COURTNEY
Principal

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