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*“I don't need to teach anything to the children; it is they who, placed in a favourable environment, teach me.”*  
- Dr. M. Montessori

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## Class Letter 1

September 2013

Dear Parents,

First of all we would like to express a warm welcome to all the new children and their parents who have joined Montessori House Brussels; we hope you will enjoy your time with us.

As the season is gradually changing we have noticed some children are already coughing and sneezing. At school we ask the children to wash their hands regularly, to use their labelled glass to drink in, to bin used tissues immediately etc. All this is of course to avoid contamination. Unfortunately we cannot avoid children falling sick, but you can help us by applying the following rules:

1. Children are not allowed to attend school with a fever or other symptoms of obvious discomfort. If your child does not appear well, we will take his temperature, make him comfortable, and call you. We do not want to administer paracetamol or any other **medications** without parental permission.
2. Please report to the school any contagious condition or disease your child might have contracted. This allows us to take precautions and to inform other parents.  
-In the event of an emergency involving your child, we will contact you immediately. If the parents cannot be reached, the person designated on the emergency permission form will be contacted. If the situation requires, we will take the child to the emergency at St Michel Hospital, Rue de Linthout 150.

To avoid any misunderstanding please write in the book provided at the entrance any changes regarding holidays, pick up time, etc.

Please ensure that your child's lunch boxes and clothes are **clearly labelled**. Without labels we cannot assure that the right item is given to your child.

You will be asked to bring some pictures of your child, one for every year of his age; this will be used to celebrate your child's **birthday** and will show your child how he is growing up. Please ask us if you are not sure which pictures you already brought in.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September we will have our first **swimming lesson**. Please make

sure that bag and hat are labelled and that the towel and clothes are easy to manage by the children. Children will not be able to use goggles, floats or slippers.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 10:00 until 14:00 we will organise the **Family Day**. This will be the occasion for you to meet your fellow parents and also to show your child's school to relatives and friends. The school also invites parents who might want to send their child to our school in the future.

-In the playroom you will find the book fair with lots of English books.

-In the upstairs classroom kitchen you will find our wonderful face painter Catherine, who will be happy to change your child into a butterfly, tiger etc.

-Weather permitting we will set up a little food table outside for you to nibble while chatting.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September we will start the **topic** for this term: '*My Home Country*'. From the first week a sign up form will be placed next to the entrance, where you can sign up for your presentation.

We will introduce the **globes, the continents and their maps**. As soon as the children are familiar with the names of the continents we would like to invite you, a family member (we will organise a proper schedule) to share some knowledge of your country of origin. For about 20 minutes you could talk about the location of the country, its language and flag, habits, animals, food, music, dance and any other typicality. Books, props and pictures work well to explain the subjects, and it's always nice to have a little reminder, like a colouring picture, for the children to take home. Have fun with the preparations, and we are all looking forward, especially your child, to your presentation. Please feel free to 'team up' with another parent who has the same roots.

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October both classes will organise a **Parent Information Evening** from 19:45 to 21:30. This will take place in the Upstairs Class. We will talk about the Montessori Method, show materials and discuss with you how to apply the Montessori philosophy at home. Parents of both classes are invited.

In the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> October both classes will organise their **Autumn walk** to the Woluwe Park.

Upstairs class will go on 14<sup>th</sup> October between 9:30 and 12:00.

Downstairs class will go on 15<sup>th</sup> October, also between 9:30 and 12:00.

For the children younger than 4 years we will need cars to take them to the park and back to school. Please let us know if you are available to take your child (and one or two friends) to the park by car, and if you can stay for the walk.

The older children will walk to and from the park (40min).

In case of bad weather the walk will be postponed to the week after (same days).

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October we will ask the children to wear a **Halloween** costume. In the morning they will show their costume to each other and we will have a little party afterwards. Please be aware that for both classes **school finishes at 12:00**.

Dates to write down in your diary:

18 / 09 : Start swimming classes

21 / 09 : Family Day

08 / 10 : Information Evening

14 / 10 : Autumn Walk Upstairs class

15 / 10 : Autumn Walk Downstairs class

25 / 10 : Halloween Party (school closes at 12:00)

28 / 10 - 01 / 11 : Half - Term Break

08 / 11 : Teacher's Inset Day (school closed)

11 / 11: Armistice Day (school closed)

15 / 11: Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)

18 / 12 : Christmas Performance

20 / 12 : Half day (school ends at 12:00)

Kind regards,

The teachers