

## **PAKISTAN**

### **Pakistan Montessori Association (PMA)**

#### **Events and Activities**

In March 2016, PMA held a children friendly Spring Festival. Stalls included games, activities for children and toys. Children from different schools performed in the Performing Arts Corner and over 1000 parents and children attended the event.

A few Montessori schools were visited by the pedagogical committee and where required were guided on how to make certain improvements. Registration certificates were given to two schools.

#### Montessori Children's Villa

The Children's House continues to function with four environments and four directresses under Kishwar Allawala.

#### Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body meeting was chaired by President Zohra Gaya. The annual report was presented at the meeting, along with the audited accounts. This was followed by a session on story telling by a trained ECE teacher and a freelance storyteller. Gaya conducted an interactive session with teachers applying different techniques and strategies to make story telling more interesting.

#### Managing Committee Meetings

Eight meetings by the Managing Committee and two meetings by the Finance Committee were held during the term under report, at which the activities and finances of the Association were discussed.

#### **Collaborations and Outreach**

A room in the PMA premises has been given to Hamqadam Foundation, which works for the betterment of autistic children.

#### **Publications and Media**

*The Montessorian*, the PMA Newsletter, is printed on a quarterly basis. Masooma Alibhai is in charge of the bulletin. *The Montessorian* is uploaded to the PMA website.

The Association publishes and keeps in stock the Urdu version of *The Absorbent Mind*, *The Discovery of the Child* and *The Secret of Childhood* for the benefit of the Montessorians, parents and all interested in child education.

As every year, we strive to propagate the Montessori philosophy and spread the message in any way we can. We are trying to take the philosophy to remote areas and to the underprivileged.

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