

## Dr Maria Montessori (1870 - 1952)



**Dr Maria Montessori** was born in 1870. She was the first Female doctor in Italy. She studied Education, Philosophy, Psychology and Anthropology.

Montessori was pioneering in her child development theories, and designed materials and techniques which allowed the children to work in areas previously considered beyond their capacity. These materials and methods are used at Tall Trees Kindergarten to greatly enhance your child's opportunity to learn.

The Montessori Method is now recognised and highly regarded worldwide as one of the best learning environments for young children.

**Parents-** Our Pre-School teachers are always happy to answer any questions you may have.

### **Montessori Quote**

*'Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.'*

**At Tall Trees** we foster independence within the child's pre-school environment by allowing the child to choose their own learning activities which are displayed at the child's height.

We also believe in '**the process not the end result**'. The children's creations are never judged by how the finished article looks, but rather their learning process of doing the activity themselves.

This is why your child will rarely take home craft etc that they have 'made' at Tall Trees. Often the end result is of little consequence in comparison to the child's innate enjoyment of creating for creations sake.

### **Montessori Quote**

*'Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.'*

**At Tall Trees** we provide a structured set of educational experiences through the specially designed Montessori teaching equipment and other activities such as creative opportunity, practical life skills and nature.

These are designed to allow the child to experience educational opportunities for themselves.

### **Montessori Quote**

*'The child can develop fully by means of hands on experience in his environment. We call such experiences 'work''*

**At Tall Trees** we call the child's Montessori time 'work time'. This is because the Montessori Method allows the child to be educated through hands on 'play'- and Montessori recognised play as of such value to the child that it is actually their 'work'.

Though it is important to recognise the distinction between the child's work and adults work- the child's work is not a chore but an enjoyable period of constructive engagement that we call 'work time'.

### Montessori Quote

*'The hands are the instruments of mans intelligence'*

**At Tall Trees** all the educational activities on offer to your child are designed to offer them hands on learning experience.

From our outdoor Nature and Forest school to our Montessori work periods and creative opportunity.

These greatly enhance your child's learning opportunity through activity, as opposed to a teacher purely imparting knowledge through words to the children.

### Montessori Quote

*'The first essential for a child's development is concentration. The child who concentrates is immensely happy'*

**At Tall Trees** we recognise the importance of fostering the child's sense of joy in learning. We provide interesting and stimulating learning activities and observe the children quietly concentrating and fully absorbed in their learning.

We understand that at an early age children's minds absorb the joy of learning, and, once experienced, the child has this foundation throughout their life.

### Montessori Quote

*'The child should live in an environment of beauty'*

**At Tall Trees** our rooms are designed to be natural, calm and as clutter free as is possible!

Furniture décor and finishing touches are carefully designed to allow the child to develop their potential within the most lovely surroundings possible.

This includes our beautiful outdoor environment which is the perfect springboard for early childhood experiences.