## THE ARDEE SCHOOL

#### **Montessori Teacher Training Centre**





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**E** ARLY last month. Maria Montessori, the distinguished Italian woman educa-tionist, made a short visit to Paris for consultations with Unesco's Department of Education. The first woman in Italy to graduate in medicine. Maria Montes-sori developed the "free discipline" method of educating children which has since had a world-wide effect on teaching practices. Today, aged 79, she is still engaged in the work she began nearly 50 years ago. During her stay in Paris, Maria Montessori was honoured by the French Govern-ment which made her an Officer of the Order of the Legion of Honour. On Descember 7, during a reception in her honour at Unesco House, M. Torres Bodet, Unesco's Director-General, paid tribute to her life's work, when in the course of a speech he said :

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"THE new education, so strongly marked since its inception by the impress of your thought can properly be described as revolutionary – and I think the main reason why it is so, may well be that many of its pioneers were doctors like yourself. It was the study of the abnormal child and appreciation of the impossibility of applying to the backward or mentally delicient, the methods of elementary education then in vogue that brought you to devise – originally for their benefit — a new technique and a new equipment. Nevertheless your approach. Your ideas, like all great ideas, were simple; but what you advocated for the teaching of backward or results that its suitability for all young children proved so fruitful of results that its suitability for all young in their benefit.
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of movement and perception; and equipment of your devising laught the child to do things involving the first beginnings of geometry and perhaps eren of logic. But there were other consequences : the whole legacy of outmoded methods of formal, merely verbal, teaching was exploded; the way was opened to an active method of education; and it was shown that the pupil — whatever his age — is not just a brain to be stuffed, but a many-sided being, needing full play for all his faculties."

"... And there is yet a further tribule of thanks and admiration to be paid to one who brought so clear and keen a rision to the problem of peace; for it was you who reminded us all that care lavished on the child would all be wasted unless it made him a respon-sible clusten, strong to meet the chal-lenge of our age. Here your concerns and ours are one: our task is to help the teachers of all nations to train those future citizens of the world without whom all our undertakings must rest sterile. Madame Montessori, Unesco accounts itself honoured by your presence."

#### Wonderful Woman, Dr. Montessori, Has Discovered New Continent; It's Continent of Little Children

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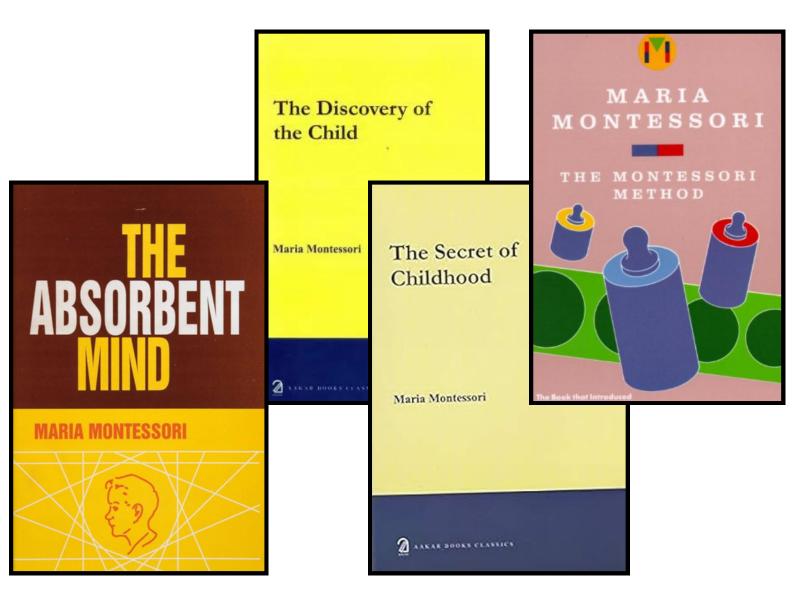
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The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say... 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.' -Dr. Maria Montessori



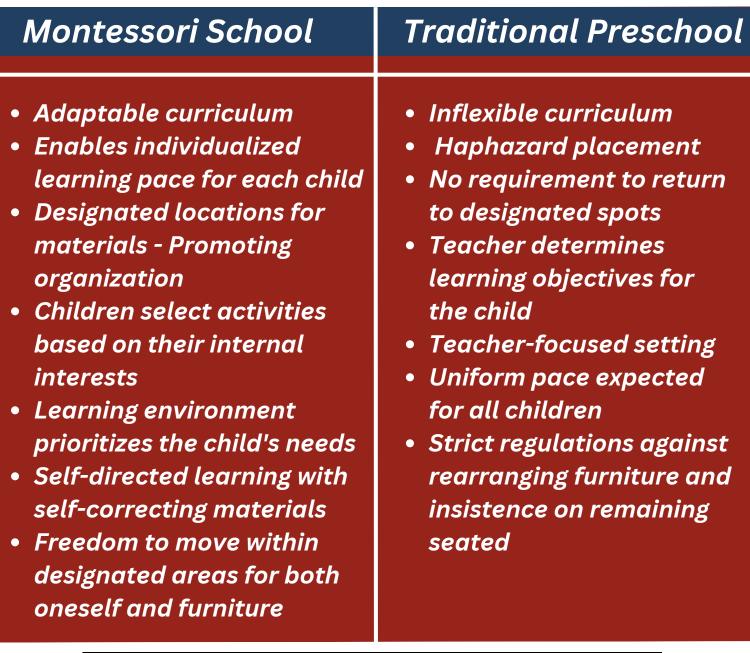
### What is the Montessori method ?

Developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, the Montessori Method has been a pioneering approach to preschool education for more than a century. This revolutionary learning methodology is centered around the child, emphasizing selfdirected learning and respecting each child's unique developmental pace. The Montessori Method upholds the belief that a meticulously prepared classroom environment, facilitated by a trained adult, fosters the holistic development of the child.



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### **Course Outreach**

- Begin your journey as a Montessori educator for preschoolers
- Embark on an entrepreneurial venture in childhood education
- Launch your career as an elementary teacher following the Cambridge curriculum
- Support your child's natural development as a parent

## History

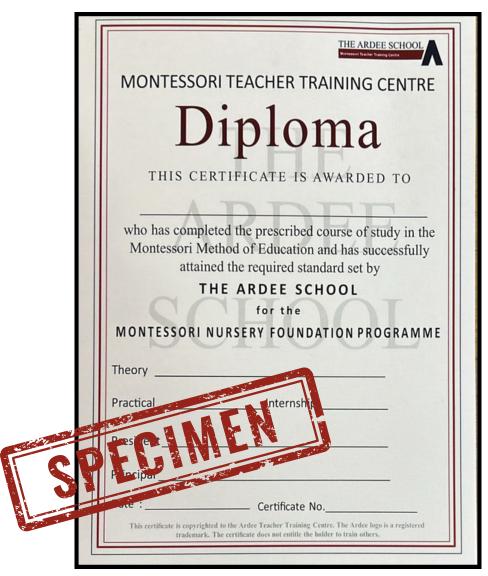
The Montessori Teacher Training Centre, founded in 1999, celebrates 25 years of excellence. Ms. Chanda Raisinghani, the founding member and a London Montessori Centre alumna, holds certification in the Montessori Elementary Course from the North American Montessori Society. She is also a member of the National Council of Teacher Education, Government of India. Ms. Kumud Bisht has been at the helm of the Montessori Teacher Training Centre for the past two decades, having joined in 2001, and has spearheaded its growth and development.

### **Our Vision**

Is to cultivate individuals trained comprehensively in childhood education within the Montessori framework, empowering them to uphold and perpetuate the principles and methodologies of Montessori philosophy.

### **Course Delivery**

The course consists of Theory and Practicum components, totaling 350 hours of blended learning, spanning nine months from July to March. Trainees will have the chance to participate in webinars led by school leaders. Continuous observation and guidance are offered to all trainees, ensuring the highest standard of training. Comprehensive curriculum manuals are provided as lifelong resources for Montessori teaching. Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive a Diploma in Montessori and Nursery Foundation Teaching for the preschool level.



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### Internship

During the programme, a mandatory four-week, 100-hour internship on campus provides you with the opportunity to engage with children in a Montessori classroom environment.



### **Placement Assistance**

Our alumni have achieved remarkable success in placement, with many currently employed not just in Ardee schools but also in esteemed institutions across Delhi and the NCR.

### Course Structure

When crafting this course, the TTC team's goal was to provide you with a grasp of the Montessori Method and insight into the practical applications of Montessori Tools.

#### • Montessori Philosophy

Montessori principles like 'Absorbent Mind', 'Sensitive Periods', and 'Human Tendencies' guide subconscious selfconstruction. Children enjoy freedom within structure, fostering independence, discipline, and concentration. Emphasis on reality, nature, aesthetics, social awareness, order, and cooperation is complemented by training in observation, material preparation, and parent education.

#### • Exercises of Practical Life

In the Practical Life area, children engage in everyday tasks like polishing, pouring and dusting to foster independence and confidence. These activities promote coordination, concentration, and hand dexterity, nurturing self-care, patience, and social etiquette.

#### • <u>Sensorial</u>

The Sensorial Material aids children in comprehending their environment through sensory exploration. Each piece focuses on one sensory aspect, fostering genuine understanding and structuring learning. Montessori materials are instructive, promoting self-correction and cultivating perseverance and a positive attitude towards mistakes.

### Course Structure

#### • Mathematics

Mathematics is introduced to the child through hands-on experiences with concrete materials. These materials facilitate the understanding of physical quantities and corresponding abstract symbols, ensuring a transition from concrete to abstract concepts. Through manipulation of concrete materials, the child grasps operations like Addition, Multiplication, Subtraction, and Division, laying a sturdy groundwork for Algebra and Geometry.

#### <u>Language</u>

Activities are structured to naturally foster reading and writing skills development. Starting with phonetic sounds, children advance to forming short phonetic words independently before progressing to longer ones, and eventually, they learn grammar components. Progression occurs at each child's individual pace.

#### • <u>Culture</u>

Children are introduced to Cultural Subjects like Geography, History, and Science during their most receptive period. This cultivates imagination and comprehension of the world, fostering awareness of their role within the larger system. It helps children understand their place and interconnectedness within the broader context.

### Course Structure

• <u>Art</u>

In a Montessori framework, art is introduced to children to foster creativity, self-expression, and appreciation for aesthetic beauty, enhancing holistic development and cultivating a well-rounded education.

#### • Music and Movement

Incorporating music and movement within a Montessori framework stimulates creativity, nurtures self-expression, and boosts cognitive development via rhythm and physical involvement, fostering holistic learning and nurturing a passion for the arts from an early stage.

#### • Children's Literature

Children's literature is introduced to nurture language skills, stimulate creativity, and instill a passion for reading, aligning with Montessori's emphasis on personalized learning and self-discovery.

• <u>EVS</u>

Incorporating Environmental Studies (EVS) aims to cultivate children's awareness of their environment, instilling a deeprooted appreciation for environmental responsibility and interconnectedness from a young age. This integration is in harmony with Montessori's holistic methodology, which integrates various subjects to offer a thorough comprehension of the world.

### Admissions

A graduation degree in any field/subject is the minimum requirement for applying to this course. Prospective candidates must register through the provided link, following which an interview with the Faculty will be arranged. On the same day, candidates will complete the detailed admission form.

### Course Fees

The total cost of the programme is 1,45,000/- INR, inclusive of registration, examination, and course material expenses.

<u>This amount is to be paid in installments over the course of 9</u> <u>months.</u>

### Examination

Exams in both theoretical and practical subjects are scheduled for March. Successfully completing the course and passing these exams makes you eligible to receive the Diploma.



Gunjan Bijlani Principal - Crayons Montessori Director & Head of Special Education (RCI) Asha Hai Intervention Centre

"The Teacher Training Course at Ardee is not just a course where you learn or become good Montessori Directress, but its where you experience a transformation in your entire personality and attitude towardslife.

Mrs. Raisinghani & Mrs. Bisht have hugely inspired me and for me learning has never stopped ever since I did my Teacher Training. I qualified as a Special Educator (RCI) and started working with children with special needs and started applying the Montessori methodology with those children. It is giving us excellent results and many children are benefiting from this approach because no matter what the age of the child It is the basic philosophy of Montessori is simply magical.

Today I have further gone and qualified as a counselling psychologist and I work with people with mental and behavioural disorders. I feel the Montessori approach of believing in human potential helps me in my sessions as a therapist as well. As rightly said once a Montessorian always a Montessorian!"



Chetan Singh Curriculum Leader Primary school - Step by Step School

"The Teacher Training Programme at Ardee, prepares you to understand children- their needs, emotions, developmental stages etc. and, how to plan for their holistic development. You become a facilitator, in the true sense. The importance of Environment and its role as a third teacher is instilled in every teacher-student. It is a great learning experience which every mother and an aspiring teacher should undergo."



Jesmehr Kaur Ghai Pre- Primary Mentor The Ardee School, NFC

Ardee TTC has definitely been a blessing in disguise. I had the pleasure of doing the course just before COVID in 2019 and believe me when I say it changed my life. It made me a better person not just as a mentor but as an individual too. Beyond the individual lessons, the family! found within the course was invaluable. I connected with like-minded individuals who shared similar aspirations for personal growth and supported each other on our respective journeys. The camaraderie and sense of belonging I experienced fostered a profound sense of connection and belonging that continues to enrich my life to this day. Thank you TTC for everything!



Tanya Sikka Primary Mentor - Grade 2 The Ardee School, NFC

"My Transformative Journey: From a student to an educator" My time at the Montessori Teacher Training Centre has been nothing short of life-changing. It's here that I found my passion for education ignited and my purpose as an educator crystallized.

Through immersive teaching practicums, I gained hands-on experience and confidence which expanded my horizons. My mentors, Ms Kumud and Ms Lubna have guided me through challenges, leaving an indelible mark on my journey. I carry with me not just a qualification but a transformed outlook and a deep commitment to lifelong learning. My experience here has shaped me into the educator I am today, ready to make meaningful impact in the lives of young learners.

I step forward with gratitude, enthusiasm, and determination knowing that the lessons I've learned here will illuminate my path in this noble profession.

### Leadership Team

Ms Chanda Raisinghani President &Trustee Ardee Schools and Montessori Teacher Training Centre

Ms Kumud Bisht Principal Montessori Teacher Training Centre The Ardee School, New Delhi

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Elementary Montessori Laboratory



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