

Lilima Montessori High

NEWSLETTER

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Important dates: School **opens:** **First term :** 23 January 2024

Mid term: 1 March to 4 March 2024 School **closes:** 11 April 2024

Looking back on 2023



This year marks the completion of the seventh year of the school and the first year in the new permanent premises on Sibebe Resort Road. This achievement was only possible through the incredible commitment and dedication of all our staff and Montessori guides and of course the parents. Thank you all!

We are committed to continuing our Montessori journey and to expanding our Montessori community.

Wishing everyone everything of the best and a peaceful 2024.

“Man only exists when he thinks” – Jacques-Henri Meister.”

Education is *NOT* about absorbing knowledge without ever questioning it

IB learner profile attribute—Thinkers

Performance 2023



Another year and another inspiring original performance scripted and choreographed by our Lilima students.

The question often asked is what is the importance of drama and the other Arts? Why do IB schools include these subjects in the curriculum?

Research has shown that when adolescents are able to participate in performing

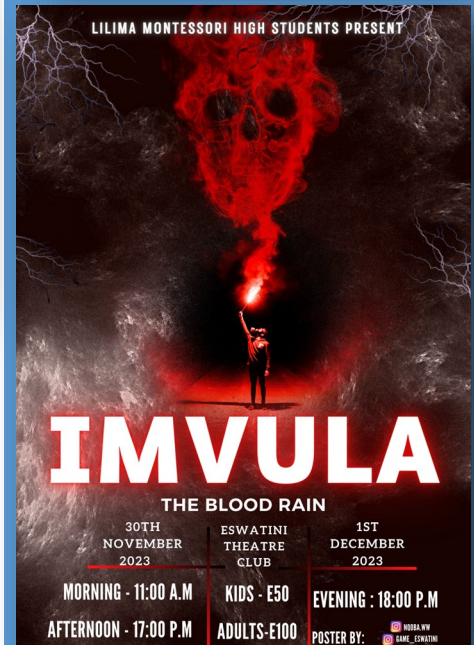
Arts, it improves their abilities to understand concepts and complete tasks in maths and to comprehend text and think critically,

Visual arts and Design



One of Kiara's portraits in progress

During the last term the learners were exploring all the aspects of clay and its use as an art medium.



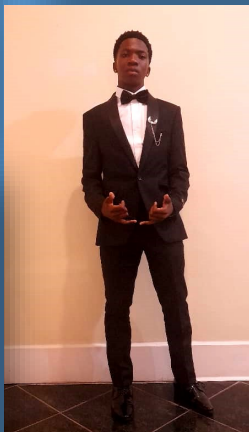
Poster designed by Nqoba MYP 4.



Lilima Café contribution from Siyana



Re-purposing old T shirts in Design



Graduation and prom 2023

We held our graduation ceremony and prom on Saturday 2 December. Katie (hospitality), Tema, (Art and drawing) and Luther (Sports physiology) graduated from the Careers programme. Bungaza, Chipso, Elvis and Unami graduated from the Middle Years programme. The ceremony was held at the Mountain Inn Hotel and followed by Prom. As you can see from the photos, students came dressed "too cool for school" on this night.

In true Lilima fashion, the venue, decorations, food and most of the administration and preparation that goes into such an event were all organised by the students themselves. Special mention to Bungaza, Delight and Bayanda for their work in making this night happen.

As much as their work was an act of service to others, it was also an act of self-development, as the real life skills learned from being involved in such activities help students to understand more about who they are, what their capabilities are, and how to get things done in the world we live in.

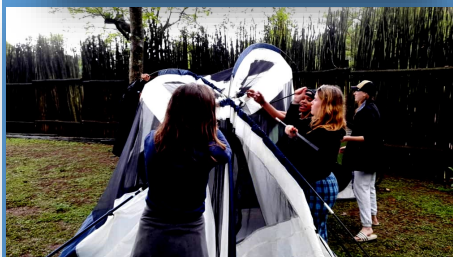
We congratulate all our graduates. To those who have completed high school, we wish you all the success with your future endeavours.

To those who will be returning to us next year in the CP programme, we look forward to seeing you continue to grow and being beside you as you build on your talents and ambitions.

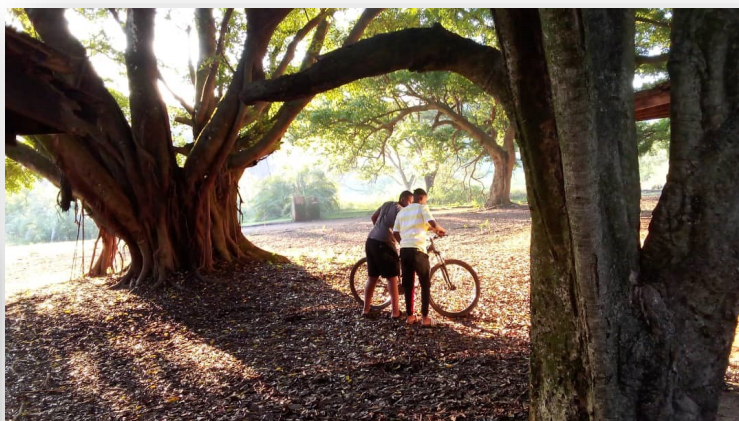


**More Graduation
and prom 2023**





Term 3 intersession—Mlilwane



A very wet and cold October week was spent camping at Mlilwane for the intersession. The rainy weather was a challenge but on the upside the desire not to sleep in a puddle encouraged the kind of teamwork, friendship and problem solving that we aspire to develop at Lilima. Great fun and conversation was had around the camp fire.

A 3 hour hike on Wednesday was rewarded with sunshine on arrival back at the camp.

Lunch was forgotten and everyone hung out in the sun at the pool. Another highlight was hours and hours spent playing 30 seconds which led to many belly aching laughs and memories that will never be forgotten. Students took the lead in packing, meal planning, budgeting, shopping and doing the cooking. Special thanks to Chipo, Delight, Bungaza and Luther

Chefs of note!



Lilima café fundraiser for Tayden



On the 28th of October, the students of Lilima performed original poetry and spoken word at House of Fire as part of a fundraising effort to assist Tayden Rudd's recovery from surgery.



The event raised E 7 000 and in total the organisers of the raffle secured an amount exceeding E100 000.

Bungaza, Uyizwile, Unami, Chipo , Michelle, Josh and Tandzi showcased their talents in the second Lilima Café event. Big Thank you to Christine.

School in pictures



**"The greatest gifts we can
give our children are the
roots of responsibility
and the wings of
independence"**

Dr Maria Montessori



Santiago and Kiara both
participated in an Eswatini
National Chess competition
and took 1st and 2nd place.





Our vision is:

A peaceful world: which is attained through our children, where all forms of life are respected, creating an inter-dependent global community.

The board of Lilima Montessori High School has made a commitment to establishing a school which will provide:

***A holistic** Montessori/ International Baccalaureate (IB) education which recognizes the physical, emotional, social, entrepreneurial and intellectual capacities of the students awakening the inner potential of the human spirit.*

***Suitably** qualified, inspired and compassionate teachers who are committed to collaborative learning and growth.*

***The students** with a dynamic, prepared environment which meets the specific needs of each adolescent and young adult.*

***and inspire** the students with a global perspective encouraging an awareness of their continual social responsibility.*

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Hand in hand we learn

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