

# From the Centre: Montessori Journeys

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## A Week of Discovery: Bees, Water, and Brilliant Presentations!

This week at the schoolhouse was buzzing with activity and insightful presentations from both our Bee and Water groups! It was truly inspiring to see the dedication and creativity poured into their study and work plans!

### Unveiling the Secrets of the Swarm

First up was the Bee Group, who truly outdid themselves with an amazing Bee Exhibition. We were all captivated by their deep dive into the world of our busy, buzzing buddies. The exhibition covered everything from the fascinating timeline of bees and their surprising medicinal purposes to the diverse tastes and textures of honey. We also explored the intricate social organization of bees and even the incredible mathematics of their hives! After their comprehensive presentations, we had a lively Q&A session, providing valuable feedback to our budding apiarists.

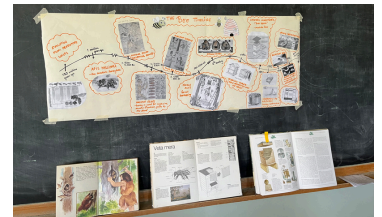
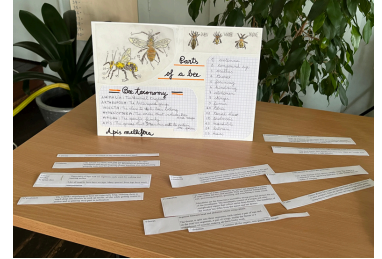
### The Water Group's Refreshing Journey

Next, the Water Group took us on an unforgettable journey. They transported the audience back in time, following Simon the Nomad on his quest to find water for his village. Along Simon's journey, we collectively learned so much about water – its poetry, its countless uses, how to test water quality, various religious beliefs surrounding it, and even the beautiful dance of the water cycle.

The journey culminated back at the well near the schoolhouse, which now proudly features a shiny new hand pump – the tangible result of days of hard work outdoors by everyone in the Water Group! Here, the audience gained deeper knowledge about groundwater, the intriguing history of wells, and the best materials for well construction.

It was a week filled with learning, collaboration, and impressive showcases of knowledge from both groups. We're incredibly proud of all their efforts!

*"From mountains high, where snow so white,  
Melts and flows in morning light.  
Down through valleys, green and wide,  
A river dances, side by side.  
To oceans vast, it gently creeps,  
Where sunlight warms, and life still sleeps.  
Then up it rises, a misty haze,  
To form the clouds on sunny days.  
A gentle shower, soft and sweet,  
Returns the gift, for all to meet."  
~Elaine~*



## Buzzworthy Update: Our Farm's Bees Are Thriving!

Remember that wild swarm of bees we told you about? We've got some exciting news!

The hive that had been buzzing high up in the tree, about 8 meters off the ground, was successfully removed last week. Those busy bees have since been safely transferred to two new hives, which are now located 9 kilometers away from the farm. This distance helps ensure they won't try to find their way back to their old tree-nesting spot. Even more exciting, our farm manager, Lennart, has located the queen bee! He'll soon be heading out to the new hives to mark her with a distinctive yellow dot, making her easy to identify.



We anticipate these thriving hives will be returned to the farm and settled into our dedicated beekeeping area by the end of the summer. We're looking forward to welcoming them home!



The swarm of bees from the tree.

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## From Our Farm to Your Home: A Week of Crafting and Community!

During our two weeks of Study and Work, we put our skills to the test, focusing on the production and exchange of goods and services for our local community. It was a fantastic opportunity to create a variety of handmade products, many of which were made specifically for sale!

Our talented team crafted an impressive array of items, including beautiful yarn-works like crochet pieces, and a range of useful sewing projects such as bags, small purses, pen holders, oven mitts, and aprons. The woodworking group produced unique spoons and knives, while others created wonderful beeswax products. And of course, there was plenty of our delicious, farm-fresh honey!

All our collective effort came to fruition last Friday afternoon when we ventured to Bollebygd, a charming village about 15 kilometers from the farm. We proudly set up our stand right next to the entrance of the popular ICA supermarket, ready to share our creations.



Alexandra, Elvira, and Monica at the market stall.

## Until We Meet Again: Reflecting on a Meaningful Summer Session

As our Summer Session draws to a close here in beautiful Sweden, we're filled with a sense of immense gratitude and optimism. It's been a truly enriching time, and we're confident that all the participants are heading back to their homes and Montessori environments with a renewed sense of purpose and clear direction.

The connections made, the knowledge shared, and the experiences gained during these weeks will undoubtedly ripple out into countless classrooms and communities. We've loved every moment, and the good news is, the countdown has already begun!

We're all incredibly excited to return to Sweden in Spring 2026 for another inspiring session. Until then, we wish everyone a wonderful journey and continued success!

## Coffee House: A Night of Creativity and Connection!

Our recent Coffee House night was a truly memorable occasion, starting with a delightful community dinner that set the perfect tone for the evening! Our incredible kitchen crew prepared a fantastic Mediterranean feast.

As the evening unfolded, the Coffee House transformed into a vibrant space. It wasn't just about showcasing individual talents; it was a celebration of the courage to share and the sheer joy of creating something together. From musical performances to readings and more, every act highlighted the diverse talents within our community.

The night served as a powerful reminder that even with busy schedules, making time for creative outlets and collaborative ventures can lead to genuinely memorable experiences. It was a wonderful evening of connection, good food, and shared artistry, and we're already looking forward to the next one!



AMI 12-18 Diploma Course participants with Jenny.