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A salute to nursery school teachers

Nursery teachers do some of the most demanding work in education, yet they are often the least noticed.

Every day, they step into classrooms filled with small children who are still learning how to speak clearly, how to share, how to sit still, and sometimes even how to express what they need. It is patient work. It is repetitive work. And it is emotionally draining in ways that are rarely acknowledged.

What many people do not see is that a nursery teacher is not only teaching the alphabet or counting numbers. They are also calming tears from children who miss their parents, settling small conflicts over toys, spotting early signs of illness or distress, and keeping watch over a room full of active, curious minds that need constant supervision. In many cases, they are the first adults outside the home to shape a child's understanding of learning, discipline and care.

Yet, despite all this responsibility, nursery teachers are often undervalued. Their work is sometimes mistaken for "just playing with children," when in reality it requires training, structure, emotional intelligence and a deep sense of commitment.

This appreciation should extend to all teachers as well. From nursery to secondary school and beyond, teachers carry the weight of shaping futures. They work long hours, manage large classes, and often go beyond their job descriptions to support learners who may be struggling academically, socially or emotionally.

In Uganda and many other places, teachers also work under challenging conditions, with limited resources, large pupil numbers, and high expectations from parents and schools alike. Still, they show up every day.

So, this is a simple but heartfelt shout-out: to the nursery teachers who start the journey of education with love, patience and care; and to all teachers who continue that journey, step by step, lesson by lesson. Your work may not always be loudly celebrated, but it is deeply felt in every child you help to grow.

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