



THE MCE TIMES



Thursday 16th March 2017

Dear Parents

What a fabulous week we have experienced. An education at MCE is about making memories for our children and Book Week has certainly done that. You will read below about the many activities which have occurred from football matches, to Pi day competition all the way to book spine designing and poetry recitals. Older children reading with younger ones as well shows the kind of family, caring environment your school is all about.



Malvern College Book Week. Author Visit by Sophia Faux Y7

On Sunday the author of the Dark Lord series, Jamie Thomson, came to the school. He gave us an interesting assembly about his books and he also did some workshops with the students. In the assembly, he showed us how to talk like a Dark Lord and also what the Dark Lord has in his trunk of things. During lunchtime Jamie Thomson did some book signing in the library. If you bought one of his books, he signed it and gave you a Dark Lord name.



In the Year 7 workshop he told us how we could come up with an idea to write a story about. Some of the ideas were a bit weird, but overall we gained some good techniques to get an idea for a story. We learnt how we could get an idea for a story by thinking about the characters or the setting. My class made a story by giving ideas for settings, and then we voted on what setting we would like. We chose the first day on earth in Egypt. The day was really interesting: we learnt; we did some activities; we had fun.



Year 9 Book Making and Reading to Reception by Mariam Abd El Latif Y9

The Year 9s had the opportunity to read books that we have written to the Reception children on Tuesday. I think it was a brilliant idea for us to really learn how to interact with the younger children, and for us to bond with them.

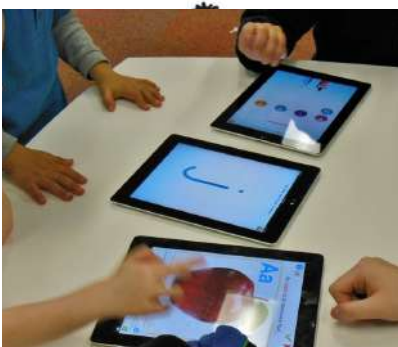
The children all had smiles on their faces after we had read to them, so it was pretty obvious that they loved it! I mustn't lie though; I am 100% certain that the Year 9s loved reading books to the younger children just as much as they enjoyed being read to. Even some of the toughest people in the class really enjoyed it; we got to see their soft side.

Although this was fun, we did get to learn a few things in the process of writing the books. In class we have been looking at how to structure a book, as well as speech punctuation. We have also look at repetition and onomatopoeia and how we could include those in our books to also make the children learn something at the same time.



Open Morning for Prospective Parents – Tuesday 28th March 10:15am

We will be hosting an Open Morning for prospective parents thinking about enrolling their children at MCE. If you have any friends who may be interested, please let them know of the date. To register, please send e-mail with contact details at aya.algawish@malverncollege.edu.eg



WC Parent Information Meeting - I pads for Learning Jonathan Bailey Assistant Head Primary (Curriculum)

Thank you to Mr. Bailey for delivering this session. Thank you also to Wafaa Nousseir for her feedback regarding how her children had so much fun on Chatter Pix and how useful it was to develop their imagination and vocabulary.



Progress Card 2

This should have gone home in your children's bags today.



Ski Trip – La Tzoumaz Switzerland

The first annual MCE ski trip departs on Friday for La Tzoumaz. 17 students will be accompanied by Mr. Maher, Ms. Griffiths and Mr. Driscoll for the weeklong skiing adventure. We will be posting photos to Twitter and on our Facebook page regularly so please check them for updates.



WellSprings Adventure & Sports Residential

On Sunday, a large number of students will be departing for their residential trip also. School will feel quiet next week without them!



Morning Late Arrivals

A reminder to parents that any late arrivals after 8am are through the main front reception gate only. All other gates will be closed. This is so that we know who has arrived and is in the building. Students who arrive late pick up a late slip from the main reception desk and the younger ones are helped to go to their classes.

Parents must not drop their children off with the security staff, it is the parents responsibility to deliver their child to the front reception desk where we will take over their care. This is for the safety of your children.



Changes to Bus Pick Up in the Afternoon

Can I remind parents that should you wish to change your child's normal bus pick up and collect them yourselves, you need to notify our transport department Sara.Hegazy@malverncollege.edu.eg by 12pm at the latest. Or you can call the main reception desk. If you do not notify us, staff have to search the entire building for your child, who is officially missing, and the bus is delayed leaving which impacts on other students. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. In future children will not be permitted to change pick up arrangements after 12pm.



The Malvern Qualities

I ask you to discuss these with your children to reinforce what we are trying to achieve at the College. Next week's focus is RESILIENCE which is below.

Resilience

Showing persistence and perseverance in the face of difficulty. Having the ability to face challenges with confidence and with good humour. Being able to respond positively to setbacks and to see them as an opportunity to learn.



FoMCE -International Day at MCE – Friday 5th May 1pm – 4pm

The Friends of Malvern College Egypt would really appreciate your help taking part in the event no matter how small. Please contact Mai Sharawy at mai@radamis.com

If you would like to contribute to our stalls, please contact Doha El Ghazali - doha.elghazali@se1.bp.com



FoMCE -International Day at MCE – Friday 5th May 1pm – 4pm

Your contribution may just be a financial one to help pay for the food, however we'd love you to get involved with cooking or serving food on the day too - even if its not for your own nationality. This is a great chance to be part of the MCE community and to raise money for two very worthy causes. It will also be lots of fun. We are currently planning some excellent entertainment and activities for children - it will be a super day.

If your country is not yet represented, please consider joining in! We still have quite a few countries not represented that are part of our community.



FoMCE Adult Quiz Night – Wed 29th March 6pm – 8pm College Piazza

Time is running out for you to enter your team of up to six for this fun community event. It is open to the community so do bring your friends from outside the College. The quiz will be very international with music, audio, around the world and the ever popular connections round.

Entry fee: 50LE per Person (all money goes to FoMCE Charities). Refreshments: Some nibbles will be provided but please bring your own as well.

Confirm: Team numbers and name to Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg

Community Event

We are doing an open water scuba diving course for kids from 10-12 years old. It's PADI certified. I thought your kids might be interested. The certification will be over a weekend in Hurghada. However, the initial training will be at the Maadi House Pool. Spaces are very limited. 2 spots left.

A promotional poster for a scuba diving course for children. The background is a blue underwater scene with two divers silhouetted against a bright light source. The text is in various colors and fonts, including white, yellow, and red. The PADI logo is in the bottom left corner.

Diving
SCUBA OPEN WATER Course
For Kids !!
10-12yrs
Sessions Starting March 20,22,24,26,29
Limited Spaces!!
AECWA Members \$ 405/ Non members \$430
For reservations: aecwasports@gmail.com

-Discover the wonders of scuba diving.
-Get qualified to dive worldwide.
-Make new friends- Share the experience!!

PADI
Certified

3rd Annual Food Fair

This may be of interest to you? The BCA Maadi 3rd Annual Food Fair. See the poster for all details.

Do you want your child to learn how to scuba dive? Please see the poster for details.

3rd Annual

FOOD FAIR

International

Taste your way around the world
while bringing hope to Africa

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MARCH

Saturday 11 am to 3 pm

The British Community
Association's (BCA) Garden

#18 Port Said Street, Maadi

Adults LE 175 – Children LE 75

Tickets include generous samples *From a Variety of Ethnic Cuisines* with *Entertainment, Children's Activities, Raffle Prizes*

All proceeds benefit AFRICAN HOPE LEARNING CENTER,
a place of learning for refugee children.

Tickets available at:

- * MCC Office.
- * At the door.
- * Other locations on Facebook.



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Upcoming Events

Please note that these dates do change as we add more fixtures and charity events.

MARCH	EVENT	TIME
17-24	Ski Trip	
19-23	WellSprings Adventure & Sports Residential	
26	Parent Teachers Consultation Day	All Day
28	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	10:15
29	FoMCE Quiz Night	18:00
APRIL	EVENT	TIME
1	Battle of the Bands @ MBIS	TBC
6	Malvern's Got Talent Competition	
6	Last Day of Term 2	

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

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Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary



Well done to the finalists of the Poetry Competition. They recited their poems with great understanding of the rhyme and rhythm, using good expression in their voices as well as being audible and clear. There were some wonderful performances and they all did extremely well to get to the final. Congratulations to Grace, Malak and Ali who were our winners.

Yr 3

Lyla Madden – Belinda by Richard McWilliam
 Lara El Deeb – Not So fast food by Kenn Nesbit
 Reuben Maher – Fire and Ice by Robert Frost
 Grace Ramoatlhodi – Spring Anon

Yr 4

Kareem Elagamy – My best friend Anon
 Malak Abdelmohsen - I tried to take a selfie by Kenn Nesbit
 Alia Osman - Never trust a mirror by EH

Yr 5

Ali Abaza – The door by Miroslav Holub
 Hala El Gebely My Shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson
 Fahd Hassan- Friends by Abbie Farwell Brown
 Nada Ahmed - From a railway carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson

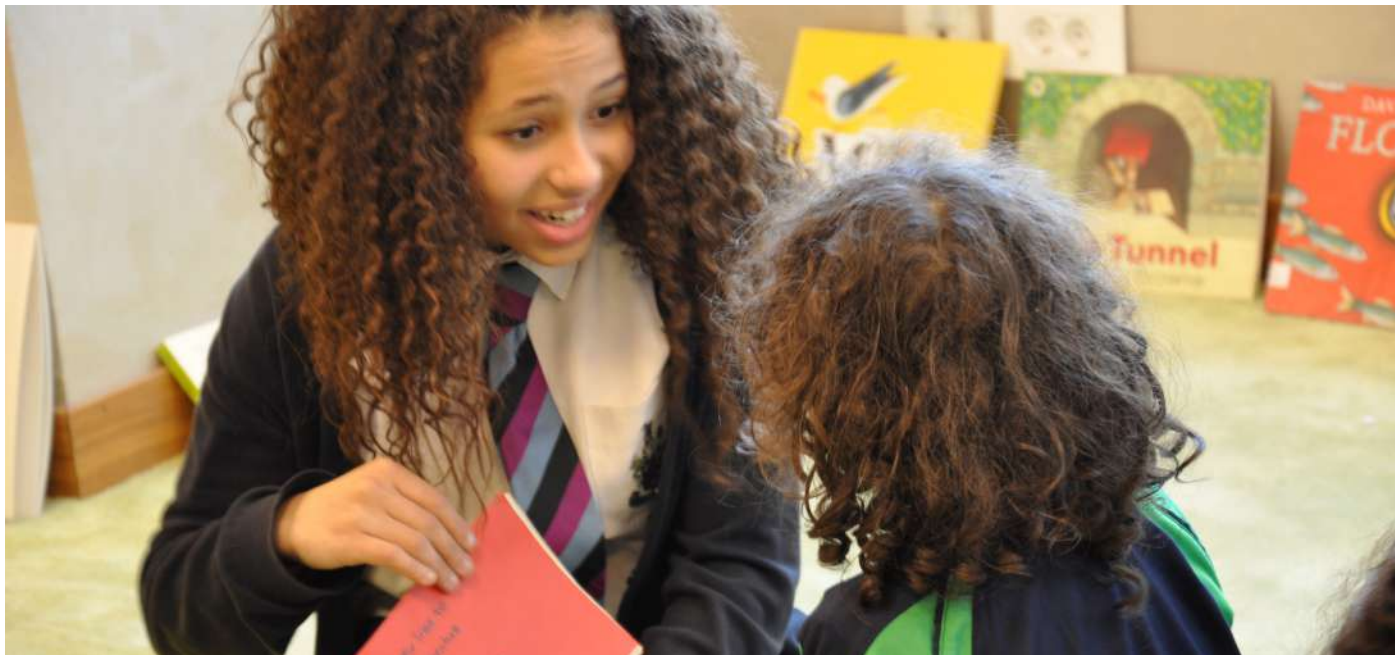
Star of the Week

PreNursery M	Mohamed Abdelaziz	Year 1 M	Rebecca Driscoll
PreNursery A	Tia Ramzy	Year 1 A	Mariam El Saghee
Nursery M	Lolwa Soliman	Year 2 M	Omar el Nahasd
Nursery A	Mostafa Fouad	Year 2 A	Saba Al Nuseirat
Nursery L	Ahmen Mohamed	Year 3 M	Toka El Khouly
Reception M	Emily Marshall	Year 3 A	Leilah Soliman
Reception A	Youssef Amin	Year 4 M	Emily Salah Kareem El Agamy
Reception L	Ahmed Ahmed	Year 5 M	Rola El Debakey
		Year 5 A	Hana Amgad

House Points Standings

1st	Sanger
2nd	Lewis
3rd	Foster
4th	Elgar

Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary



What a wonderful week. I have had the enormous pleasure of seeing many of the Book Week activities for myself, including judging the Year 9 students undertaking their poetry recitals. I would like to thank all staff involved in making all of this possible and also the students for their enthusiastic participation.



Secondary School Performance Poetry

The secondary school all took part in a competition to learn and perform a competition. In Year 9, students were also offered the option to write their poems. We were extremely proud of our students, many of whom were performing poetry for the first time. It was delightful to watch their individual progress: for some it was getting on stage and speaking; for others developing sensitive use of stress and intonation. House points were awarded for fourth, third, second and first place. In Year 6 fourth was Youssef El Behery, third Yasmine Rizk, second Josephine Grice and first Doga Harmanci. In Year 7 Malak Riad was fourth, tied for third place were Abdurrahman Alsayed and Talita Jada, and first place was taken by Mawada Abdel Kader. In Year 8, fourth went to Ibraheem Shaaban, third to Yehia Mubarak, second to Max Lawman and first to Luana Saliman. In fourth place in Year 9 performing her own poem was Yasmin Ramadan, Zeina Hany took third pipped to the post by Siti Nurina Rohizal in second, and the winner with an outstanding rendition of The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost, was Mohamed Dayer.

The winners performed in an assembly on Thursday, alongside students from the Primary School.



The value of Pi (π)

Tuesday was also the very special date of 14th March, or 3.14 - the value of Pi (π). As such, all students in secondary school were challenged to see if they could get close to the world record of memorising the value of Pi to as many decimal places as possible. The record currently stands at 67,890 digits!!! After some very competitive attempts to recite the value of Pi the top three results are as follows:

Ali (Year 6) - 87 digits

Mohamed (Year 9) - 86 digits

Josephine (Year 6) - 84 digits

Well done to everyone who took part and maybe next year we can edge closer to the world record!!!



Spring Term Report

All students in secondary school should have received their Spring Term Report Card today (please note that new students joining us since the start of this term will not receive a full report card at this stage). These report cards will help to set the tone for any conversations you may wish to have with teachers at the Parent Teacher Conferences on Sunday 26th March.

Alongside the report cards and accompanying letter students also received an additional letter about some changes we are making to our student support systems in Secondary school. The main change is the addition of Heads of Year as follows:

Mr. Nicol Fleming - Head of Year (Yr 6 & 7) - Nicol.Fleming@malvern-college.edu.eg

Mr. Iain Driscoll - Head of Year (Yr 8 & 9) - Iain.Driscoll@malverncollege.edu.eg

These members of staff have been appointed to help oversee all aspects of student support from the academic tracking across all subjects by student to behaviour management. These new roles will commence from Monday 27th March.



Ski trip to Switzerland

Next week is set to be a busy and exciting time with the Ski trip to Switzerland (which I am delighted to be accompanying), the Well-Springs trip as well as many wonderful activities arranged for those students who will still be attending school next week. I look forward to hearing the reports from all of these events when we are all back in school.

Best wishes
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Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport

On Sunday, our U11 boys football team travelled to the Hayah Academy for the last round of games against them. I would like to extend an enormous thank you to both Mr. Birch and Mr. Bailey for the hours of hard work they have put into our football teams. It is a huge commitment and both the students and I are extremely grateful to them.

Match Report U11 Boys Football

The much changed team of U11 boys unfortunately lost the match 5-0 but should not be too discouraged as this, like the College, will develop with time. I was very pleased with the effort but we still need to focus on playing the team game and not thinking as an individual. We will continue to rotate the players in future fixtures to ensure all children have the opportunity to represent the College. Keep on listening and keep on persevering, boys!

I also bring you news that Mohamed in Year 7 has recently returned from the Republican Champions League swimming competition. This is a national swimming competition with a twist whereby athletes are permitted to wear swimming fins. Mohamed performed exceptionally well winning an individual silver medal in the 100m freestyle race as well as a team silver in the relay.



Kind wishes
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Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music



Abba Impressions

This week Year 7 students have been working on their Abba impressions, ready to represent Sweden on International Day. Classes have been enjoying learning, both in and out of the classroom. Year 6 have been working on a music video, and practicing their best lip syncing



Popular Music

This term the focus in music has been popular music. Year 8 are working on creating their own sound tracks with Garageband for a Charlie Chaplin film, Yr 6 have been learning American line dancing and Yr 3 have been working on a traditional English country dance.



Lunchtimes

Lunchtimes are also very busy with talent show rehearsals, and school production rehearsals in full flow. For those wishing to take part in the talent show please speak to Petras or any member of the student council.

In addition to performance students are also improving their knowledge of key musical vocabulary by actively using the music word wall in lessons.



Junk Orchestra

In addition to the junk orchestra we are hoping to develop, the music department is in need of air guitars. If anyone has toy inflatable guitars that they are no longer using, please bring into school. They will be a fun and exciting way to develop music performance.

Warm wishes
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CCA News from Sally Madden – Co-Curricular Activities Coordinator

Information about the choices of activities for the Co-Curricular Activities programme in Term 3 was sent out to parents on Wednesday 15th March with details of how to sign up for the activities for Term 3. The CCA programme will be much shorter in Term 3 due to the start of Ramadan. It will start on the first day back after the April holiday which is Tuesday 18th April and will finish on Wednesday 24th May 2017. Please can I remind you that the CCA programme is considered to part of the school day and students must choose an activity for all their CCA days. For Nursery and Reception this is on Sunday only. Year 1 and 2 this is Sunday and Thursday and for Years 3 to 9 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

If your child is in the School Production rehearsals will now be on Tuesday and Wednesday every week and all students who are in the performance must choose to do both nights. Students will only be able to choose ballet next term if they have participated in Term 2 because they are busy working towards a performance of Cinderella. Silly Science will run again, however it will only be for students who didn't manage to take it in Term 2. Don't forget that you choose Arabic Ministry support for your child so they can practise their Arabic for the Ministry exams. The classes will be small and we have some experienced and specialist Arabic teachers who will be teaching these additional sessions.

Activities for parents and Malvern College will be taking place again next term and further details will be sent out soon. Sibling Club will also be running again next term and you will have the opportunity to sign up for this in the last week of this term.

Here are the revised key dates for Term 3 CCAs:

Wednesday 15th March – The CCA programme goes live to parents

Sunday 19th March: CCA deadline for reply slips (please return to the main Reception)

Thursday 30th March: Confirmation of CCA activities will be sent to students
(for parents who have returned reply slips)

Tuesday 4th April: Payment deadline for CCAs if applicable (please pay at the Finance Office)

Tuesday 18th April: First day of Term 3 CCAs start

Monday 1st May: There will be no CCAs on due to a school holiday.

Wednesday 24th May: CCAs for Term 3 finish

Please note: CCAs are not allocated on a first come, first served basis but we will give priority to students who hand in their reply slips before or on Sunday 19th March.

Warm wishes

Sally Maden

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