

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 6th**
Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 15th**
Lewis House Dress up day
- Sunday 18th to Thursday 22nd**
Half Term Holiday
- Sunday 25th to Wednesday 28th**
School Photographs (Pret-a-Portrait visiting from the UK)

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

- Thursday 1st**
International Dress Up Day
- Saturday 3rd**
International Day
- Tuesday 6th**
Primary Sports Day Years 1 and 2
- Wednesday 7th**
Primary Sports Day EYFS
- Thursday 8th**
Sports Day Years 3- 10
- 11th to 15th**
BOOK WEEK March
- Wednesday 14th**
Pi Day
- Thursday 15th**
Book Character Dress Up Day
Report Cards Issued
- 17th to 24th**
Secondary School Trips Week
(College Closed for Year 7 to 10)
- Sunday 25th**
Parent Teachers Consultation Day
- Thursday 29th**
Last Day of Term 2 (FULL DAY)
- Easter Holiday March 30th to April 9th**

THE MCE TIMES



Thursday 1st February 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

MCUK Board Meeting and Visit



On Monday 29th January, we welcomed a number of guests from Malvern College UK and Malvern College International to MCE for our termly Board of Management meeting. Antony Clark, Headmaster at Malvern College, Nicola Dudley, Director of Education and Allan Walker, Director of

International Schools. Our very special relationship with MCEUK sets us apart from any other school in Egypt in many ways. Our visitors all spoke to me about how impressed they were with everything they had seen during their visit. Mr. Clark reported to me how amazed he was at the transformation within MCE since his last visit in January 2017. He was not only pleased with being able to see the expansion of our facilities with areas such as the Theatre in full use, but was delighted by the students and teachers that he met. I believe the whole MCE community should be congratulated for the amazing effort to be able, after just 4 terms, to have such wonderful praise from an exceptional educator and leader such as Mr. Clark

Ministry of Education Arabic Studies Examinations

We reported recently how impressed we were with our students for the way that they conducted themselves during the Arabic, Religion and Social Studies examinations at the beginning of term. I am delighted to say that, not unexpectedly, it has been confirmed that every single student has passed these assessments and the scores overall were very strong. Such strong results for a new school such as ourselves has caught the attention of both the ministry and other schools and we have had very positive feedback. In fact, more than one organisation has contacted us with regards to how our Arabic teachers could give support to other schools in order for them to improve their scores.



Among the exceptional scores we would like to highlight the wonderful achievements of the following students:

- Gana Mohamed Radwan Y9 achieved 1st place in Arabic and Social Studies examinations
- Salma Khaled Mohamed Ibrahim and Salma Ahmed Badr El Din achieved 2nd place.



International Day – Saturday 3rd March

Our annual International Day celebration will take place on Saturday 3rd March at the MCE campus. Our wonderful Friends of Malvern College Egypt (FoMCE) team are looking for volunteers, vendors and sponsors for the event (any little contribution would be greatly appreciated). For further information or to offer support please contact the team at FoMCE@malverncollege.edu.eg

Wayne Maher

Headmaster

Early Years News from Sally Dobb-Holland – Head of Early Years



The Reception children have been absorbed with an interesting and exciting approach to learning this week. Their teachers have set up an investigation site within the Reception area. All children have been encouraged to think and consider how and why the balloon came to be there. They have been detectives who should solve the problem. This has encouraged all children to think and problem solve for themselves. All children are motivated and excited and will have generated many different kinds of responses to this creative learning opportunity. I will be looking out for their writing and drawings to find out just how and what happened to the balloon and how it came to be in MCE!



The Spring edition of the Baker Books Catalogues have gone home this week. This is another opportunity for you to bring wonderful story books and reference books into your homes. All of these books are shipped into Egypt directly from the UK and should be with us by early March. Please return all order forms and monies to school by Monday 4th February.

Look out for the wonderful Transport creations within Nursery, all children have been busy talking about, designing and building the most wonderful creations. The Pre-Nursery children begin their mini topic on senses next week and the teaching staff have a wonderfully rich and exciting array of activities planned for your children to explore and enjoy.

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,



We had a fabulous turnout of sports kit today for a very good cause in aid of the MCE Student Council. The theme for the day was simply 'Sports' and has been arranged to allow for the Student Council to raise a little money to allow them to invest in improvements in the school as well as the setup of other larger future events (from charity raising at International day to MCE Earth Day event in April).



The boys and girls had a wonderful time on Monday demonstrating their skills on the astroturf pitch to the coaches who are promoting the English Premier League Stoke City Soccer Skills Academy in the hope that they can join Egypt's own Ramadan Sobhi at Stoke City. Malvern are hosting this exclusive MCE camp for our students in just a couple of weeks.



Remember that as from today plastic cups will not be used in school as we are trying to be more environmentally aware. An astonishing number of cups are used every day, week and over the term! So please can students bring in named water bottles from now on.

Malvern College UK came over on Monday and were enormously impressed by the friendliness and good manners of the students. Antony Clark the Headmaster said, "The College looks and feels as though it has been going for 5 to 10 years not just the 18 months".



On Tuesday at Celebration Assembly we were treated to some wonderful piano playing by Lilya Sidky as the students came in. This was followed by some delightful singing in French by Year Two. Then Mr Bailey focused on one of the Malvern Qualities, Risk Taking. He encouraged the students to take risks and showed wonderful photos and film of famous people in history who had taken risks.

Students have been given a catalogue from Baker Books in the hope that the students will be encouraged to read more and develop their vocabulary by purchasing these exceptional materials for themselves to use at home. Can I remind you to return the forms by February 4th to ensure the orders can be placed.

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Youssef Hamad
PNA	Hamza Aljammali
NM	Lara Nasser
NA	Talia El Gamal
NL	Aliaa El Baroudy
NV	Mohamed Mossied
RM	Zein Sherif
RA	Pamela Gendy
RL	Pavly Miceil
Year 1M	Yaseen Abdel Bary
Year 1A	Mohamed Mohamed
Year 1L	Mariam Amin

Year 2 M	Malak farag
Year 2 A	Omar Gabal
Year 2 L	Sofia Kanarachou
Year 3 M	Omar Abdelhalim
Year 3 A	Jailan El Sobky
Year 4 M	Hamza Rezk
Year 4 A	Selim El Sherif
Year 5 M	Mostafa Elfekiry
Year 5 A	Kareem El Agamy
Year 6 M	Adam Abdalla
Year 6 A	Yassin EL Nahas
Year 6 L	Halla Abdelsamiee

House Points Standings

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

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Johnnie Kittermaster

Secondary School News from Mr. Richard Moore – Head of Secondary



The last week of January has been an exciting one for more than one reason. I was extremely happy to hear that our visitors from Malvern UK were very impressed not only by the teaching and learning they observed but also how happy and polite our students were.

Also, hopefully, your children will have come home explaining that we are having a fundraising day solely for the Student Council. This council is driven by students for students so thank you for your support.

Within the House system you will have seen the competition for a House Mascot. We are looking forward to seeing some creative and imaginative ideas. Please do encourage your child to enter there is nothing to lose!

I was fortunate to meet with our Secondary Parent Class Representatives this week. It was a very informative and welcomed meeting where we were able to discuss a wide range of issues. These ranged from IGCSEs and (I)A levels, the CCA programme, Staff recruitment, Examinations and canteen food. We do welcome and recognise we need to continue with open communication and I will be discussing with Mr. Maher issues and ideas that have been raised. I would ask if you do have any ideas, viewpoints or questions you do contact your parent class reps or please do drop me an email. I would hate to think you feel you cannot approach us!

In relation to this could I ask if you do wish to talk to a staff member it is not always possible for them to see you immediately. Staff do have heavy timetables and have many other commitments. I have heard that some staff are being asked questions in reception as they walk through to class or other appointments. This is very awkward for teachers and is not conducive to a meaningful conversation – please email them to set up a convenient time for all involved, thank you for your cooperation.

We are having a big push on attendance and punctuality at present and thanks for your support in this matter. We have explained the importance of attendance in previous MCE Times newsletters. Punctuality to the College and to lessons is equally important! Any lateness results in messages being missed or disrupts the learning of others. We expect all students to move promptly to their lessons.

Please could I ask again for your support in the use of Arabic at MCE. This has been reiterated in the MCE Times on a regular basis and most students do understand why we insist on them speaking English. Unfortunately, there are persistent few which haven't been following the rules, we have no option to but to exclude them from lessons for a period of time to ensure they understand they are deliberately breaking the rules but also to show other students that we mean what we say! I am sure you understand.



Good luck with the Mock Examinations! For both parents and students, the Year 10 examination period is a stressful one! I can speak from personal experience. If we can help in anyway, please do contact their Head of Year. There are a number of revision clinics running for the students and I hope they have taken full advantage of the teachers not having lunch hours, so they can support our students!

Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



This week our basketball teams took to the court for their first ever games. Mr Bennett and Mr Gale have summed up their games below:

The MCE Lions basketball under 16's team had their first game of the season last Monday. They travelled to CES to meet the Falcons. Lead by Youssef Makram as captain the spirits were high even though there had not been much time to prepare. The close-knit team fuelled by Head Boy, Aly Marzouk and all-round team player Marawan Amer were hopeful. The boys gave a valiant effort and showed great resolve in face of a team much more experienced than themselves. The CES team had had several preseason games against AIS to prepare which gave them an advantage. We started strong with Aly Marzouk, Youssef Makram,

Omar Osman and Marawan Amer playing their part. Aly and Youssef both getting early points with great drives. In a frustrating second quarter, the Falcons scored a number of difficult shots. Captain Youssef and Malek called a time out and sorted the team out, reminding them to hold their heads high. This led to us holding on till half time with the score 7 - 16. In the third quarter, MCE dominated with Aly sinking 4 baskets from more strong drives. Ezz was also a power house in defence with Omar. The role of the ball was not with us however as Marwan, Omar and Youssef all had very near misses from behind the three-point line. Through the fourth quarter our bad luck continued as we had the most opportunities to score but the ball would not go in. It was Ezz and Omar's defence and attitude which kept the Falcons from scoring. In the end we lost 11 to 22, a score that does not reflect how well the Lions played.



On Monday 29th January the Under 11 basketball team played their first basketball game of the season against CES. The players were excited for the game and keen to showcase their skills. The game was played in a good spirit by both teams, where a number of the Malvern College Qualities shone through. The team played a high pressing game and worked very hard in every quarter of the game. Unfortunately, MCE finished 2nd in the match losing a very close game 8-7. Special mention to Abdelrahman who was the man of the match and

played every minute of every quarter.

Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music



Year 7 and 8 students are very busy working on their own music compositions. They have been studying notation in order to compose their own pieces.



All students are now working on their International Day songs in class. Please support them by talking about this, and helping them learn their words at home. To make performances a success, it would be great if all students were able to attend on the day. If you or your child have a performance that you would like to perform at International Day, please contact Mrs Belcher who is coordinating this.