

# THE MCE TIMES

## IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Half Term Holiday

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

School Photographs (Pret-a-Portrait  
visiting from the UK)

## IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

International Dress Up Day

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

International Day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sports Day years 3 – 10

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Primary Sports Day EYFS

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Primary Sports Day Years 1 and 2

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

BOOK WEEK

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Pi Day

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Book Character Dress Up Day

Report Cards Issued

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Secondary School Trips Week (College  
Closed for Year 7 to 10)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Pharaonic Village Trip

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Teachers Consultation Day

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Last Day of Term 2 (FULL DAY)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Holiday



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

Another spectacular week ended with a wonderful array of colours for our Lewis House 'Carnival' non-uniform day. Although the yellow colours of Lewis were dominating the day it was great to see how many students expressed their carnival spirit from wearing bright clown wigs to extravagant face paints.

I wish everyone a restful and joyful half-term break.

### **Parent Information Sessions**

We have re-started our parent information sessions this week with a detailed presentation for parents of Year 10 students on our A-level programme that starts from August 2018. Please keep an eye on future editions of the MCE Times for more information on a wide range of new parent information sessions in the coming weeks. If there is a particular area of the College that you feel would be

idea for a theme of an information session please do not hesitate to contact us and we will see what we can do to make this happen. [Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg)



### **International Day – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 12:00-15:00**

Our annual International Day celebration will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 12:00 to 15:00. This is set to be a spectacular day with over 20 nations represented in the country stalls, a dozen or more performances on a purpose-built stage, numerous student generated activities, over 30 outside vendors and much, MUCH more. The country stalls are always in need of a little extra support. If you are able to offer a little time on the day to supervise a country stall or to cook up some tasty treats then the FoMCE would love to hear from you. For further information or to offer support

please contact the team at [FoMCE@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:FoMCE@malverncollege.edu.eg)



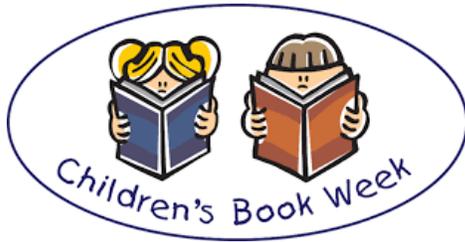
### **House Charities**

As you may be aware each of the 4 Houses (Lewis, Elgar, Sanger and Foster) are linked to their own dedicated charity or good cause. Over the last 4 ½ terms the students and whole community have raised awareness and money for all 4 of these charities. As such we are working on a document to share with our entire community to celebrate what has been achieved. In the short time since MCE opened in August 2016 our students have grown in so many areas and their increased

awareness of, and contribution to, good causes has been a delight to witness. This was shown in full this week when representatives of Elgar House and our student leadership teams visited the good cause 'Branches of the Vine' to paint a wonderful mural. I would like to thank the dedication of all students involved as well as the support and coordination of Mr. Faux and Mr. Bennett who joined the students over the two days.

Many members of the MCE community from teachers to parents have been integral to the development of our students' understanding and compassion for others through charities and community service projects of this nature. However, one member of staff has been a key driving force and I would like to personally and publically thank Miss Jacqui Belcher for her dedication and determination to promote and lead this area at MCE. Her work has gone a very long way to helping us instil many of the Malvern Qualities in the students including Open-mindedness, Kindness and Collaboration. **THANK YOU!!**





### **Book Week (11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March) and Wacky Reading Challenge**

Book Week takes place across the school during the week commencing Sunday 11th March. We would like all students to contribute to a display of photographs showing you reading in a wacky and unusual place. This is to promote the idea of reading for pleasure wherever you are! If you are travelling in the half-term break this could be an ideal opportunity. Please send in a printed copy of the photo with your name and tutor group of the class written

on the back by the week commencing Sunday 25th February so we can have our display ready for Book Week. We had some wonderful photographs last year and I look forward to seeing more this year.

**Book Character Dress Up Day** will be on Thursday 15th of March and you may also want to start thinking about your costumes. These must be characters from books and there may even be prizes on the day for the best costumes!!!!

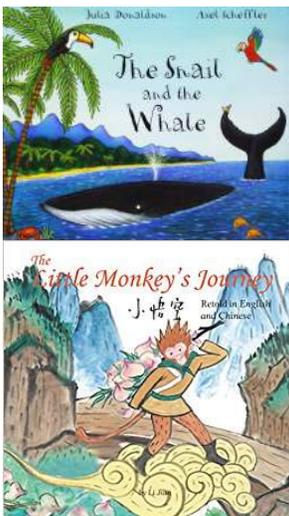
Wayne Maher

Headmaster

### **Early Years News from Sally Dibb-Holland – Head of Early Years**

Dear Parents,

**In Pre-Nursery** over the last few weeks the children have benefitted from a wonderfully rich learning experience. This has included, Messy Play cooked coloured spaghetti, shaving foam, paint with glitter through it, clean mud (toilet paper, grated soap all mixed together with water), cornflour and water making wonderful gloop, uncooked rice and pasta, pieces of fabric, sensory stones and cotton wool. Listening activities were fun this week, using matching sound cups which the children had to shake, listen to and match up! This week the children are experiencing smell and taste, using their senses. Activities include tasting sweet, salty and sour flavours, different textures of food. Take a good look at the photographs from last week and this week! Please help your Pre-Nursery children to become more independent by teaching them to dress themselves, encouraging your child to have-a-go and try for themselves rather than doing it for them.



**In Nursery**, this week the children have listened to “The Snail and the Whale”, repeating refrains and encouraging intonation. They have re-told “The Little Monkey Kings Journey”- discussing various modes of transport. They have also enjoyed ‘Helicopter’ story telling – encouraging each child to join in building up a story around water travel. In RWI they have learnt about the phoneme ‘l’ - words beginning with ‘l’ – matching pictures to sounds; letter formation – Valentines cards – “l” for Love. In *Circle Time*: Talk about water transport – boats, ships, submarines and in *Show and Tell*: bringing a related transport item to talk about to the class – boats, ships, submarines. All children have enjoyed junk modelling large transport pieces – Water transport, using their imagination with boxes and testing bottles to see which float to make a boat and which do not.

**In Reception**, this week the children have been exploring transport that can take us to space. We created our own rockets that can fly and tested them to see how far they would go. We also discussed what we might see when on our space travels and wrote down some of our ideas.

In maths, we have introduced money and looked at the values of different coins. We used money to purchase items and used our knowledge of addition to make small amounts of money.

**Pret-a-Portrait Photographs**

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February		Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	
8am	RM and RA	8am	RL and PNM and PMA	8am	NL and NA
		8:40am	NV	8:40am	NM

**Boys Haircuts and Girls Hair**

The College requires all boys to have neat and tidy hair which doesn't sit below their shirt collar. I have noticed many boys who would benefit from a haircut, please take the opportunity to take your son for a haircut over the half-term holiday. All boys haircuts should be traditional in approach and not include any fashionable razor cuts. Girls hair should always be tied up with blue bows or ribbons. Thank you dear parents for your support in keeping our children at MCE looking smart and presentable every day.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful, peaceful and enjoyable half-term holiday.

**Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School**

Dear Parents,



The students and staff have worked very hard over the past six weeks and are thoroughly deserving of their half term break. All of the staff would like to wish the pupils and their parents a restful half term and if you are travelling, safe journeys.

**Haircuts**

Half term is often a great time to have a haircut partly because of the six weeks growth but also we have Pret a Portrait coming to take school photographs on the first day back after half term. Please can I remind you that extreme hairstyles are not permitted nor the creation of lines in the hair. Hair should be smart and above the collar for boys whilst girls should tie their hair back with a black or blue hair tie. Thank you for your co-operation.



Lewis Dress up day was great fun and there were some wonderful costumes on the day



This term, Year 1 children have been learning about 'Castles' for their integrated curriculum topic. We have learned some historical and architectural facts about castles, used our problem-solving skills to design a movable drawbridge, used a wide range of materials to make models and collages of castles, and read lots of fairy tales with a castle setting. The children were inspired to take on the role of characters who traditionally live in castles, and used their language and communication skills to invent and role-play their own fairy tales. We had knights designing unique shields and princesses trapped in towers!

Building on the childrens' interest in fairy tales, Year 1 recently visited the Sitara Theatre Company. They enjoyed a fantastic performance of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and a shorter performance of 'The Little Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. Many of the children were chosen to participate in the show with some excellent singing and dancing! They then

participated in a drama workshop that involved all children being given the chance to use their drama skills. The children were able to ask lots of questions and learned about how the company put on their performances using puppets, lighting, music and costumes.



### **Valentine's Day**

Year 4 girls were being absolutely gorgeous delivering a single red rose to their staff on Valentine's Day. It was an act of kindness that was greatly appreciated. A huge thank you from those staff who were lucky enough to receive one!



### **Vocabelle**

A reminder to encourage your son/daughter to prepare for their End of Unit 3 Assessment by learning all 5 spelling lists studied this half-term. Below are the test dates for each French class and Quizlet links where you can access the word lists (these can also be found in your child's exercise book):

### **Year 3**

Ms Pante & Mrs Moore's groups: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

### **Year 4**

Mrs Moore's group: completed in class today

Miss Apolline's group: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

### **Year 5**

Ms Pante's group: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Miss Apolline's group: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

### **Year 6**

All 3 groups: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Quizlet links for unit 3:**

Year 3: [https://quizlet.com/\\_46kaib](https://quizlet.com/_46kaib)

Year 4: [https://quizlet.com/\\_46vl1t](https://quizlet.com/_46vl1t)

Year 5: [https://quizlet.com/\\_487ogn](https://quizlet.com/_487ogn)

Year 6: [https://quizlet.com/\\_487ppg](https://quizlet.com/_487ppg)

We appreciate your support during their revision time.

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Nour Ghobrial
PNA	Yusuf Gad
NM	Ali El Deeb
NA	<a href="#">Omar Said</a>
NL	Adam Awad
NV	Jason Todary
RM	Layla Zener
RA	Mariam Mahmoud
RL	Sophia Siag
Year 1M	Shady Almoghrabi
Year 1A	<a href="#">Yasmine Sidky</a>
Year 1L	<a href="#">Yasseen Nassef</a>

Year 2 M	Retaj Fefel
Year 2 A	Hang Ding
Year 2 L	Lilia Elfekiry
Year 3 M	Said Darwish
Year 3 A	Murad Elsayed
Year 4 M	Hussein Sabek
Year 4 A	Maya Mandour
Year 5 M	Salma Abdelhalim
Year 5 A	Ahmed Abdelrahman
Year 6 M	Hanna Koriem
Year 6 A	Abdelrahman Emam
Year 6 L	Adam el Kenawy

**House Points Standings**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Foster
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lewis
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sanger
4 <sup>th</sup>	Elgar

Warm regards,

**Johnnie Kittermaster**

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

**Parent Information Session on I(A) levels**

Thank you so much to all those parents who attended and I hope it was informative. It was well attended, and it was good to be able to listen to parents' views and ideas. All Year 10 students received the same presentation. We look forward to receiving applications and please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information or guidance.

**Lewis House Non-Uniform**

It was lovely to see so many students dressed up and supporting Lewis House – Thank you!

# MOCK EXAMS

**The Year 10 Mock Exams** were taken very seriously and the teachers are busy marking their exams. Students will be given a formal letter with their results on.

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. 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. The students have been very

positive to this so far and I would like to thank them for their response.



## Wizard of Oz

Wizard of Oz rehearsals are in full flow and I have been excited to see how good the performers are!

**MCE Times Secondary Section** - If you have an ideas of what you would like to see in this section please do drop me an email: [headofsecondary@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:headofsecondary@malverncollege.edu.eg)

This has been an incredibly busy half-term and I can see our students are tired! I would like to personally thank them for their engagement in their learning and their commitment to life outside of the classroom. Have a good break and I look forward to seeing them all in a week.

## Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



### MCE Lions Under 16 Basketball

The under 16 basketball team visited the Canadian International School Egypt CISE last Tuesday. The Lions were a little on edge before the game because the Canadians obviously have basketball as a national sport and would be well trained. Captain Youssef Makram and head of team motivation Omar Osman worked hard to keep the team positive. As a team we wanted to play a full game and so we asked the referee if we could have 12minute quarters. I think it is brave of the Lions to want to play the

professional timings. The tip off was won by Omar Osman and soon Ali Marzouk got a number of baskets to get the ball rolling. MCE continued to score with Fouad, Youssef and Marwan all contributing points. The CISE team were well structured and played well and every time we broke free with a few points advantage they would come back. By half time it was CISE who lead by 2 points. Both teams started to suffer from fitness issues during the last two quarters. MCE relied on our defensive champions Ezz and Malek to keep us going. A superb block by Youssef and a steal by Ezz showed CISE that we were the better team as Ali continued to score. Youssef also hit a couple of key shots to take us ahead by 6 points with five minutes left. The team were tired but so happy that we were so close to our first victory. CISE found another gear and raced back scoring three baskets very quickly. Malek and Yassin continued to fight hard grabbing rebounds and flying down the court but it was not enough. The CISE worked hard and a few more last minute baskets for CISE helped them to squeeze ahead and win with the final score 36-44.

As the coach, I still feel like we won, because we did so well in the first three quarters. But like Ezz said “We never parked the bus when we were ahead’. We kept playing open and having fun. I once again I am proud of the team. Our next game is TBS on the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## Performing Arts News from Kim Harries – Head of Drama



The cast of this year’s production have been rehearsing very hard over the past few weeks. If your child is in the school production please ask them to practice at home over the half term break. Help them learn their lines, and even ask them to show you their dance moves!!!! We would like the main cast ‘off script’ after half term so that we can start to really work on characterisation.

The following are some of the links to the songs for the show. Please listen (to the ones that your child is in) at home with your children and make sure they learn the lyrics!

ALL MUNCHKINS, Dorothy, Glinda:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhY9Bpi3CHk>

All Munchkins, Dorothy, Glinda

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FFrw8BasUI>

Dorothy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XulvnXo6BJk>

Dorothy, Scarecrow, scarecrow dancers, Scratch & Patch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqqyM4pp2ks>

Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin – Man, dancers, Vinnie & Vito

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzPbMO8tZ0U>

Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin – Man, Lion, Squeak & Scurry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0cW6IA4OzY>