

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY

Tuesday 13th
A Level Information Session

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

Sunday 11th to Thursday 15th
BOOK WEEK

Wednesday 14th
Pi Day

Thursday 15th
Book Character Dress Up Day
Report Cards Issued

Saturday 17th to Saturday 24th
Secondary School Trips Week
(College Closed for Year 7 to 10)

Sunday 18th
Pharaonic Village Trip

Sunday 25th
Parent Teachers Consultation Day

Thursday 29th
Last Day of Term 2 (FULL DAY)

Friday 30th to Wednesday 9th
Easter Holiday



Thursday 8th February 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

It has been another wonderfully busy week at MCE with a wide range of exciting activities. I always enjoy visiting the various parts of our College and was fortunate enough to be invited to read a story to some of our youngest students in the Reception and Year 1 assembly. Being a secondary school teacher this has to be one of the most daunting things I have undertaken in some time, but just as we encourage our students to take 'risk' and do something new, I certainly feel I have learned from the experience.



International 'Safer Internet Day' was on Tuesday this week and although this may have passed you by without knowing about it our students certainly experienced informative session in the Primary School celebration assembly as well as during some lessons. I would encourage all parents to read the section on this in the Primary school news below as it has some very important messages for us all.



International Day – Saturday 3rd March – 12:00-15:00

Our annual International Day celebration will take place on Saturday 3rd March at the MCE campus. I know many parents and teachers have already volunteered to help support the event in a variety of ways. However, the country stalls are always in need to 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



Book Week (11th - 15th 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



The Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Sitara Theatre at Porto Cairo Mall on Sunday morning to see the show, **Little Red Riding Hood**. The Year 1 children had the opportunity to join in and do some acting and demonstrated outstanding self-confidence and the ability to perform in front of an audience. All the children also took part in a workshop which involved making rockets from ultra-violet materials. The smaller workshop theatre was set up with special lights which show up the bright colours when shown under ultra-violet

lighting. During this workshop each child was able, within a small group, to dance on the stage to music whilst moving to the music and moving their rockets around, all that the children in the audience could see were the rockets whirling and twirling around the dark space.



It was an exciting spectacle and so much fun for each child to watch their friends and to take part themselves. This ultra-violet light was also used for the short production of **The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark**, an excellent production acted completely in the dark by the Sitara actors. The team at Sitara provided a wonderful experience for our children yesterday. To be part of a live performance is exceptionally special. All that they offer really meets the needs of the Reception and Year 1 aged children who were so enriched by the whole day.

The Pre-Nursery children have started their mini topic on senses and the teaching team have devised some exceptionally interesting and inspiring approaches to enable your children to learn and explore all about their senses. The Nursery children continue to learn about transport, watch out for some underwater transport taking shape along with the space rockets!

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,



As of this week there are no plastic cups for water in the school. Please can ensure that your child comes to school with a named water bottle.



On Tuesday in Celebration Assembly we were joined by Mr Paul Bates, the Director of Academic IT, who talked to the students about Internet Safety Day. He talked about appropriate use of social media and keeping yourself safe on the internet as you do not know who you are talking to and to think carefully about photos that you are posting on social media as they will always be somewhere on the world-wide web!

As a staff, we were astounded by the numbers of students who use social media on a regular basis and bearing in mind that Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram have an age restriction of 13 years old we were surprised that a third to half of the students in the Primary School admitted to using these social media platforms. Added to this we were shocked to see that so many children play Xbox games like Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto. In these games, the content and language used is wholly inappropriate for children in the Primary School as they have an 18 certificate. There are children in Year 3 playing these games! Please look at what your children are doing on their computers, check the privacy settings and make sure that the games that they are playing are age appropriate.



In Year 3 we have been learning all about light and shadows. We recently learned that there is a type of light that comes from the sun, called UV light, that can be harmful to us. We can not see UV light so we carried out an experiment to see its effects. The different shapes that we cut out are protecting the paper underneath it from the UV rays. As you can see, the paper around the shapes has changed in colour and the paper under the shapes has not! This is because only part of the paper was protected from UV rays. We also learned that the sun has some good qualities (it provides light and heat and helps plants to grow) but also has some bad qualities (it can cause sunburn, wrinkles and skin cancer!)



We designed our own hats and sunglasses to think about what we need to protect ourselves from these UV rays. If you are playing in the sun, always wear sun cream and a hat! Speak to Year 3 for some more ideas!



French Spelling Bee

Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare for their French Spelling Bee test next week by learning the words provided in their exercise book (and relevant year newsletter). This will be the final set of words for Unit 3.

Kindly note that all year 3-6 students will be sitting their end of unit 3 assessment in lessons starting next week. They will be tested on **all 5 spelling lists** studied this half-term. Below are the test dates for each class and Quizlet links:

Year 3

Ms Pante & Mrs Moore's groups: Tuesday 27th February

Year 4

Mrs Moore's group: Thursday 15th February

Miss Apolline's group: Tuesday 27th February

Year 5

Ms Pante's group: Tuesday 27th February

Miss Apolline's group: Tuesday 6th March

Year 6

All 3 groups: Monday 26th February

Quizlet links for unit 3 (which include full vocabulary list):

Year 3: https://quizlet.com/_46kaib

Year 4: https://quizlet.com/_46v11t

Year 5: https://quizlet.com/_487ogn

Year 6: https://quizlet.com/_487ppg

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Atticus Bennett
PNA	Amr Geneina
NM	Dinah Ramoatlhodi
NA	Yousef Awadien
NL	Adam Ramadan
NV	Lama Youssef
RM	Youssef Khattab
RA	Abdelhamid El Adrosy
RL	Kenzy Mansour
Year 1M	Jean Haddad
Year 1A	Youssef Hamza
Year 1L	Maya El Sallab

Year 2 M	Mohamed Raslan
Year 2 A	Yassin Soliman
Year 2 L	Farid El Behery
Year 3 M	Salah El Khidir
Year 3 A	Mostafa Shaker
Year 4 M	Omar Rashed
Year 4 A	Ahmed E.
Year 5 M	Kenzy Enab
Year 5 A	Omar Abdelrahim
Year 6 M	Alison Magne
Year 6 A	Marco Soliman
Year 6 L	Ahmed Nashaat

House Points Standings

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

We appreciate your support during their revision time.

Thank you,
Johnnie Kittermaster

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

Tuesday 13th Feb (I) A Level Information Session at 9am – Details of the morning will be sent separately to year 10 parents. However, if any other parent from other year groups would like to attend please do come along!



University Fair

Global Study UK are hosting a University fair at the Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski. It has over 60 UK universities attending including: Edinburgh, Kings College, Exeter, Leeds and Nottingham. The dates and times are:

- Feb 21st 3pm-7pm
- Feb 22nd 10am-1pm and then 4pm-7pm
- Feb 23rd 2pm-7pm

We have asked students if interested or want more details then please see Mrs. Hills.



The Student Council have organized a Lunchtime Movie Club.

Sundays – Y7, Mondays – Y8, Tuesdays – Y9, Wednesdays – Y10. Many more clubs are being developed which is exciting to see.



Wizard of Oz

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

Year 10 Mock Exams

The year 10 mock exams have been very successful and the students have taken them seriously. Mock exams, can be incredibly beneficial for students. Helping them to see that is part of the challenge! They can help students to start revising early, to practice effective revision strategies, to improve their knowledge, to familiarise themselves with pressure, and act as a guide moving forward.

Thank you from the School Council

A big thank you for supporting the non-uniform Sports Dress Up Day. There were some amazing outfits and you helped raise funds for the council.

Geography Club

Ms. Savage is running a Geography Club at lunchtimes this week for Year 7 & 8 Students. I look forward to seeing lots of students there!



The Lewis Carnival

On the 15th of February, Lewis House is hosting a non-uniform day with funds raised going to our House charity, Face. We are incredibly proud and honoured to support this charity and as a house, we want raise as much awareness about the work they do for Cairo's children in need as well as raise funds to help them to provide the care that they give to many children. If you are interested in finding out more about this worthy charity, please visit their website at <http://www.facechildren.org/>.

The theme for the day is Carnival and we will be hosting a number of activities. There will be a cake sale at first break-time and at lunchtime there will be a fancy-dress competition for individual and group entries as well as a number of fun activities.

Please donate a minimum donation of 20 LE for non-uniform and bring extra money to buy cakes and/or to take part in the activities on offer. Remember that this is all in aid of Face!

Dress up, wear a mask or wear yellow!

Mrs Moore and Mr Sussex

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Reminder

Support your House by designing a House Mascot!

The competition is open to all secondary students who can submit a maximum of one entry. You can take part in the competition as a single candidate (for 2 House Points) or as part of a group (up to 2 people, for a total of 5 House Points).

Please hand in your entry idea to your Head(s) of House by **Thursday 15th February**.

Prizes:

1st place: 3 credits

2nd place: 2 credits

3rd place: 1 credit

Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



Students have been very proactive in signing up for their sports day events during their House meetings this week. It is great that every student has put themselves forward for at least 1 event and I am sure it will be a fantastic festival of sport at the Maadi Olympic Stadium. We have had to change the dates of the sports days and the new dates are below:

Years 3 – 10 Tuesday 6th March

Year 1 and 2 – Wednesday 7th March

Reception and Nursery – Thursday 8th March



Our basketball and netball teams are back in action next week against CISE and NCBIS respectively and I look forward to letting you know how they got on.

Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music

Why learn a Musical Instrument?



development and well-being.

It is always great when a child learns an instrument. However, I often get asked why we do music in school, and why it is beneficial to learn an instrument. Please view the link below to find just 18 ways in which learning a musical instrument is beneficial to your health, social and academic

<http://www.effectivemusicteaching.com/articles/directors/18-benefits-of-playing-a-musical-instrument/>

There is still time to sign up for lessons. Lesson cost 2000LE for a block of 10x individual 30 minute lessons. This is incredibly good value for money. An investment into your child future. Lessons happen during the school day on a rota basis.

If you wish for your child to have lessons, please contact Lamees Daya for a letter. Once this is completed and the full balance of 2000LE is paid lessons will be arranged.

We have a growing number of Year 1 students wishing to take instrumental lessons, this is by personal arrangement only. We can only offer lessons to Year 1 students if a parent is available to escort them to and from each lesson, remembering that lessons will not be at the same time each week

Please could I also stress the importance of practice between lessons. To make progress your child needs to practise daily on their instrument. Just 10 to 15 minutes a day, five days a week, for a beginner is enough to see a real difference. The more your child practises, the better they will become and the more they will enjoy playing their instrument. It is therefore vital your child has an instrument too.

Learning an instrument is not easy, it takes time and dedication, but the rewards last a lifetime!

Instrumental Lessons at MCE are as follows, all lessons take place during the school day:

- Sunday: Violin
- Monday: Piano and Voice
- Tuesday: Guitar
- Wednesday: Piano and Drums

We hope to soon be offering woodwind instruments, so please sign up for these as well.