

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

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

Sunday 18th
Pharaonic Village Trip

Tuesday 20th
French Day

Friday 21st
Year 6 Kawalees Trip

Saturday 22nd
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Sunday 25th
Parent Teachers Consultation Day

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

Friday 30th to Wednesday 9th
Easter Holiday

IMPORTANT DATES April

Sunday 22nd - 24th
Well Spring Trip

Tuesday 24th – Friday 4th May
Art Exhibition



Thursday 15th March 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

MCE has once again been an incredibly busy and vibrant place this week, with a wide range of activities in place over the course of Book Week. We have been incredibly fortunate to welcome both Cliff McNish and Ann Bryant, two internationally renowned authors, to MCE for presentations and workshops for our students. As well as the author visits the students have been involved in games of giant scrabble (on a huge 7m by 7m board), DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) and much more to hopefully further their excitement for reading. Book Character Dress Up day was quite spectacular, showing off the astonishing imagination of our students with ways in which they can recreate the look of their favourite characters.



Warmer Weather

The weather is clearly warming up and as such we want to make sure our students are fully prepared for this. All students should be bringing a full bottle of water to school with them each morning and then using the many water fountains around the campus to refill their bottles during the



day. Hydration is not only important to keep students fit and healthy but it has a direct benefit to their ability to concentrate in lessons and prevent them becoming tired during the day. Students should now also be bringing in a hat to wear during times when they are outside and it would be recommended that students should be applying sun tan lotion before coming to school too, but particularly on days when they will be having PE or swimming lessons.

Summer Uniform

From the first day of Term 3, Tuesday 10th April, it will be compulsory for all students to be wearing their summer uniform. However, students are also able to wear their summer uniform if they wish to do so over the next two weeks during a transition phase. The College uniform shop is open as usual during school days for you to top up on any items that your child has outgrown over the last few months.



BLACK BALL SPORTING CLUB

We are pleased to announce that our MCE community has been offered another exclusive offer. The Black Ball Sporting Club (BBSC) were part of our International Day and have agreed to extend their corporate offer of a 10% discount for memberships to all of our staff and parents. BBSC is a member-based society in Egypt. Located at the heart of New Cairo, the club revolves around sporting activities, world-class sporting events, training

programs and a social community of harmonious members. Our aim is to make both youth and adults work on achieving their goals regardless of their fitness level. Moreover, we go-all-out crafting an effective and healthy environment that helps affiliates reach their desired fitness level. At BBSC, we offer our members the best there is for their health and wellbeing, including world-class sports facilities and recreational and leisure services. If you need any further clarification and details, please do not hesitate to contact the BBSC via email (h.salem@blackballsportingclub.com) or phone (01066664862).

Headmaster

Wayne Maher

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

Dear Parents,



We have enjoyed an amazing book week within Early Years at Malvern College this week and I'm looking forward to our book week parade tomorrow. Our photograph board of the children reading photographs in weird and whacky places is great fun, I've really enjoyed stopping by to take a look as more photographs are displayed. Thank you dear parents for taking the time and trouble to take these special photographs! Having Ann Bryant in school today, our visiting author from the UK, has been the most wonderful learning opportunity for the children.



Reception children took part in an excellent and active session with Ann Bryant the visiting author who spent the day in school with us today. Each child listened attentively to her story about Mr Grey and the animals in the jungle. All children joined in dancing and moving to music applicable to one of the animals. The children moved around our Early Years shared area, listening to the different music pretending to be frogs, beetles, butterflies and monkey's. With some role play and dancing they completed the story together. They then had the opportunity to listen to Ann play the piano whilst identifying the book titles she was singing about. Ann finished the Reception workshop with an active story reading and dance session. All the children were engaged and thoroughly participated throughout. Those children who had purchased Ann's books were able to bring their books to her personally for her to meet them and to sign their copies.



Nursery children enjoyed our giant scrabble, as did Reception. The children had the opportunity within teams of 4 to make small words on the giant scrabble board. This was an excellent activity which combined their letter recognition with letter sounds and word building skills. Look out for some photographs of these activities within the Nursery newsletters. Nursery have also been engaged in their topic following their interests in animals and ocean creatures. Look out for the children listening to shells and sharing stories in the Nursery newsletter. Nursery are excited about their visit to Sitara theatre next Thursday 22nd March for their different workshops.

Pre-Nursery children have been busy making plates of healthy and unhealthy food choices (introducing as gently as possible the dangers of too much sugar). They have been learning to deal with their own clothing, zips & buttons. As this it is such an important part of each child's individual development the Pre-Nursery team work on this on a weekly basis. The children are working on reciting some number names in sequence, with a big emphasis on learning through songs. A mathematics focus this week has been to begin to make comparisons between quantities – looking at the amount of objects, using more than, less than and the same as. To do this the teachers have made plastic bottles full of sand, for the children to make sets of plastic bottles up to 5.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable family weekend.

Sally Dibb-Holland

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,

Book Week in Primary

This week there have been lots of exciting activities happening as part of Book Week. The children have been focusing on books and reading in their lessons and creating story book door displays. They also played Giant



Scrabble, visited the book fair and participated in a session with a visiting author from the UK, Ann Bryant. Many of the children had the chance to meet her when she signed one of her books that they had bought. On Thursday children came dressed as a book character and showed off their fantastic costumes in our parade.



The importance of reading

Student A reads 20 minutes each day. 3600 minutes in a school year which equates to 1,800,000 words

Student B reads 5 minutes a day. 900 minutes in a school year which equates to 282,000 words

Student C reads 1 minute a day which equates to 180 minutes in a school year which equates to 8000 words (from Nagy and Herman research 1987)

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school? And in life?

Clearly the more a student reads the easier he/she will find accessing the curriculum so please encourage your child to read.



PRIMARY HOUSE SPELLING COMPETITION

Well done to everyone who participated in our House Spelling Competition.

The outstanding Year Group Champions are:



Year 2	Aly Abdelrahman 2L Lilia Elfekiry 2L Retaj Felfel 2M
Year 3	Salah Elkhidir 3M Baraa Elkahky 3M
Year 4	Zoe Magne 4A Lara Eldeeb 4A Hussein Sabek 4M
Year 5	Salma Abdelhalim
Year 6	Mehraeel Wahba

Congratulations also to our spelling finalists:

Hamza Rezk, Karma el Zir, Maya Mandour, Aliaa Osman, Hussein Elkhidir, Lilya Sidky, Ahmed Elshourbagy, Ahmed Amr and Harrison Gale.

Year Five assembly

Imagine a world without words! Well 5A took on the challenge of highlighting this and why it is so important to read what is all around us in school and in our everyday lives. It was an appropriate topic, that of books and reading books and more importantly why we should all read books. It is Book Week and our message was plain and simple; reading books is food for our brains!



Year Two Colouring Practice

Year Two have been exploring their colour mixing skills in Art, practising using the brushes and paint palettes appropriately. First, they learnt how to hold the paint brush securely and how to paint with small, light flicks of the wrist, leaving an even coat of paint on the paper. Then, they practised changing colour by cleaning the brush, squeezing off the excess water and then carefully reapplying paint to the brush. Finally, they learnt how to change the tone of the paint by adding either white or black (sparingly!) to slightly darken or lighten the original colour. The students will now use this technique to create their own sunset painting, with a famous landmark from around the world in the foreground.

Primary Student Council Trip to Sanger House Charity



Our Primary Student Council recently visited the Sanger charity, the Association for the Protection of the Environment. They found out about the various recycling activities that the association do. Their projects provide much needed employment as well as education for the families in this part of Cairo.

Our students found out first hand how to make recycled paper, rugs, bags, patchwork and jewellery. They were surprised to discover that jeans can be used to make cloth bags and how Nespresso filters can be used to make necklaces! They were a

credit to MCE with their great behaviour and willingness to participate in all that was on offer.

French Years 3-6

Thank you for your ongoing support with our weekly spelling tests! Please note that **no more tests** will take place this term and they will **resume after the Easter holidays** (first week back). Kindly encourage your son/daughter to continue revising the vocabulary over the next few weeks via the following links:

Year 3: <https://quizlet.com/46vkck>

Year 4: <https://quizlet.com/46vll5>

Year 5: <https://quizlet.com/487p76>

Year 6: <https://quizlet.com/487qir>

Please can I remind students that they must wear their blazers on a Tuesday and a Thursday for assembly.

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Amays Eledrisi
PNA	Sofia Gad
NM	Ali Mahdy
NA	Marco Sidarous
NL	Farida Elezaby
NV	Esraa Mohamed
RM	Youssef Osman
RA	Hamza Abdel Hady
RL	Farid El Tarouty
Year 1M	Gabriella Saliman
Year 1A	Yassen Khalifah
Year 1L	Youssian Henen

Year 2 M	Aly Azazy
Year 2 A	Hang Ding
Year 2 L	Anas Mahmoud
Year 3 M	Steven George
Year 3 A	Ahmed Abdel Shafy
Year 4 M	Karma El Zir
Year 4 A	Nancy Younes
Year 5 M	Sedra El Ghandour
Year 5 A	Muhammed Ariffin
Year 6 M	Hala El Gebily
Year 6 A	Adham El Behairy
Year 6 L	Seif Baligh

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

Warm regards,
Johnnie Kittermaster

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

Dear Parents,



Book Week

This week has seen all the secondary school students having the opportunity to become immersed in Book Week. I would like to thank all the staff who helped organise this week. The students have learnt a lot and hopefully their eyes have been open to the love of reading!



Bon Voyage

Good luck to all those Secondary Students and Staff who are off on their trips. I hope you have a wonderful time and I look forward to hearing about your adventures.

Next Week

Just a reminder no Secondary School students should attend school next week. Teachers have other commitments during this week and will not be able to see parents or students. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTC Sunday 25th March

Please note there is no booking or appointment system for the PTC day. I strongly encourage you to bring your child with you. Teachers will be available to discuss the content of the recent reports/grades and any further details you may wish to discuss. Please note there will be no student buses running on this day.

House Mascot Competition



The competition was a great success and it was wonderful to see the effort made by some of our extremely talented members from both primary and secondary schools to take part in this fantastic and unique opportunity that allows students to contribute and leave their mark in their House! It was a rather difficult task for all Heads of Houses to select their top three choices, let alone the overall winner, but we are all very excited at the thought of turning these into official House Mascots and seeing them around school. A big thank you to all students who got involved and members of staff who supported this event. Please join me in

congratulating the following winners:

Elgar House

Mascot: Dragon

1st place: Yasmin Ramadan (10M)

2nd place: Malak Soliman (8A)

3rd place: Youssef Diaa (6A)

Foster House

Mascot: Crocodile

1st place: Max Lawman (9M)

2nd place: Maya Mandour (4A)

3rd place: Siti Nourina Rozihal (10A)

Lewis House

Mascot: Eagle

1st place: Seif Abdelrazek (8M)

2nd place: Amina El-Ezaby (7M)

Sanger House

Mascot: Shark

1st place: Zain Yehia (7M)

2nd place: Mohamed Dayer (10A)

3rd place: Nada Aly (7A)

House Points

It is great to see students working very hard to win House Points and with added motivation, such as the draw of a Cilantro reward, most students are clearly recording their merits and passing this on to their tutor. Please continue to do so as the difference between the House Points totals is so small that your merits could make a huge difference!

If a student is absent, or late, on the day the tutor collects the House Points the student should catch up with the tutor as soon as possible. The current Secondary School House Point standings, based on the average number of House Points per students are as follows:

Secondary House Points Standings

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

Upcoming events – get involved and win House Points!



Selfie Competition: 15th March – 12th April

Who can take the best selfie with the most exotic or luxurious background?

If you are going on a school trip, have a trip planned in Easter or you just love to explore... find the best place and take a selfie!

One entry per **student** or **staff member** only.

Each submission will receive 1 merit.

You must submit your photo by e-mail to either Ms Pante

(isabel.pante@malverncollege.edu.eg) or Mr Gale (sean.gale@malverncollege.edu.eg).

House points on offer for winners and runners-up – including staff!

Make a note in your diary and look out for more information about the following events next term:

Environment Day - **Sunday 22nd April**

Sanger Dress Up Day - **Thursday 10th May**

Year 7 & 8 French Weekly Vocabulary Tests



Please note that **no more tests** will take place this term and they will **resume after the Easter holidays** (first week back). Kindly encourage your son/daughter to continue revising the vocabulary over the next few weeks via the links below, as this will support their preparation for upcoming end of unit/year tests. If students need to be issued with a new copy of the vocabulary list, please see Ms Pante or Mrs Moore **well in advance** to allow time for revision.

Year 7: <https://quizlet.com/4isz8p>

Year 8: <https://quizlet.com/4dixyy>

Warm regards,
Richard Moore

Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport

The boys U11, girls U13 and U16 teams were all in action on Wednesday and I am pleased to report that all three teams totally dominated their games and were victorious! Detailed match reports are below.



The U16 girls started their second game of the season against CES slowly. Having watched the CES team warm up and make almost all of their unopposed shots, the girls were clearly worried about what the score line may be! Having gone 3 baskets down within the first quarter, the girls started to believe in themselves and started pressurising the CES girls into turning over possession. With wave after wave of attack and standing firm in defence, the momentum swung in MCEs favour and the girls found themselves level just after half time.

The Lions now started to dominate forcing CES to shoot from distance and mopping up their wayward shots. With lesson then 2 minutes to go, the Lions were leading 12-6 and narrowly missed out on preventing CES from scoring for nearly 21 minutes of play when they relaxed and were caught out on a fast break. Final score – MCE Lions 12 – 8 CES.



Wednesday 14th March saw Malvern Under 13 girls' basketball team take on Cairo English School (CES) in a league fixture. The match started off in a very competitive manner, with both teams scoring a number of points within the first few minutes. The first quarter of the match saw the girls losing 12-6. After a quick re-group and chat, the girls came into the second quarter with an excellent level of motivation and determination to win. During the second quarter the girls scored a magnificent 18 points and only conceding 6, making the score 12-30 to Malvern. The girls continued in this fine form throughout

the match, with the final result being 14-40. An excellent performance from the whole team, so much so it would be unfair to identify any individuals.

Buoyed after their first victory of the season the under 11 basketball team travelled to NCBIS confident but mindful of the game ahead. The game was played at a high tempo with both teams setting out an attacking structure. Malvern College Egypt had the lion's share of the possession but just could not get the ball in the basket, even though the last practice session we had work primarily on shooting from the key positions. The team fought hard in defence and was fluid in offence with Abdelrahman carrying the ball well and setting up the offence for the team. Ali rebounded well but found the going tough when NCBIS marked him with 3 players every time under the rebound due to his height. Man of the match was Marco for a sublime fake shot, movement into space, then shot to score the basket that placed the momentum of the game in Malvern's Favor. Malvern College Egypt came out victorious 18-16. Taking the team's season so far to played 4 won 2. A great start to the Under 11 Basketball at Malvern College Egypt.

Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music



Singing rehearsals for Wizard of Oz.

These will be starting straight after the Spring Break at lunchtimes. Miss Harries and myself are currently working out the schedule, students will need to check the music notice board for their times.

Lunchtime performances.

Nissan Harmanci, the Performing Arts prefect, is putting a programme together for our informal Thursday lunchtime performances. If your child has a solo or small group performance they wish to perform, please see Nissan to arrange this. We are looking for performers from Primary as well as Secondary.



Sing for your Lunch

In April, open to Yr 3 and above, the Choir will be rehearsing Lunchtime, 11:40 – 12noon on Sundays. If your child enjoys singing, please encourage them to come along.

Warm regards,

Tina Marsh