

# THE MCE TIMES

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

The College was once again filled with a vibrant atmosphere today as many children celebrated their own, or other, nations by participating in the International Dress Up Day. There were many amazing outfits of all shapes and colours and it was a delight to see so many smiling faces. This is the first step in our desire to celebrate this month a very important aspect of the MCE ethos - our motto 'A school of many nations but a family of one'. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March will see us hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual International Day. With a huge array of activities, stalls and performances it is set to be a truly amazing day. The day runs from 12:00 to 15:00 with a full schedule (see below) and we look forward to welcoming you all here to celebrate with us.

Number	TIME	PERFORMERS	PERFORMANCE
1	12.15	Secondary performers	Salwa – Song by Adele Salwa and Nour – Cuban song Mariam and Zeina - 3 daqat –Abu (Arabic) Zeina - 'El Bakhil w ana' -Omar Khairat (Egyptian)
2	12.30	Nursery/Reception	Song: Little Peter Rabbit (USA)
3	12.35	Year 3 and 4	Song: A windmill in old Amsterdam
4	12.40	Year 1 and 2	Bonjour (French)
5	12.50	KS2 Dancers	Dance to “This time for Africa” Dance to “Jai Ho”
6	12.55	Recorders CCA	Joe Joe
7	1pm	Italian CCA	Italian Song
8	1.05	Chinese group	Chinese Dance
9	1.10	Bhawna, Tisya and Harshaan	Indian Bollywood Dance
10	1.15	Cheerleader CCA	Cheerleader demonstration
11	1.20	African Hope	Variety of songs and dances
12	1.50	Year 3 Gymnasts	Gymnastics demonstration
13	1.55	Nancy Younes, Fan Xi Yang and friends	“How far I’ll go” - song
14	2pm	Cairo Symphony Group	Performance on piano, woodwind and violin
15	2.15	Year 8	Song: Mango Walk (Caribbean)
16	2.20	Year 7	Obladi-Oblada (UK)
17	2.25	Year 5	Song: Waltzing Matilda
18	2.30	Year 6	I’d like to teach the world to sing

March is set to be a busy month with Sports Days, Book Week, Secondary School trips week and much, MUCH more. As such I urge you to keep an eye on all forms of communication in the coming days and weeks to ensure you do not miss out on anything. Please do speak to your children about any of the events and if you wish to find out more do not hesitate to contact us.



### Transportation Update

We would like to make you aware that we have extended our transportation department by employing, Hesham Abo Elftouh as our Transportation Manager. Hesham joined the MCE team this week and is working hard to review our services. Should you have any need to contact the transportation department in a hurry you can call the usual hotline number or use the direct line 01033381630. If your enquiry is less urgent then please email Hesham with the details to [Hesham.aboelftouh@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:Hesham.aboelftouh@malverncollege.edu.eg)

Wayne Maher  
**Headmaster**

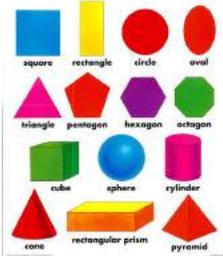
**Early Years News from Sally Dibb-Holland – Head of Early Years**

Dear Parents,



**In Reception** this week the children have been doing doubling and halving in maths, making ladybirds with 'double spots' and learning how to halve numbers in order to share things equally between two people. They have started a new topic this week, about Gardens (Plants & Mini-beasts) and have been making pictures of flowers labelled with their parts, doing some observational drawings from real flowers, and are going to be planting some seeds in the garden to watch them grow.

**Geometric Shapes**



**In Nursery** this week activities have included building Houses using shapes, making shape pictures using small wooden blocks and large construction. Children have been noticing, commenting and discussing the shapes used – square, triangle, cube, circle and cone. They have been discussing, comparing and describing houses according to size and shapes, considering how many windows, doors and where is up/down? The children have also enjoyed activities linked to the story of the three little pigs, the materials used to build their houses and exploring different textures of straw-wood-stones.



**In Pre-Nursery** this week the children are learning all about different types of pets, what they need and how to take care of them. Our craft this week is a painting and sticking activity where we are making our own cats and dogs.

**Swimming** – All children will begin swimming again on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, please ensure you send your child's swimming kit into school. Each item should be clearly named and gathered in a small bag for the children to be able to manage and develop their independence skills.

**Whacky Photos!** – Thank you to those of you who have started to send in the photos taken in whacky and unusual places, our Early Years Photo board is beginning to fill up and your photos are excellent. I look forward to seeing more and more of your children reading books in whacky and unusual places – keep the photos coming!

**Sports Day** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March will be the Sports Day for Nursery and Reception children starting promptly at 8:10am. You are most welcome to join us to cheer your children on, I look forward to seeing you at school for this wonderful event next week.



**Book Week** – Begins on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, we have a fun packed week with book sellers available within our main Reception area. We will run this as before, each child will visit the book fair with their class and make some selections of books. These will be noted down by the class teachers and sent home to you with the cost. Should you choose to purchase these books, please send the money to school with your child the next day.

**Book Week Dress-Up Day** – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March will be our dress-up day when the children have the opportunity to dress up as characters from well-known books and fairy stories. Please be clear that we expect the children to arrive in school this day dressed as a book character, do not allow your child to persuade you that football kit, or superheros are acceptable costumes as they are not. The purpose of this day is to build our children’s love of literature, stories and books. We will have story sharing with teachers on this day and opportunities for your children to tell us who they are and why they chose this character from this book.

**Parents Teacher Consultation Day** – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Kind regards,

Sally Dibb-Holland

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

Dear Parents,



On Tuesday Miss Belcher gave a lovely assembly about the outcome of Elgar’s charity fund raising efforts for Branches of the Vine, which is a centre for children with special needs children based in Zahraa el Maadi. Not only were Elgar able to purchase some musical instruments, games and furniture but they created a wonderful mural to brighten up the playground. This inspirational work was engineered by Mr Faux and Mr Bennett and took two days. On the first day the Primary Head Boy and Head Girl, along with the House Prefects created the background and on the second day the Secondary Students painted the detail of this wonderful African wildlife scene.

It was an excellent example of teamwork within each school as well as the College getting involved in community projects to help those less fortunate than our own students. Many thanks to all of the students who were excellent ambassadors for the College but also to Mr Faux, Mr Bennett and to Miss Belcher who was the driving force

behind this excellent initiative.



#### **International Day**

On Thursday we had part one of our International Day celebrations with the students and staff dressing up from a wide range of countries around the globe. We enjoyed a parade to view the wonderful costumes on display and realised that we are part of a growing international community here at Malvern College Egypt.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday between 12 and 3pm when we celebrate the second part of our international day with all of the delicious food from around the world, the chance to visit interesting stalls and enjoy the wide range of musical entertainment up on the main stage.



#### **Year Four Science Investigations**

This week Year Four have embarked upon their new science topic ‘States of Matter’. The children have learned that everything around us consists of three states; solids, liquids and gases and to help us understand what state a material is, we must think

about how the material behaves. These are the properties. We worked scientifically to investigate the properties of matter. Using three balloons, one filled with air, one filled with water and one filled with ice we set about our investigations.

First, we wrote as many adjectives as we could think of to describe how the materials felt inside the balloons, then we thought about our scientific questions. How can each material escape from the balloons? Can each material flow? The children cut each balloon to investigate how each material moves. Does the material keep its shape and volume? We then used a syringe to find out if any of the states of matter are compressible. We had great fun investigating the properties of solids, liquids and gases and we are looking forward to heating and cooling materials to try to find out more.

### French Star of the Week

I am pleased to announce that the following students have been selected to receive this week's *Star of the Week* award in French:

- 1M – Gabriella Saliman
- 1A – Mariam Mahmoud
- 1L – Ahmed Ahmed

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Ali Ashour
PNA	Fatma Tarek
NM	Jana Khaled
NA	Liam Bernardi
NL	Omar Elsayed
NV	Hanya Elsallab
RM	Fatima Nassef
RA	Ziad Gabal
RL	Sarah Salem
Year 1M	Youssef Zaki
Year 1A	Farida Saleh
Year 1L	Mohamed Badawy

Year 2 M	Sherif Said
Year 2 A	Yaseen Fakry
Year 2 L	Aly Awadien
Year 3 M	Sama Ramzy
Year 3 A	Kareem Korashy
Year 4 M	Reetal Al Madani
Year 4 A	Haya Badr
Year 5 M	Yaseen Khairy
Year 5 A	Dania Elfekiry
Year 6 M	Hassan ElShahawy
Year 6 A	Husna Izzatul
Year 6 L	Ibrahim Marzouk

### House Points Standings

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

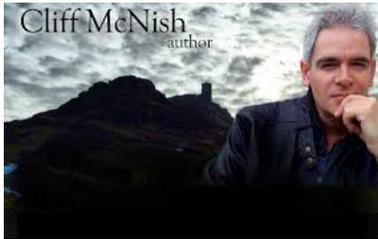
Warm regards,

**Johnnie Kittermaster**

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

### **Brilliant Book Week: Week Commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> of March**

Book Week is a wonderful opportunity to remind children of the joy of reading and build enthusiasm for books. Regular reading is one of the highest factors in increasing literacy levels, and instilling in children a love of reading gives them a gift for life. So many exciting things are going to be happening in Book Week which our secondary students will benefit our secondary students and enrich their experience of English.



### **Author Visit: 12<sup>th</sup> of March**

We are delighted to announce that an author, Cliff McNish, will be coming to the school to talk to our students. Cliff has written 12 novels in total, and has won a number of prizes for children's literature: the Secondary Book of the Year; the Calderdale Award; the Virginia Readers' Choice Award; Calderdale Children's Book of the Year Award; and the Salford Children's Book Award. Cliff will be talking to the whole school and running workshops for Key Stage 3 students. Books by the author will be available to

buy and a letter will go with your child next week.



### **Stop Everything and Read**

Making reading a regular habit is important to create lifelong readers. We will be launching our 'Stop Everything and Read' campaign. All students will be expected to carry a book at all times and will be asked to stop whatever they are doing and read at a given point during the day. Please ensure your child has a book to read in their bag each day from Book Week onwards. They can get one from the library during reading lessons, or during morning break and at lunchtimes.

### **Tutor Group Door Decorations**

All tutor groups are decorating the door of their tutor room to represent a book of their choice. This is an excellent opportunity for them to develop their team working skills and independence as they work as a team to decorate their door. A prize will be given to one tutor group for the best door.

### **Wacky Photo Competition**

Please get your photos in for the Wacky Photo Competition. Students should take a photograph of themselves in a wacky or wonderful place and we will be creating a display of them in the secondary reception area.

### **Escape Room**

Miss Percival has organised an Escape Room for all students in KS3. Students will have to hone their observation skills and pit their wits against puzzles to solve the clues and escape the Escape Room. The theme of the room is dystopian fiction.

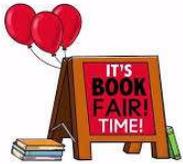
### **Dress Up Day; 15<sup>th</sup> of March**

All students are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. A prize will be given to the most interesting and well-made costume so this is a great opportunity for our students to get creative as they come up with costumes of their favourite book characters. If your child is struggling to come up with ideas, Miss

Percival has some posters for ideas in the library. Please note, it is important that students come dressed as a book character, not just in non-school uniform.

### Quotation Trail

Around the secondary school, we will be placing a series of quotations which are the opening lines of books from the library. Students will have to find all the quotations and name the books which they come from to win a prize.



### Book Fair

The book fair will be running all week in the main school reception. Students will be able to purchase books from there throughout the week. All students will be given the chance to visit the book fair in lessons.

### Year 9 Children's Books

The Year 9 students will be writing books of their own for our younger students and bringing them in to read to them in the library over the course of the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage connections between the older and younger students in our school community, as well as develop our students creativity and awareness of how to adapt to different readers.

### Book Crafts and Activities

In class, we will be designing book covers based on the blurb from books.

All students will be able to go to the library at lunchtimes to take part in book related craft activities. Please bring in any cardboard tubes you have to give to Miss Percival.

Three days into this half term everyone has returned in a positive and excited mood. The preparations for international Day are finished and I would like to thank all the students who are participating in performances, helping out and running stalls etc. It really does show how brilliant our students are in terms of their attitude and willingness to help others. I would also like to thank all Secondary staff for the contribution and willingness to give up time at the weekend to support MCE!

This week I have heard exciting news about recent sporting events well done to all those involved!

Book Week preparations are well underway and talking with Ms Griffiths it sounds like it is going to be an exciting, fun and educational week. This was her recent message to students:



### Book Week 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, to me, Ms Griffiths 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.

Dress up day will be the 15th of March and you may also want to start thinking about your costumes. These must be characters from books!!!!



Good news on lockers all students should have or be in the process of being allocated a locker! I am sorry this has taken time, but some technical issues have now been resolved. I would now like you to join us in encouraging all

students to use them properly and not carry heavy bags around full of unnecessary books!

As I am sure you will be aware that the Year 10 students undertook mock exams. The results were presented in a formal manner to show to the students the importance of the exams. I thought I would share with you why Mock Exams and in fact any exams are important. They help:

- Sharpen revision skills
- Help practice exam techniques
- Help Improve and build their knowledge of a subject
- Help Grow their confidence and concentration
- Focus on results!
- Help decide on predicted grades
- Help because science says so...A study on test-enhanced learning showed it was the actual testing of a student that had 'a powerful effect on long-term retention' rather than the continued study.
- Helps you find areas where you need to improve
- Helps teachers see where there is gaps in a students learning or understanding.



#### **Year 7 & 8 French Weekly Vocabulary tests**

- Please note that due to Sports Day next week, the weekly tests for unit 4 will begin on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. All students have received a copy of the list in lessons this week and should refer to these during revision.

- The second test will take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** and the final one will be completed after Trips Week on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Below are the Quizlet links for both year groups where students can access and practise the vocabulary. Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare for these tests on a regular basis; little and often is always best!

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](https://quizlet.com/_4isz8p)

Year 8: [https://quizlet.com/\\_4dixyy](https://quizlet.com/_4dixyy)

The French Department

Thank you for your continued support and as always if you would like to discuss anything or have suggestions for me please do not hesitate to drop me a line.

See you all at the International Day!

## Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



Sports days are taking place next week!!! A reminder that Years 3 – 10 are travelling to Maadi Olympic stadium on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The stadium is located at Rd. 250 Maadi, Cairo. The sports day will start as close to 9am as possible **(this is a change from the advertised time in the letters I sent home)**. The EYFS sports days remain the same (Yr 1 & 2 – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Nursery and Reception – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>). Please do come and join us for what would be a fantastic three days of sport and friendly competition.



### BASKETBALL

The u16 girls basketball team got the opportunity to take to the court for their first match of the season against TBS. Having been working hard in training in the build up to this game the girls went into the game with high expectations.

After starting well in both attack and defence, the girls' excitement got the better of them as they started chasing the ball, giving the TBS girls ample space to shoot. After going down to a few good baskets the girls rallied to tie the second quarter. TBS had their own rally in the third to pull away into an unassailable lead. The girls were a credit to MCE and are looking forward to their next match next week. Final score: TBS 34-8MCE.

The under 11 boys basketball Team played against The British School Rehab on 27<sup>th</sup> February. who won their first game of the season. On the day of the match the team had come in for their first training session before school. This proved its worth with the team finishing the end to end, high tempo game victorious 16-14. The team played some good basketball with many of the things that they had worked on during training being displayed on the court. The team was led extremely well by captain Abdelrahman Ayman and man of the match was Ahmed Abdeen for claiming every rebound in both offence and defense. The whole team were a credit to themselves, their parents, myself as their coach and Malvern College Egypt. The MCE lion Under 16 team travelled to Rehab last week to play the mighty TBS. Several of the boys once attended TBS so were anxious to put on a good show. We travelled with the girls Under 16 team which made for a merry start to the adventure. Both the Boys and girls wanting to win in order to prove they were the best. This led to a very energy charged build up. As ever our captain Youseff Makram took charge and settled the team into an organised fighting force. He led by example all game directing and making decisions and was the top scorer with 16 points. A great effort. The game itself started modestly with both teams scoring early on. But what was clear from the beginning was that Malvern were a lot more organised and prepared. Our defence once

again shone as Ezz sharif tackled a TBS player it was clear that he was in charge. Along side him Malek Tiber made to very important plays in the first half blocking and scoring from close to the basket. By half time we were ahead by 13 – 4. But TBS had a couple of good players and were making us tired by running a lot. Ali marsouk had another outstanding game and made a number of key steals. He also hit double digits scoring. Another key player for us was Marawan Amer he was a constant force on the court. The second half was quite one sided as Malvern found a rhythm and key shots were made by Omar Osman in order to stretch the lead. I must mention that just before the end the game that Ahmed Mubarak, Aly Kamel and Maximose Wahba added amazing pace which tired the TBS team. We finished with Youseff Makram sitting out as he very unselfishly let other play again great captain's decision.

Ali Marzouk finished the game off scoring a couple more times having found his flow. No report would be complete without mentioning Feuad Khodier who is the Malvern hard man and gave us the belief in ourselves that we were tough enough to win. End score 32 – 7 Well Done Boys! The celebrations were fantastic and we will continue to celebrate until the finals tournament on the 14th march. I know we have a good chance to take home some silverware.

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



Great fun was had in the year 8 lessons this week, with students learning about Fanfare and Music for Special Occasions. Students had the opportunity to play some brass instruments. They discovered it was far more difficult than it looked!

Students are going to use this learning, to create their own fanfare compositions in future lessons.

