

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

Thursday 8th

Primary Sports Day Years 1 and 2

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 March 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

International Day

International Day was such a massive success with a tremendous turnout from the parents, students and staff who enjoyed the large array of wonderful stalls from around the world with delicious food to excite the taste buds. The entertainment on the stage was excellent with performances from all age ranges within the College which demonstrated the vast array of talent that we have within the College but also showing a growth in confidence of our students (and parents!!).

Thank you for your support in this great event which was even better than last year. My thanks to the Friends of MCE Committee and in particular to Miss Belcher, Mrs Daya, Mr Yousry and our support staff for masterminding the logistics of this fabulous day.



Sports Days

We have enjoyed Sports Days for three days this week with Years 3 to 10 at the Maadi Olympic stadium on Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday and the Early Years Sports Day on Thursday. It was wonderful to see the growing progress of the children as they move up through the school and the fine balance between being competitive and inclusive. At the Olympic Stadium it was great to see the competitive nature of the House system in action with every athlete being cheered along by their house. There were some outstanding performances with many personal bests and new College records being set. Well done Foster who were the overall Year 3 to 10 winners on the day, but congratulations to all the children in all Houses for participating and thank you to the Heads of Houses and House Captains for all their work.



Last Saturday the school sponsored two holes at the CSA Green and Gold golf competition at Kattameya Dunes. We entered two four man teams in the competition but sadly did not win, however, our very own Mr Kittermaster picked up a prize for being closest to the pin!



Marathon success for MCE teachers

Two of our members of staff, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Webb, were involved in the inaugural Cairo marathon at Cairo Festival City. The 42km race around New Cairo and back to CFC was demanding and the day was hot. Both had a fantastic day as they both recorded great times (Mr. Bennett finishing in 5th place overall) and helped to promote athletics and running. A great achievement.

Lunch Cards

A reminder to all parents to please check the balance of your child's lunch card. A growing number of children have run out of credit for lunch and staff have been providing them alternative means of getting some food. Any lunch card that falls below 500LE should result in an automatic SMS being sent to the parents and subsequent emails and phone calls when the card runs out of credit (we can allow up to 150LE of additional credit on our system if the card is not topped up, but no more than this). You can also check the balance of your child's card through the online Parent Portal (<https://portal.malverncollege.edu.eg/Login.aspx>). If you have had any issues with topping up the card or believe it has run out and you have not been contacted then please do get in touch with our finance team using the following contact details:

Email: accounting@malverncollege.edu.eg

Contact No: +201024443303 **Hot Line:** 19198 **Extension:** 4042





Swimming

All children will begin swimming again on Sunday 11th 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.

Book Week (11th - 15th March) and Wacky Reading Challenge



Book Week – Begins on Sunday 11th 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 Character Dress Up Day – Thursday 15th 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 superheroes are acceptable costumes as they are not. The purpose of this day is to build our children's love of literature, stories and books.

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



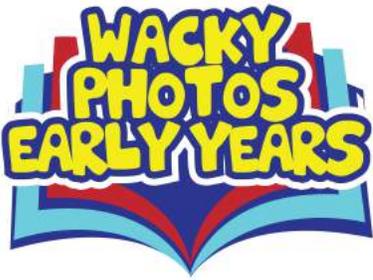
In Pre-Nursery this week the children have used picture cards to identify Pets and the noises they make. They have discussed how we look after our Pets and what our Pets need to stay healthy. The children have used small baskets of classroom Pets to name the Pet and the matching sounds. In small group work, we have discussed where the Pets live and asked the children 1:1 to respond to this. We have talked about the differences between wild animals and Pets. Activities have included a sticking activity for Pets - homes and food, for example matching dog to basket or kennel and a bone. In addition we are encouraging the children to learn to deal with their own clothing, zips &

buttons. In mathematics we have used the Numicon to develop number recognition and have focused on number 3 and a triangle. The children have

enjoyed a variety of fine and gross motor activities to build their hand-eye coordination along with daily songs, rhymes and conversation to build their English language skills.

In Reception this week we have been counting in twos and sorting odd and even numbers in mathematics. In topic we have been investigating seeds, looking at where they come from and cutting open different fruits and vegetables. We have been looking at how seeds travel, we have blown them, put them in water and thought about how they drop from trees. We have planted a few seeds in class, from the peppers we cut open. We will be watching them grow and noticing what plants need to stay healthy and to grow. We have all made a class garden which we are watering and looking after. Each class garden is outside in our Early Years garden. We have been busy thinking about, discussing and planning our book week classroom door display.

In Nursery this week activities in mathematics have included counting an irregular arrangement of up to ten objects. We have done this by counting people (using toy objects) in the houses. We have added house numbers and written the numbers. We have separated and counted and sorted groups of animal toys and placed them in different habitats. In English we have read "The Three Little Pigs Storybook" – we have asked the children to retell story, to consider what happens in the beginning, what happens next and what happens in the end? Linked to this we have talked about how the pigs felt, about the wolf's behaviour and have suggested ways the wolf could behave better, the pigs could feel better – act out, draw pictures on whiteboard together. The children have enjoyed our *Helicopter story telling* – where we encourage each child to join in building up the story of "The Three Little Pigs." RWI sounds, phoneme 'sh' - words beginning with 'sh' – matching pictures to sounds; letter formation – "sh" for sheep, shell, shop. Topic activities have included using available resources to create props to support role-play/small world play. The children have benefitted from messy small world play – acting out "The Three Little Pigs" story and playing in straw, playdough mud and sticky mud. They have explored different textures of straw-wood-stones – we have facilitated activities for children to build houses with these. Children have enjoyed role play with the pig and wolf masks along with role play in the Dens in the shared area = Princess Castle; Bear Cave; Three Little Pigs Houses. All children have drawn and painted their homes – using photos sent in from home.



Wacky Photos! – Thank you to those of you who have started to send in the photos taken in wacky 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 wacky and unusual places – keep the photos coming!

Book Character Dress Up Day – As well as the character dress up day in Early Years next Thursday 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. For this dress-up day, we would like to invite parents who would like to join us to gather on the balcony above the Early Years shared area, this way you may take photographs of your child and enjoy the parade with us.

Kind regards,

Sally Dibb-Holland

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,

It has been a particularly busy time over the last week and there has been a wonderful buzz of excitement in the corridors. The dressing up for International Day on Thursday was fabulous with some wonderful costumes and use of makeup! We had two parades one from Pre Nursery to Year 1 in the Early Years indoor play area and the other was for Year 2 to Year 6.

Best Dressed			
PNM	Khadija Radwan Ali Ashour	Year 2M	Indie Madden Tamara El Deeb
PNA	Fatma Makhlouf Yassin Abdellatif	Year 2A	Hamza Younis Fayrouz Saleh
NM	Yehia Salim John Marshall	Year 2L	Lilia Elfekiry Adam Mostafa
NA	Talia El Gamal Mohamed Ali	Year 3M	Sama Ramzy Mostafa El Sallab
NL	Aliaa El Baroudy Adam Ramadan	Year 3A	Lara Mohamed Omar Tamer
NV	Mesk Younis Mohamed Metawea	Year 4M	Merla Beshara Leilah Soliman
RM	Malak Saeed Mostafa Fouad	Year 4A	Nancy Younes Zoe Magne
RA	Asia Wahdan Gamal Rizk	Year 5M	Ayten Shaalan Salma Abdelhalim
RL	Ahmed Elfekiry Taymour Rafaie	Year 5A	Kanzy El Sallab Dania Elfekiry
Year 1M	Farida Fathelbab Eyad Shalaan	Year 6M	Alison Magne
Year 1A	Mariam Mahmoud Yassin Khalifah	Year 6A	Ali Aljabri
Year 1L	Maya El Sallab Mariam Amin	Year 6L	Layal Fawaz Hla Abdel samiee



The temperature has picked up in the last week so please can children come to school with a cap and a full water bottle. With this warmer weather I am delighted to announce that swimming will commence from Sunday.

Book week promises to be a lot of fun next week please can you send in your child's photo of him/her reading in an interesting place.

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Moez ElSallab
PNA	Omar Halima
NM	Selim Mursi
NA	Alya El Zoghby
NL	Ali Elhanini
NV	Mohamed Metawea
RM	Malak Saeed
RA	Gamal Rizk
RL	Yassin Soliman
Year 1M	Gabriella Saliman
Year 1A	Saif Korashy
Year 1L	<u>Gabriel Younis</u>

Year 2 M	Aly Azazy
Year 2 A	Ahmed Eissa
Year 2 L	Seif El Khodary
Year 3 M	Omar Abu Talib
Year 3 A	Jana Mahmoud
Year 4 M	Halla Mohamed
Year 4 A	Ahmed El Sawy
Year 5 M	Ayesha Daya
Year 5 A	Omar Abdelrahim
Year 6 M	Lily Abdelgawad
Year 6 A	Mohamed El Bakry
Year 6 L	Omar El Morsy

House Points Standings

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

Warm regards,
Johnnie Kittermaster

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



Secondary School Sports Day

What a fantastic day the students had and on Wednesday morning there were some weary faces and sore legs walking through the college gates! I was so impressed by the secondary students who were able to compete with great skill and determination.

Trips Week (18th – 22nd March)

Final preparations are underway for all the trips and from what I have seen, each one is going to be an exciting, fun and educational opportunity for our students. **Please do note that for students who have chosen not to go on trips there will be no school for during this week. All teachers will either be on trips or assigned other duties and they will not be in a position to offer lessons to individuals or groups.**

International Day

Last Saturday was my first experience of MCE International Day and what an amazing day it proved to be. I was so proud of the students who were involved in performances or helped out – thank you.

Attendance

Mr. Fleming is working hard on creating ways of keeping you informed about your son/daughter's attendance. In previous MCE Times we have explained the importance of attendance at MCE and the impact of low attendance on current and future grades. Please support us on this



Year 7 & 8 French Weekly Vocabulary Tests

Due to Sports Day and other school events, year 7 and 8 weekly vocabulary tests will take place on the following days:

- Year 7 test 1: completed in class
- Year 7 Test 2: Thursday 8th March
- Year 7 Test 3: Thursday 15th March
- Year 7 Test 4: Thursday 29th March (after trips week)
- Year 8 Test 1: Sunday 11th March
- Year 8 Test 2: Tuesday 13th March
- Year 8 Test 3: Tuesday 27th March (after trips week)

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>

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

The French Department

As always please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions or ideas to improve the MCE times or the MCE Secondary School.

Warm regards,
Richard Moore

Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport

What a week of sport it has been! We have held three amazing sports day and every student from Nursery to Year 10 has had the opportunity to represent their House over the three days!

With new events being added this year to the Year 3 – 10 day, we were guaranteed to have new records established. However, I was pleasantly surprised with the number of records broken from last years' event showing just how much our student have progressed. We saw over 15 new records, many 'personal bests' but most importantly of all, students thoroughly enjoying themselves.

I thank all staff involved in the running of the day for their help and support as without them it would not have been possible. I also thank the parents for coming down to the Olympic Stadium and encouraging all students during the day!

On Wednesday and Thursday, I had the pleasure of hosting the Nursery to Year 2 sports days. The students were so excited to be participating in their sports days and this was really pleasing to see. With the focus much more on participation, it was amazing to see so many enthusiastic students representing their House with pride. After two fantastic mornings of sport, all students were presented with a presentation medal to reward them for taking part.

