

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

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

Friday 30th to Monday 9th
Easter Holiday

IMPORTANT DATES April

Tuesday 10th
First Day of Term 3

Thursday 12th
Reception Trip to Family Park

Thursday 19th
Secondary School Egyptian Day
and Talent Show

Sunday 22nd
Environment Day

Sunday 22nd - Tuesday 24th
Well Spring Trip

Tuesday 24th – Monday 30th
Art Exhibition



Thursday 29th March 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

This term has been quite spectacular at MCE, from our International Day to Book Week and all of the amazing opportunities the students have had in every classroom. On Thursday afternoon we shared some of the photos and videos of our events this term with our students and it was great to see their enjoyment of recounting everything that has happened over the last few months. I really hope that all families have a safe and enjoyable holiday (although I am sure the Year 10 students will be working incredibly hard on their revision prior to their IGCSE examinations next term!).

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the Parent Teacher Day on Sunday and I hope you found this a valuable and informative opportunity for yourself as well as your child. Open and regular communication between the College and home is vital to the success of the students and we always ask for you to share your thoughts and comments with us. The student diaries, email and parent reps provide a wide range of methods for contacting the College with any comments you may have and we always take these on board.

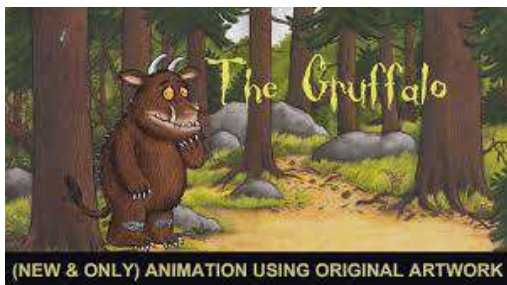
Early Years News from Sally Dibb-Holland – Head of Early Years

Dear Parents,



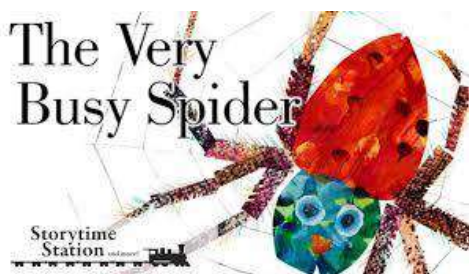
In Pre-Nursery this week the children have been making robots using squares, exploring the shape of a square and understanding that a square has four equal sides. The children have also been learning about number four and undertaking a variety of practical activities to recognise number four, what it looks like, and how many objects together make four. Counting from one, two, three to four. The children have been revising their learning of circle, triangle and square as well as the numbers one, two and three. They continue to make the most of the cooler weather enjoying the climbing frames, ride-on toys and the outdoor garden.

In Nursery this week the children have been following their interests in animals and their homes with a focus on volcanoes. They have been using spoons to scoop powder and bottles and cups to pour liquid – discussing the amount of liquid when filling their model volcano with different ingredients. Whilst exploring volcanoes they were noticing the amounts of ‘lava’, liquid, powder and comparing when there was more or less liquid. An extension activity included the children taking turns to mix the powder and liquid and create the eruptions independently.



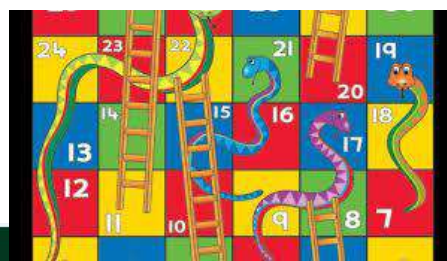
Following children’s interests in habitats – woodlands and forests of “The Gruffalo.” Through reading “The Gruffalo” story and identifying the animals and their homes in the story. The children have completed puzzles of The Gruffalo picture book. An extension activity was to read The Whale and Snail story to see the volcano in the story. Look at pictures of volcanos and discussing what they could see and what they know about volcanoes. During class story time sharing “The Gruffalo” reading

the book with the story sack and puppets. Encouraging all the children to use descriptive wow words to describe animals and The Gruffalo. Enabling all children to use props to help retell the story. RWI sounds, phoneme ‘v’ - words beginning with ‘v’ volcano, vet, van. Letter formation – v for volcano.



In Reception this week, the children have been finding out facts about spiders, they have looked at non-fiction sources and considered if the information is true or false. They have all written down their own fact files about spiders and designed spider webs with chalk to create wonderful individual art work. The children have revisited life cycles from last week – spider life cycles. We have shared and enjoyed the story of The very busy spider.

In mathematics this week the children build 2 digit numbers focusing on tens shared board games counting on using



have continued to use numicon to and ones – numbers 11-20. They have snakes and ladders. They have

worked on and reinforced number recognition of numbers beyond 10. The children have taken part in counting games above 10. Literacy activities have included writing their news from the weekend along with specific phonic revision and sentence writing activities in class.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and restful Spring Break and I look forward to greeting you all again on Tuesday 10th April.



Sitara Theatre Workshop – We’re Going on a Bear Hunt! The Nursery children were so well behaved and represented Malvern College in such a positive way during our morning at Sitara for the We’re Going on a Bear Hunt workshop. Each class got to watch the actors perform the story for us, which was so exciting and extremely enjoyable. This was followed by a short break, after which each class got to go on their very own Bear Hunt! Whilst one class were going on the Bear Hunt, the other three classes participated by

one class practicing role playing the bear in the bear cave, the other classes were used musical instruments and props to create the sounds for those children going through the swishy swashy grass, the squelchy, squerchy mud and so on.

Kind regards,

Sally Dibb-Holland

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,

Once again, we draw to a close at the end of another busy term and the children as well as the staff are fully deserving of their Spring holiday.



There are so many highlights to the term and I have been pleased with the children’s social and academic performance. The Sports Days were a celebration of House spirit and a chance for those children who excel in athletics to have their moment in the sunshine.



International Day was a triumph, being bigger and better than last year with some gorgeous food to eat as well as some tremendous

performances on the stage. The costumes for International Day and World Book Day were imaginative and stunning.



Book Week went very well and hopefully the children enjoyed selecting books with you. I cannot stress how important it is for your child to read as much as they can and I encourage you to make your child read over the holiday period rather than rely on IPads and X boxes for their entertainment during this time.

We have enjoyed a plethora of trips over Degla, The Pharonic Village and the Sitara doing a skills camp here. Next term Year 5 to Wells Spring. The children get so much broader educational way and I encourage memories for them by spending time with them visiting places.



the term to Kawalees, Wadi theatre, as well as Stoke City go for their residential trip out of these trips in a you to enjoy creating



I am sure that you join me in thanking all of the teachers, co teachers, administrative staff, nannies, drivers, security, bus matrons and cleaners for all that they do in and around the school in driving Malvern College Egypt forward in its quest to be the best school in Cairo.

I wish you a restful holiday and if you are travelling I hope that you have a safe journey. I look forward to seeing you all next term.



Year 2 have been learning about Upcycling – using old, unwanted materials to make new, wanted things. They focused on making their own Fashion Clothes, using old clothes, hats, shoes and accessories from home. They then learnt a variety of new skills, such as sewing, finger knitting, gluing and stencilling to alter the old

clothes and make a new costume. In the Primary Assembly on Tuesday, they shared their learning with the older students and then presented a fashion Show of their designs.



French Assessments: Years 3-6

Starting from week 2 (Term 3), students in years 3-6 will be assessed in all four skills for units 3 & 4: **listening, speaking, reading and writing.**

These assessments will take place in lessons with exact dates to be confirmed by teachers, as these will vary between groups. Kindly note that further information regarding the speaking assessment will also be given to students prior to the exam. Please encourage your child to thoroughly prepare for these over their coming weeks by making use of their class notes, booklets and Quizlet links.

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>

Quizlet links for unit 4 (which include full vocabulary list):

- Year 3: <https://quizlet.com/46vkck>
- Year 4: <https://quizlet.com/46vll5>
- Year 5: <https://quizlet.com/487p76>
- Year 6: <https://quizlet.com/487qir>

House Points

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

| Star of the Week | |
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| Year 2 M | Kaber Tageldeem |
| Year 2 A | Yassin Soliman |
| Year 2 L | Celina Eladrousi |
| Year 3 M | Jana El Hawary |
| Year 3 A | Youssef el Sayed |
| Year 4 M | Moataz El Behiry |
| Year 4 A | Lyla Madden |
| Year 5 M | Osama Abdeen |

Warm regards,

Johnnie Kittermaster

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

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| Year 6 A | Adham Ibrahim |
| Year 6 L | Salma Helal |

It was good to see all the secondary students back from what I have been hearing from teachers and trips were a great success. I am looking forward to photos and videos in due course. Thank you to all



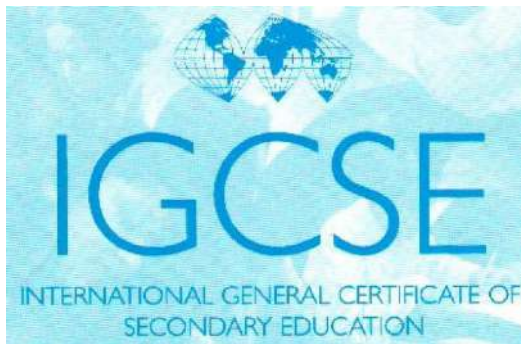
Trips
in college and students all the seeing all the the staff who

went on the trips and those who stayed behind who undertook extra duties.



Reports and PTC

You should have hopefully been able to access your son/daughters' recent reports and had the opportunity to discuss these with their teachers last Sunday at the PTC. Please can I ask you to talk to your child and ensure they take on board all the points raised so they continue to improve and progress.



IGCSE Exam Timetable

The IGCSE exams are coming closer and closer. We will shortly be sending out the Exam Timetable which will provide all the times and dates etc. I will write more after the holiday but there will be opportunities for students to attend revision sessions in college time and teachers will be running some sessions on Fridays and Saturdays (full details will be provided shortly). With regard revision all students should by now have formalized their revision sessions at

home, be completing past papers and generating notes to aid in reviewing their previous learning. Please do remind them of the importance of revision!



Study Leave

Study Leave during exams is always a contentious issue but we do believe that unstructured time away from the classroom is not conducive to higher grades and there is now more and more evidence which supports this. For this reason there will be no study leave but study time provided in school with teachers.

We want to keep them engaged and focused right up to their exam - and it means we can target their learning. We are also very aware of the need to help them cope with the pressure - if you see a child looking panicked, you can have a reassuring conversation and help them get things into perspective.

There has also been a shift in the type of exam questions over recent years. In the past, there was a lot of rote learning required, but questions today test a pupil's use of knowledge. They're not just regurgitating facts, they're putting their learning into practice and engaging with issues - and to answer those sorts of questions, it's easier to revise by talking things through than by sitting in your bedroom at home."

Also, the timing of exams is changing every year the first exam creeps earlier, and you'd end up with study leave going on for weeks and weeks.

I do recognise there are pros and cons on both sides of the argument - some students can manage to work well at home - but I think there's a lot of support a school can give young people in the build-up to their exams. Learning to organise their work, learning how to sort their work out, doesn't come naturally to a lot of students - and if they're in school, we can help with that. And of course, the other thing is that at home there are so many temptations to do other things, whereas at school it can be easier to focus!

Advanced Notice – Internal Exams Year 7 -10



Unless your son or daughter is taking an IGCSE this year in a specific subject, there will be Internal Exams taking place between the 20th – 24th May. Its never to early to start revising for these and the teachers will be discussing with your son/daughter what they need to study.

Secondary House News

Secondary House Points Standings

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

Upcoming House 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

Finally have a lovely holiday with your children and I look forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday April 10th.

Warm regards,
Richard Moore

Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport

Dear Parents,



On the 17th of March 2018 31 incredibly excited students and 4 over excited staff met at 6 am to start what would be another amazing ski trip. With all students on time and with suitcases bigger than themselves, we set off for a week in the Swiss alps and our second home of Les Efls La Tzoumaz.

After a painless flight and easy transfer through Geneva airport, we made our way up to the resort which is at 1,500m. Snow covered the roads as we climbed the twisty mountain road until we arrived and were greeted by many of the same staff as last year. Ski fitting always happens on arrival day and it was great that so many of our students knew exactly what sizes boots and skis they needed having been to Ski Egypt previously.

The snow conditions in La Tzoumaz were incredible. We were lucky enough to be skiing in the best conditions they have had for almost 10 years. With perfectly groomed pistes, fresh snow most nights, the MCE ski trip could not have anything but an amazing week.

I was so proud of all the students on the trip as the progress they made was outstanding. Our beginners were up on the mountain skiing 'Red' runs by the end of the week, the advanced group were skiing 'Itineraries' (which were signed posted for "Very Good Skiers only") and the staff enjoyed skiing with all groups.

The staff at Les Elfes were again fantastic. From morning to night, everything we could have asked for was done, often before we asked! We can not thank Les Elfes enough! We are already planning next year's trip and I

hope that we can again increase our numbers and allow more MCE student the chance of participating on this fantastic trip.