

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES APRIL

Sunday 22nd
Environment Day

Wednesday 25th
Sinai Liberation Day

Sunday 22nd - Tuesday 24th
Well Spring Trip

Tuesday 24th - Monday 30th
Art Exhibition

IMPORTANT DATES MAY

Tuesday 1st
May Day Holiday

Saturday 5th
9:45 am – 3:30 pm
Whole cast School Production
Rehearsal

Thursday 10th
Sanger Dress Up Day

Saturday 12th
9:45 am – 3:30 pm
Whole cast School Production
Rehearsal



Thursday 19th April 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

It has been a busy start to the final term of the year. Despite the short first week students were right back into learning very quickly, although a few of the students did take a while to adjust to the early morning again!! Work has continued this week in the classrooms as well as trips already taking place for students across a range of year groups, including our younger students heading off to Family Park and exploring the natural environment.



The College has reached a major milestone this week within our very short history. Our first ever IGCSE examinations began for a number of the Year 10 students. This is always a very stressful time for students, parents and the teachers and we will continue to work in partnership to ensure that the students are as prepared, relaxed and as confident as they can be before each examination.



Holidays and College Timings

Although we continue to have a busy schedule and would always encourage you to check on all communication from the school about events, I would like to draw your attention to the following days when the College will be closed in the coming weeks due to

national holidays:

- Wednesday 25th for Sinai Liberation Day
- Tuesday 1st May for May Day Holiday.

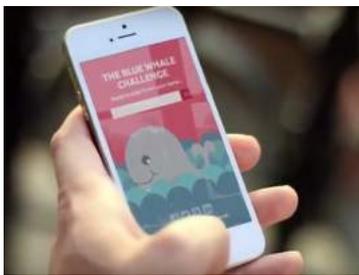
With our CCA programme continuing through to Thursday 10th May all other school days will run as per our usual timings upto and including 10th May. However, with the holy month of Ramadan shortly after this and other holidays there will be some changes to the timings of the school day from the week of 13th May. Further details will be shared very shortly for each school section.

**ONLINE
SAFETY**



Online Safety and the Blue Whale Challenge

We are always keen to raise awareness within our community of the issue of online safety. Having run information sessions for both parents and students we also feel it is necessary to share information on specific incidents if we become aware of these. Therefore we would like to take this opportunity to share with you the following regarding an online game that has been trending with youth in social media around the world. We have no indication that any MCE students have taken part in anything related to this but as it has been mentioned by a number of people within our community as a cause for concern we feel you should be aware of such cases.



The Blue Whale Challenge also known as *A Silent House* and *Wake Me Up at 4:20am* is essentially a form of social media or 'cyber' bullying' that encourages people who accept the challenge to complete a series of tasks over 50 days that become more and more dangerous. Online reports indicate that it has been linked to youth deaths by suicide in countries like the UK, Egypt, and other parts of the world.

As you may already be aware, the internet and social media can be viewed as an avenue of limitless fun and information and often serves as a way of connecting with others, however, it can also be a source of negative influences. The internet/social media can provide misinformation; access to dangerous behaviours and individuals; and unfortunately can leave our most vulnerable children open to a world of gaming and online challenges that encourage self-harm or other negative thoughts. Today, it is *The Blue Whale Challenge* and tomorrow it could be something else. It is not only important to know and be familiar with your child's friends and acquaintances, but also be aware of who and what they are connecting with on the internet and in their social media.

Headmaster

Wayne Maher

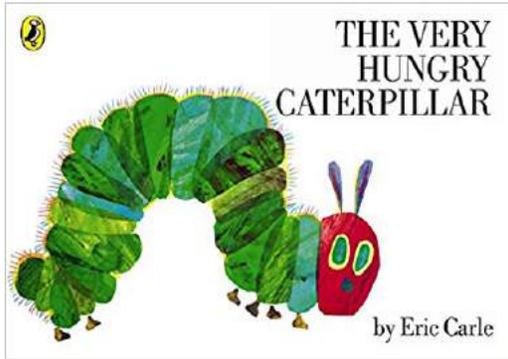
Early Years News from Sally Dibb-Holland – Head of Early Years

Dear Parents,

The children have all settled back into College life very well and the Early Years children are looking very smart in their summer uniforms. So many of the children have grown and changed in such a short holiday, meeting them upon their arrival in school last week, it struck me just how they are growing up! Thank you to those of you who visited the barber or the hairdresser to ensure your children's hair is appropriate for school. Please ensure all girls hair is tied back with a navy blue or black band and boys hair is tidy and above the collar.



The Pre-Nursery children are starting their new topic – **People Who Help Us** followed by **Summer Holidays**, look out for lots of exciting learning and activities taking place. Keep an eye on the weekly Nursery newsletter with photographs of all Pre-Nursery’s rich and enjoyable learning activities.



The Nursery children have started their new topic – **Growing and Change** followed by **Dinosaurs!** I’ve no doubt that the Nursery teaching team will have devised some stimulating and interesting learning opportunities. Keep an eye on the weekly Nursery newsletter with photographs of individual class activities. Thank you to those parents who have very kindly offered to support our trip to Kidzania by accompanying us on the day. Nursery have been settling in and introducing the new topic of **Growing and Change** by reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, beginning to plant seeds and talking about fruits.



The Reception children enjoyed a wonderful day of fun and learning at the **Family Park** last Thursday. Trips and excursions are an excellent way to supplement the learning taking place within school. All the children had the opportunity to take part in a workshop about plants, and each child re-potted their own plant which they took home. The teachers had arranged a **Scavenger Hunt** around the park looking for plants, mini-beasts and exploring the natural environment offered at the

Family Park. The children all enjoyed a train ride around the whole park before climbing on the College buses for our ride back to school. All of the children were extremely well behaved, and all learning was followed-up in school this week. This trip linked in with the previous terms topic of **Gardens**. This term the new Reception topics are **Dinosaurs** followed by **Weather and Water**.



Dates for your diary

Nursery Trip to Kidzania on Thursday 3rd May.

Sanger Dress-up day is scheduled for Thursday 10th May – watch out for details of the theme!

Reception class assemblies coming up in the College Theatre: -

RM on Monday 28th May

RA on Monday 4th June

RL on Monday 11th June

All the assemblies will start promptly, so please be seated in the Theatre for 1pm. Your attendance is so important to your children, all of whom will be looking out for you in the audience.

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful family weekend,

Sally Dibb-Holland

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your child /children had a wonderful Spring Break and that you created many happy memories together.

The children have returned to school full of energy and have quickly got back into the routines of school life. As usual it is a busy term with assessments and Ramadan to deal with as well as rising temperatures! Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a full water bottle and a hat.

Please can you ensure that your child is reading on a daily basis and that you are signing the homework diary so that we know that you are aware of what is going on at school.

I look forward to another highly productive term.



No hat no play

With temperatures rising and summer on its way from Sunday we will be operating our summer policy of no hat no play. Please ensure that your child/children come to school with a hat and a full water bottle.



Year 3M assembly

3M gave us a lovely assembly on Tuesday about the importance of recycling and the horrific amount of plastic entering our oceans which is not only killing our marine life but entering our food chain as well. The students delivered their lines with great confidence and we learnt about the visit to APE here in Cairo where there is so much wonderful recycling going on making items that are sold to raise money for literacy initiatives and other good causes.

Mr Kittermaster encouraged the students to take a minimum of three pieces of plastic away with them whenever they go to the beach and to stop using straws for their drinks.

Have a look at these interesting videos about recycling.

<https://www.facebook.com/ThisIsZinc/videos/559571920910145/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NowThisHer/videos/1236947099769496/>



In 3M this week we have been exploring forces in Science. This has linked with our History topic about Romans, as they used forces to help them beat their opponents in war. The class made and tested out their own catapult, then investigated ways to change its design in order to change the force of the catapult. This was a very engaging project but they also learned a lot about thinking scientifically.



Congratulations Adam Abdallah on winning the bronze medal in the republic championship for Judo last Friday.

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Yaseen Hamza
PNA	Mohammed Khalifah
NM	Yehia Salim
NA	Omar Said
NL	Joud Awadalla
NV	Yehia Omran
RM	Moustafa Ahmed
RA	Asia Wahdan
RL	Youssef Nashaat
Year 1M	Yassin El Sayed
Year 1A	Rayan Mostafa
Year 1L	Hamzah Weheba

Star of the Week	
Year 2 M	Omar Farouk
Year 2 A	Hassan Abouseeda
Year 2 L	Hesham Rashed
Year 3 M	Malak El Ezaby
Year 3 A	Tayem El Kenawy
Year 4 M	Shahd Abou el Fetouh
Year 4 A	Melissa Mostafa
Year 5 M	Jolie Shehata
Year 5 A	Selim Salama
Year 6 M	Adam Mohamed
Year 6 A	Retaj Mohamed
Year 6 L	Salma Sherif

House Points

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

Warm regards,
Johnnie Kittermaster

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

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see all our students return last week with a positive attitude and a spring in their step. I must comment that when we greet them in the morning most of them have a smile on their face!

This week was the first ever IGCSE examination here at Malvern College Egypt. The British Council were very happy with all the arrangements and we are looking forward to the next few months working with them to ensure all exams run smoothly. I also wrote to all the Year 10 parents asking them to keep an eye on overtly stressed children during this time. I am sure you will join me in wishing all the students undertaking exams this year good luck.

I had the pleasure of running a whole secondary college assembly with the theme " Kindness". We discussed how students can do simple acts of kindness within friendship groups, MCE and their community. I would appreciate it if you could take the time to reflect on the Malvern Qualities we are trying to instill with your child.



Good luck to those students undertaking the World Scholar Cup this weekend – I am sure you will do well and do MCE proud.

Our young entrepreneurs are busy developing a fantastic company called ME ... I won't spoil the surprise but soon you will be able to purchase their amazing product. Please do support them.



The weather is getting hotter and hotter – Just a quick reminder that students should be bringing a water bottle into school

Congratulations to Hussein and Hassan Shoukair who won the Gold Medal (1st place) for weight 42 kg and the Bronze Medal (3rd place) for weight 38 Kg respectively. We are very proud of you.

Secondary House Points Standings

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

Upcoming House Events – get involved and win House Points!

Environment Day - **Sunday 22nd April**

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

Warm regards,
Richard Moore

Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport

Dear Parents,

It's been a quiet start to the new term however, that is about to change as our students are in action both this weekend for a swim meet and on Tuesday for U16 boys and girls football. In next week's Sport Focus you will find detailed reports on both of these events.



Outside of MCE, our students have been exceptionally busy winning medals. Mohammed ElTayeb performed fantastically well in the recent Cairo National Swim Championships winning four medals whilst in Judo, Adam Abdallah, Hassan Shoukair and Hussein Shoukair all medaled too. It is fantastic that we have such accomplished sports men and women at the College and I hope to be able to share more good news with you in the near future!

Warm regards,
Iain Driscoll

Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music

Dear Parents,

In Music and Performing Arts we have a very busy term ahead of us.



We have many performance opportunities for students during the last weeks of term, with key assemblies taking place. With this in mind different year groups are rehearsing different songs. In order for the performances to be a success they need to learn the words at home.

Please help your child learn their songs.

Year 5: Happy. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwH1hD0-DoQ>

Year 6: Chasing the Sun. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQTTfkzWvGI>

Year 7 & 8 are choosing their own songs to perform.

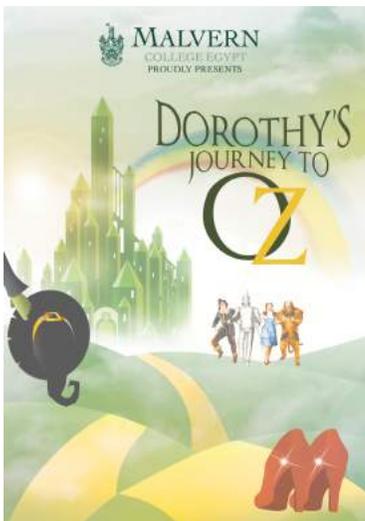


Instrumental Lessons

I have asked instrumental teachers to pick out about 2 performers from their lessons to perform at these assemblies. If your child has been picked please help them to practise at home. Don't worry if your child has not been picked this time, there will be plenty more performing opportunities for them in the future.

Lessons this term. I am shortly going to communicate with all parents of students having instrumental lessons to confirm if their child is going to continue next academic year. Please return as response to me, so that preparations can be made for this.

New instrumental students. If you wish for your child to start instrumental lessons next academic year. It is now too late to start new students this year, please email me tina.marsh@malverncollege.edu.eg and Ms Daya lamees.dayaa@malverncollege.edu.eg to start this process.



School Production

We only have a few weeks to go to the final performance. Students need to be rehearsing songs and learning their lines at home as a matter of urgency. Miss Harries has published a drama rehearsal schedule, which all students have a copy of.

Music Rehearsals for next week are in G06, 11:40 – 12noon.

Sun 22nd April – Tin Man, Dorothy & Scarecrow.

Mon 23rd April – Lion, Tinman, Scarecrow & Dorothy.

Tues 24th April – Scarecrow, Dorothy.

Thurs. 25th April – Dorothy.

It is vital that students attend ALL rehearsals.

Thank you to all those students who attended the Saturday rehearsal on 14th April. A lot of progress was made.

It is very clear from this rehearsal that a lot of learning of lines is still needed. Parents please help your child learn their lines at home.

The next Saturday rehearsal is on SAT. 5th MAY. 9:45 – 3:30pm. ALL CAST MUST ATTEND. The rehearsal will start promptly at 9:45 so please ensure you get your child here on time. Also staff are giving up their weekend to do this, so please ensure you are in school for 3:15pm to collect your child, so that staff are not waiting around for parents who are late.

For this rehearsal, Sat 5th May, cast will need to bring with them any costume items that they have been asked to provide. If there is any problem with this, please speak to Miss Griffiths or Miss Harries, by 24th April.

There will also be a technical rehearsal on Sat 12th May. All cast are required to attend.

Performance dates:

13th May. 12:45pm for Years 1 – 5 only. This will act as our dress rehearsal, so parents will not be admitted to this performance.

14th May. 1:20pm. Years 6 – 9, and parents. Tickets will be available soon for parents.

Warm regards,
Tina Marsh