

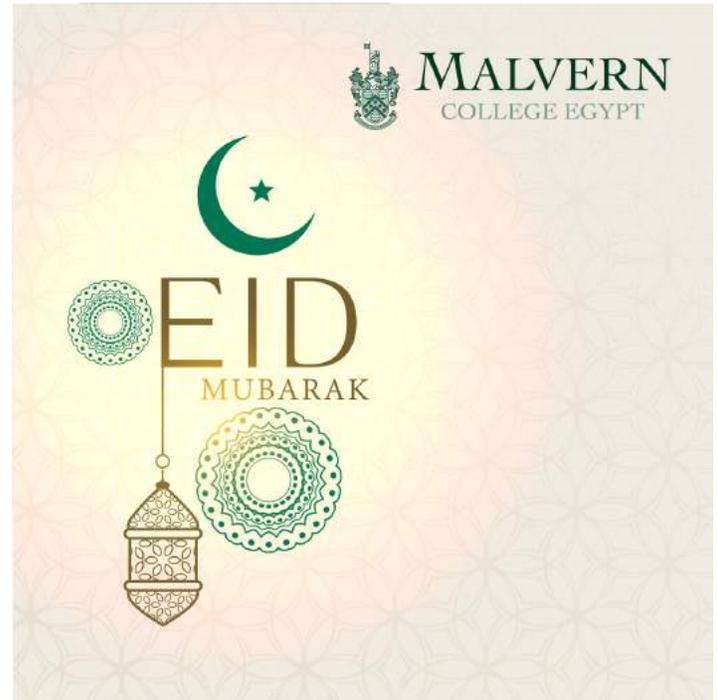
# THE MCE TIMES

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,  
Ramadan Kareem

It has been a short week, but we have still seen a busy few days at the College. The College has seemed quieter this week as a number of students have been absent. Those students who have been in school, however, have been enjoying a busy week of learning.

I would like to confirm that the school will be closed on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June through to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June for the Eid holiday. School will recommence on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. After the Eid holiday we will continue with the current school hours (08:15 to 14:00) during the final two weeks of the term rather than reverting to the normal school hours (which would be very long days for our younger pupils).



## Prize Giving

### Prizegiving Assembly – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Parents of those students who will be awarded special prizes at our final assembly of the year will be receiving invitations shortly, please keep an eye on your emails for the personal invitations. I do hope that as many of you as possible will join us in this celebration of our student body. Each school section will also be holding separate end of year celebration assemblies during the last week of term where a few goodbyes will be said to those few students and staff who will be leaving MCE at the end of the year. However, the focus will be on celebrating everything that has been achieved over the year.

Wayne Maher  
Headmaster

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

Dear Parents,



**In Reception** this week during topic time we have focused on 'water' and talked about activities we use water for and thought about what life would be like if we did not have access to clean water. The children were encouraged to become 'water warriors' and think of ways to save water!



**In maths** we revisited some of our number concepts such as addition and subtraction, number bonds and finding one more and one less than a given number. We played some games and practised writing number sentences. We also sang some number songs which you can find on YouTube:

Counting backwards from 20 to 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hD26XpuUCc>

Counting in 2s: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCxvNtrcDI&t=61s>



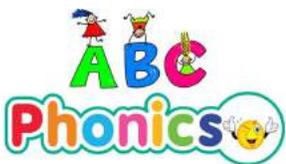
Reception L wowed us with their Class Assembly about their year in Reception. They performed an amazing dance and celebrated their many achievements this year! It was wonderful to see how the children have grown in confidence throughout this year. To watch each and everyone of them up on the large stage in our impressive theatre was amazing. To hear them deliver their lines, sing, dance and act as well was fantastic. Congratulations to both Miss Clark and Miss

Ghanem along with all of the children for a really heart-warming assembly.



**In Nursery** this week the children have continued to enjoy the rich variety of learning experiences available to them within their topic on Dinosaurs. In mathematics they have been busy counting dinosaurs in groups and finding the total number. They have taken part in small groups to work on dinosaur addition – adding one more and dinosaur subtraction – taking one away.

Within the literacy lessons the children have taken part in Dino talk: where the teachers pass a talking object around the circle, maybe a 'dinosaur egg' and ask the children what they would do if they saw a real dinosaur? All of the children have been involved in retelling dinosaur stories, they have talked about the different dinosaur names and used vocabulary from each story.



Within the RWInc phonics sessions the children have, revised all previous sounds with some children blending sounds into words. All children have practised their letter formation – drawing; playdough, letter sound crafts and using the white boards. To reinforce their learning, they have used their dinosaur topic within their

phonic lessons to identify different dinosaur names with some children finding the word and other children finding the initial sound.

Within their topic sessions the children have taken part in a dinosaur melting race, each group of children has a set of dinosaurs and use tools to break the ice. Children should attempt to predict which tools would get the dinosaurs out.

Within ICT the children have taken part in dinosaur games using the iPads. They have used the interactive white boards to use a power point to find and learn dinosaur names. They have watched short excerpts from the film, The Land Before Time.

Within the creative curriculum, activities have included, dinosaur junk modelling, dinosaur footprint painting and dinosaur show & tell, talking about how they took care of their “pet dino toys”.



This week in **Pre-Nursery** we have started on a new topic - Summer Holidays where we had fun making a beach collage using paint, glitter and sand. We have discussed sun safety with the children and what would we take to go to the beach. We have been using the interactive whiteboard for number work and quantities and matching shapes.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all Eid Mubarak.

Warmest wishes for an enjoyable family Eid,

**Sally Dibb-Holland**

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

Dear Parents,



It has been a tiring week for the students as temperatures have been high and many of the children in Key stage 2 have been fasting. In some parts of the school absences have been quite high which has been a little disruptive as lessons go on and will continue to go on until the end of term. Likewise, homework will continue to be set and those that do not attend will miss out. The holidays are long enough and we are all aware of the drop off in performance after them so it is important that the children attend school until term ends.



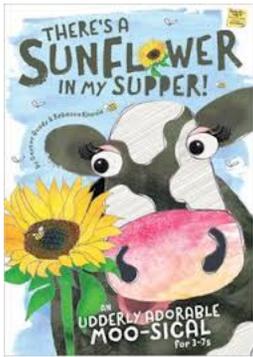
We will be suggesting activities for the students to do and encouraging them to read books appropriate to their age over the two month break. Reading and doing various maths exercises regularly will keep them ticking over so when they return in September they will be in good shape.

I know that many of you are travelling over the Eid break and I wish you a safe journey and happy holidays.



Last week Miss Belcher was able to make 2 charity visits with members of FoMCE, on behalf of MCE staff, students and parents, who have all contributed towards our collections and fund-raising efforts this year. On Monday she accompanied Mrs Pauline Adel and her children to the Orman organisation to deliver Ramadan bags to needy families. On Wednesday she went with Mrs Susana Romani to A.P.E. the Sanger charity. Here she was able to give out Ramadan foods to Muslim families suffering from anaemia who are supported by A.P.E. She was also able to give a donation of 30,000 LE that will be used to develop their play area for children who attend education classes at A.P.E. This money was raised through International Day as well as the Primary spelling competition and the Sanger dress-up day. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards these

initiatives. It is so important to develop the concept of community service with our students.



### Year 2

There will be a performance of 'There's a Sunflower In My Supper' on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.15pm to which the parents of the children concerned have been invited. The Drama Group CCA along with all of Year 2 will be involved and showing off their acting and singing skills. We have been rehearsing regularly, both in the Drama Room and the Theatre and we believe you will be impressed at the talent on show. The children have enjoyed their rehearsals and are looking forward to presenting to a larger audience.

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Aly Ashour
PNA	Omar Halima
NM	Loyal El Domiaty
NA	Talia El Gamal
NL	Farida Elezaby
NV	Mohamed Mossied
RM	Layla Zener
RA	Yang Fan
RL	Joanna Driscoll
Year 1M	Areli Ramoathodi
Year 1A	Yasmine Sidky
Year 1L	Sherif Labib

Star of the Week	
Year 2 M	Sherif Said
Year 2 A	Yassin Soliman
Year 2 L	Farida El Zoghby
Year 3 M	Maryam El Zarqa
Year 3 A	Nour Ismail
Year 4 M	Reuben Maher
Year 4 A	Ahmed El Shourbagy
Year 5 M	Salma Abdelhalim
Year 5 A	Malak Abdel Mohsen
Year 6 M	Alison Magne
Year 6 A	Husna Ariffin
Year 6 L	Aly Abaza



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6A were able to present their work on being eco-friendly to the Primary assembly. 6A have been using their Life Skills classes to investigate the effect of plastic and other pollutants on our planet.

During the assembly, they explained their learning on how to save water, how to save electricity and the effect burning fossil fuels has on the ozone layer, as well as car pollution and the ongoing issue of littering.

Their biggest campaign however, is to try to persuade local supermarket managers to reduce plastic bag use. They have written letters outlining the dangers of plastic left in our environment and how plastic produced now, will still be on the planet hundreds of years from today. 6A have used all their persuasive techniques to encourage the managers to use paper or re-usable bags. We are all hoping for a really positive outcome

### House Points

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

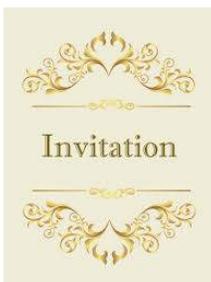
Eid Mubarak and warm regards,  
**Johnnie Kittermaster**

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

Dear Parents,

The days are flashing by now and I would just like to say how brilliant and impressed I have been with the Secondary Students attitude towards their studies. We have some very tired students and I wish you enjoy the Eid festivities.

I would like to remind you that the college does finish on the 28<sup>th</sup> June but if you are planning to go away before this date please do let us know.



#### **New Protocol Agreement.**

Following on from my email about the new protocol agreement issued to on us by the Ministry of Education, I would like to invite you to attend either of the following Information Sessions: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM or Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM so I can inform you of the requirements and implications to MCE.

The sessions will be held in the theatre, and your promptness is highly appreciated.

Please can I take this opportunity to reassure you that whilst there will be some changes here at MCE, the information I will be presenting should not overly concern you. There will be changes to the way IGCSE science will be taught and Nicola Maher will be sending more information to current Year 9 students and parents separately.

I also would like to point out that with decisions being made here at MCE, questions being asked to the Ministry and awaiting answers from them and the Holy Month of Ramadan the timing of the meetings have been organised at the earliest opportunity – I am sure you will appreciate these types of decrees should be reflected upon and no decisions rushed.

Warm regards,  
**Richard Moore**

## Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education

Dear Parents,



As we are drawing a close on the Ramadan period, we as a PE department are preparing for our last two weeks of the year where our lessons will be focused around games and sporting activities. The aim of these lessons are to provide students with the opportunity to take part in fun, high intensity and enjoyable activities to enhance their understanding for competing in various sports.

Please note, next year the PE department will be continuing with the 'Student PE & swimming uniform policy' that was implemented this year. This policy will be placed in the students' homework diaries and will be available online via firefly. I would encourage all parents to familiarize themselves with this policy and ensure all of the correct PE and swimming uniform is purchased before the beginning of the next term. This will help prevent students from not making the high levels of progress they are capable of making.



As the College continues to grow I am delighted to announce some of the changes for the next academic year within the PE department. As from September, two of our current PE & swimming teachers will be taking on more responsibility within the department. Ahmed Salah will be the swimming coordinator, along with Yasmine Rashed being appointed the Early Years PE coordinator. I'm sure you will all join me in both congratulating and supporting them with their new roles and

I'm confident they will further support the College in creating academic and sporting excellence.

Head of Physical Education  
**Joshua Sussex**