

# THE MCE TIMES



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,



This will be our last MCE Times of the year. I would like to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday and an enjoyable time with your children. For those who are moving on from Cairo, we wish you every success and look forward to hearing from you in the future as you share your new adventures. For those of you returning for next year we remind you that the first day of school will be Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and we encourage all pupils to keep up the learning over the holidays. Reading everyday is an essential part of keeping on top and not letting the phenomenal progress achieved this year slip.

**THANK YOU  
&  
GOODBYE**

### **Thank you to our Teachers and Staff**

A special thank you to our teachers and co-teachers. A rapidly growing school is incredibly difficult yet also a rewarding experience to be a part of. Thank you for your hard work and diligence and for offering such amazing experiences to our children. Thank you for the opportunities that you have made happen. I would also like to thank all of our support staff. We are

fortunate to have so many dedicated and passionate staff in the College from our Admissions department to the cleaners. You all deserve an excellent summer break.

We do, sadly, say goodbye to a number staff and I would like to wish them all the best for whatever adventure and challenges now await them. I hope they look back on their time fondly and will stay in touch.



Today we award a vast array of pupils prizes recognising excellence in areas from subject attainment to outstanding leadership. It has been an incredibly busy and successful year and it is always a pleasure to be able to recognise the efforts and achievements of our pupils.

Wayne Maher  
**Headmaster**

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

Dear Parents,



**In Reception** this week, we kick started the week with a fun-filled water party. The children enjoyed making bubbles with giant hoops, using a slip and slide and having a water fight in the pool. They especially enjoyed aiming for their teachers! Thank you to all the parents who sent in food for the class parties, we appreciated all the delicious treats. Certificates were awarded to each child in recognition of their strengths, during a special award ceremony, which concluded

with some beautiful singing from the children. It was truly special to see how much they have all progressed. Reports were sent home on Monday and we hope you enjoyed reading your child's report.

**In Nursery**, the countdown to the last day of school started last Thursday and it is hard to imagine that this wonderful Nursery year is drawing to a close. Your children are in the process of watching their belongings gradually "disappear" from the classroom into their end-of-the-year bags. This has been a fabulous year of learning and fun and we thank you for sharing your lovely children with us. The teachers loved being part of the children's learning journey and are sad to see them go.

In **Pre-Nursery**, last Thursday the children enjoyed their beach pool party! They made ice-lollies within their class which they all enjoyed eating. This week has continued to be action-packed with lots of fun and purposeful play and activities.



We enjoyed two Early Years Celebration assemblies on Monday. One for Pre-Nursery and Nursery at 10:15am followed by one for Reception and Year 1 at 12:30pm. The children sang sweetly and sat so well throughout whilst each of their friends were presented with a certificate highlighting one attribute in which they have shone this year. It was especially gratifying for me to be able to award each child their own personal certificate linked to an attribute which defines their individuality.



Each and everyone of your children have enjoyed a wonderful year with the fabulous teaching team here at MCE supporting their academic and social development. Your children have made friends and reached developmental milestones, to see each of them now ready to move into the next stage in their education in September is wonderful. Thank you to each of you for your continued support, the parent/College partnership is vital at this early stage in your children's education.



Within the weekly newsletters are suggestions of holiday activities. For children completing the holiday activities there will be certificates available according to the number of activities undertaken with supporting evidence. These are all practical, educational and fun activities which will benefit all developmental aspects of your child. Do encourage your child to take part in the challenge and let's see how many of the 50 activities they can complete!

Wishing you all an enjoyable family summer together,

Warmest wishes for an enjoyable family Eid,  
**Sally Dibb-Holland**

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

Dear Parents,



Three years ago I shared an office with Duncan Grice in Future University in Egypt and started our vision for Malvern College Egypt. That vision became a reality and now we finish our second academic year. The school has gone from strength to strength in all areas of school life. We have recruited a fantastic staff who demand high standards from your children not only

academically but also socially as well. The children have worked hard and made wonderful progress and it was a joy to read their reports.



We have recruited experienced teachers for next year as the school grows and Mr Hunter, my successor, is excited about coming to Malvern College Egypt. My thanks to all of the teaching staff, Co teachers and Nannies for all of their hard work and professionalism this year. I feel extraordinarily lucky to have worked with such a talented and committed staff. My Leadership team of Mrs Dibb Holland, Mr Madden and Mr Bailey and my PA, Yasmine, have been

brilliant over the past two years. We have worked well as a team, laughed, cried and always tried to create the best school we can for your children.



I am sure that you join me in wishing Miss Clark, Miss Hodges, Mr Birch and Mr Madden every success as they leave us for new challenges. Likewise we say farewell to some Co Teachers who are taking up new positions as teachers having passed their IPGCE courses Miss Hamza, Miss Haroufy, Miss Wadie, and Miss ElAbd  
Thanks also to Mrs Bassioni and Mrs. Eldars

I am grateful to all of the Administrative and Support staff for all that they do to help to ensure that the school runs smoothly. We all have important roles to play in making Malvern College Egypt the wonderful school it is today.

I leave with a heavy heart but know that I have helped in creating something really special. I thank Mr Azazy for giving me this opportunity.



I wish you all a restful holiday and encourage you to ensure that your children read every day, speak English every day and practice some maths as then they will be in a great position for the next academic year. Get them to try the 50 things to do in the summer sheet that your children have.

I leave you with an adapted Gaelic blessing as we approach the summer holidays;

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sunshine warm upon your face,  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May your God hold you in the palm of his hand.



### Our ESMA Trip - by Martin Romani and Ibrahim Marzouk 6A

On 21st June 2018, we (Year 6 and some secondary students) went to a dog shelter called ESMA (Egyptian Society for Mercy to Animals). It is the Foster charity. There were 700 dogs and 600 cats. However, we only visited the dogs. Every dog was adorable, however they all had one thing in common - they were either abandoned by their owners or found in the streets and then saved.

As soon as the door opened the dogs were so friendly and happy to see us. There was one dog who would always jump on everyone! We walked the dogs for around 45 minutes. We showered the dogs and they were so happy because they don't have a lot of people coming to play or take care of them. They loved us showering and brushing them.

### Year 1:



We have had an amazing year, wow! It has been wonderfully to see the progression and development in each and every child. In Year 1 we had the opportunity to visit 'Fagnoon Farm'. The children learned and discovered about agriculture in Egypt.

All of Year 1 performed super assemblies consisting of drama, dance, music and role play for confidence building supporting social, emotional and personal development vital for a child to develop holistically.



We concluded the end of this academic year with a final assembly for Year 1, each child was recognized individually for their own unique qualities.



### Year 2 Assembly:

There's a Sunflower in my Supper"

The production began life as a CCA Drama Group for Years 1 and 2. The children were enjoying it so much that it started to grow and grow until it turned into a production for the whole of Year 2 and those students from the Drama CCA in Year 1. The children all learned the songs along with actions

which they sang with great enthusiasm. Those children who were chosen to speak delivered their lines clearly and confidently, a delight to see. The children had to learn when to arrive on stage, leave, stand up and sit down: quite a tall order but they managed it magnificently. The Year 2 team worked extremely hard making props, masks and scenery to ensure that it was a success. I am very proud of what we all achieved.

Star of the Week	
Year 2 M	Kaber Tageldeen
Year 2 A	Hamza Younis Kinda El Mawy
Year 2 L	Sofia Kanarachou
Year 3 M	Fatima Daya
Year 3 A	Ahmed Abdelshafy Kareem Korashy
Year 4 M	Abdelhamid Abdalla
Year 4 A	Lara El Deeb
Year 5 M	Joury Arafat
Year 5 A	Emily Salah
Year 6 M	Abdelrahman Farag
Year 6 A	Fahd Hassan
Year 6 L	Bassem Messiha

#### House Points for the Year

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

Maa' el Salama,

Eid Mubarak and warm regards,

**Johnnie Kittermaster**

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

Dear Parents,

*Thank  
you!*

It seems like I have been at MCE for much longer than nearly three terms. This is because there has been so much going on! The staff have worked tirelessly to inspire and engage the students in all aspects of their learning and development and a huge thank you goes out to them all for all of their hard work and commitment. At the end of the academic year we say goodbye to some staff and I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for all that they have done for our school and wishing them all the very, very best.



I am looking forward to meeting the new Year 7 students next year and excited about our first ever cohort of A level students starting their journey towards university. The first day of our new academic year for the children is the 2nd of September. We hope that you and your families enjoy a good summer and look forward to seeing you again soon.



### Secondary English

Throughout the year, secondary students are actively encouraged to read regularly through keeping reading logs, library lessons, and by implementing 'Stop Everything and Read' weekly. Year 7 students have been sharing some of their favourite books this year by writing a review. They studied a number of reviews of films and books, exploring the language and structure they used, before choosing to write a review of the class reader, 'Skellig', or a book of their choice. Here we have the review written by Doga Harmanci for the novel 'Then' by Morris Gleitzman.

### Secondary House Points Standings

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

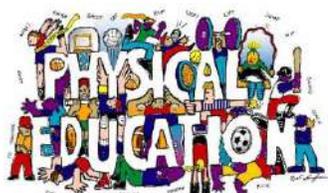
Warm regards,  
**Richard Moore**

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

Dear Parents,



It has been a fantastic year within the PE department for both the academic and sporting side of the department. The PE department is looking to further expand next year with a new member of staff joining us, as well as more responsibilities given to current staff. We have successfully appointed both a swimming coordinator and early years PE coordinator. We are very excited about the developments within the department and we are aiming to create further academic and sporting excellence. The curriculum has recently been formed and we are looking to cover a wide range of activities and sports next year, including table tennis, football, tag rugby, benchball, orienteering, swimming, basketball, fitness and athletics.



Next year, we will be continuing to follow the 'student PE & swimming uniform policy'. This policy will be included within the students' homework diaries and will be available on the website for the next academic year.



With regards to MCE sport next year, we will be aiming to run successful sports clubs across swimming, football, basketball and tag rugby. We are aiming to provide sporting opportunities for as many year groups as possible and we are in regular contact with the local schools to discuss what options we have available.

Myself and the PE team would like to thank you as parents for all of your support this year with the sporting fixtures and competitions you have helped support in various ways. I hope we are able to build on this for the next academic year.

Head of Physical Education  
**Joshua Sussex**

## Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music

Dear Parents,



This year has been a full year of musical events which it has been a delight to be part of. I hope many pupils continue to opt for IGCSE music in the future to expand their musical abilities.

Over the summer listen to as much music as you can from around the world. Learn to appreciate other musical cultures and expand your musical experiences.

I hope many more of you take the opportunity next academic year to learn a musical instrument so that MCE will be known across Cairo for its musical talent.

Wishing you all the very best.

Warm regards,  
**Tina Marsh**