

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES SEPTEMBER

Friday 28th
Netball Competition with MES
at 09:00am

IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER

Saturday 6th
October Holiday

Thursday 25th
Parent Teacher Consultation Day

Friday 26th – Saturday 3rd Nov.
Half Term Holiday



Thursday 27th September 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

What a busy week at MCE!



Not only are the vast array of CCAs in full swing, but the diverse range of interesting and fun learning activities evident in the classrooms has been wonderful to witness. Many of our sports teams are now back in training during the early morning sessions, CCA time or even after school hours. The first competitive fixtures are drawing near with the girls' netball teams in action this weekend at MES – Good luck to you all.

Once again I had the pleasure of meeting many parents at the Early Years Headmaster's coffee morning. It was fantastic to hear so many positive voices about how their children have settled into their new classes and learning routines. As always there are things parents feel can be improved and the College is always willing to listen to and discuss these. In fact, this week I was delighted to be able to work with some of our older pupils as part of our review of the College Guiding Statements. It has been very interesting to listen to the viewpoints of pupils having recently also asked for the teachers' feedback. There was considerable overlap within the pupil and teacher thoughts, but as ever the pupils have shown their maturity in making some key suggestions for amendments to the College Guiding Statements. We aim to complete this review process in the coming few days and announce the new Guiding Statements very soon.

**PUBLIC
HOLIDAYS**

6th October Holiday

We have been asked by a number of parents about the upcoming national holiday, the 6th October Victory Day, which falls on a Saturday this year. There are some rumours that schools

may be ordered to close on Sunday 7th October to make up for the holiday time. We have NOT as yet been made officially aware of any such notification to schools or organisations in Cairo. If we are given any directive to be closed, then we will contact parents through our email and SMS system as soon as we can. In the meantime, if you do not hear from us please simply expect your children to be in school on 7th October.



Medicines at the College

Kindly note that no medicines can be carried around the College with the pupils during the school day. If you wish to send a certain medication for your child to take during a school day, please send it - including the pupil's name and details of the medicine - with the bus matron or through the parent/driver dropping the student to the College to be delivered directly to the clinic. The pupil will then be able to visit the clinic in order to take the medication. This is for the safety of all our pupils across the whole College.

Warmest Regards,

Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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

Dear Parents,

kindness

Over the last three weeks we have begun to introduce the Early Years Malvern Qualities to the children. Our recent focus during circle-time has been about "Kindness." The children have worked together within their classrooms to create their own class Malvern Qualities poster. Each fortnight we will introduce a new Malvern Quality. The teachers will talk to the children about how we can put these Qualities into practice in our daily lives. Each Star of the Week will be linked to this Quality as will all of the Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) for that two weeks. Please support us by following up these Malvern Qualities at home, you and our teachers are their most important role models. Our next Malvern Quality to be introduced will be RESPECT.

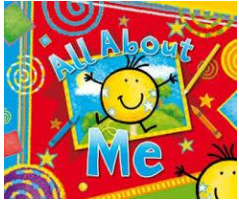


The children **within Pre-Nursery** have been continuing to learn All about Me and their classrooms are filling up with wonderfully creative artwork. All of the children are settling to their new environment and making friends. I visited Pre-Nursery this week to sing with the children and to award the very first Star of the Week certificates to those children who had been demonstrating the Malvern Quality of kindness. It was delightful to get to know our new Pre-Nursery children and I was rewarded with many warm smiles and super singing.



Within **Nursery** it has been a busy and productive week. The children are all making friends and being kind towards one another. The children have been participating in learning linked to our topic "All about Me" and have enjoyed many different activities relating to this. They have designed their own faces, named the different parts of their body, painted/created bodies with inspiration from books including "Funny Bones" and "From Head to Toe. Our letter of the week

is “a” (apple, astronaut, ant) and the children have been exploring different methods of mark making through paint, sand, and glitter. They have been looking for objects beginning with the “a” sound and making some “a” apples. Most of the children still remember “Maisie Mountain, Mountain” from last week and are keen to show their teachers how they write it. The children are becoming more confident to express themselves and to take part in our “Show & Tell” time talking about their favourite things.



Reception staff would like to thank all the parents that helped the children with their ‘All about me box’ it has been a wonderful opportunity for children to share special treasures and for us to be able to learn more about each other. Next week we will be moving onto talking about Egypt as a place where we live and a destination for tourists. We would love the children to send in any photos of holiday landmarks they have visited here in Egypt – temples in Luxor, the Pyramids, famous beaches and of course boat rides on the Nile. We continued with the

Malvern Quality of “Kindness” this week. We had our first Star of the Week assembly where two children from each class received the star for showing kindness within their class.



This week in **Year 1** we have taken the children on a trip to Outer Space where we have learned all about the planets. In Science children have enjoyed using their sense of smell to identify hidden scents. We will continue to learn about the senses including taste. Teachers and children both enjoyed their first Star of the Week assembly to which their parents were invited. It is always very exciting to know that parents are in the audience.

Next week, we will be starting our Read, Write, Inc lessons and ask that you continue to use reading books provided to read daily with your children.

Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

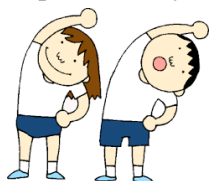
Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,



In the coming weeks, we will give you an insight into a specific year group and their recent achievements as part of my weekly report on life in the Primary School for the MCE Times. This week, it is the turn of Year 6 and you can read their report below.

Can I make all parents aware of the policy in Primary for staff supervising students while the students get changed for PE and swimming? Younger students need to be encouraged and inspired to get themselves changed quickly so that they have the maximum amount of lesson time and the minimum amount of time in the changing room. In addition, a small number of students are tempted to misbehave if they are not closely supervised. Therefore, I have made it clear to staff that students are to be supervised while they get changed. Only male staff members will supervise boys and only female staff members will supervise girls.



In an effort to reduce the amount of PE lesson time lost due to getting changed, and maximise learning time, we have made the following changes to the routine on PE days.

- Students in Year 2 come to College in their PE kit on PE days and stay in PE kit all day (this has not changed).

- Students in Years 3 and 4, from next week, will come to College in PE kit *if they have PE before lunch* and then change into their school uniform at the end of the PE lesson.
- Students in Years 3 and 4 will come to College in their school uniform *if they have PE after lunch* but will stay in their PE kit after the PE lesson, for the rest of the day.
- Students in Years 5 and 6 will get changed before and after PE lessons (this has not changed).

This is designed to gradually teach the students to be responsible for getting themselves changed quickly, while giving them extra learning time in their PE lessons.

Please note that children should not come to College in their swimming costume and all students will change before and after swimming.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. Phillip Hunter.
Head of Primary

Star of the Week			
Year 2 M	Hossam Hegazy	Year 4 A	Omar El Nahas
Year 2 A	Hana Elzayat	Year 4 L	Mohamed Mohamed
Year 2 L	Gabriella Soliman	Year 5 M	Youssef Shehata
Year 2 V	Eyad Shaalan	Year 5 A	Haya Badr
Year 3 M	Hassan Abuseeda	Year 5 L	Salma Aly
Year 3 A	Silina Eladrousi	Year 6 M	David Romani
Year 3 L	Mohamed Raslan	Year 6 A	Malak Abdelmohsen
Year 4 M	Omar Abu Talib	Year 6 L	Fatma Anwer

House System News from Jacqui Belcher – Head of Primary House System

Dear Parents,

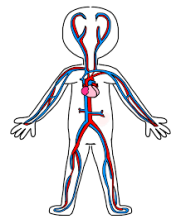


First Primary House Captains Meeting

Our newly elected House Captains had their first meeting this week with Ms. Belcher to discuss their role. They were very enthusiastic and conscientious about meeting expectations, this is going to be a great year for the Houses!

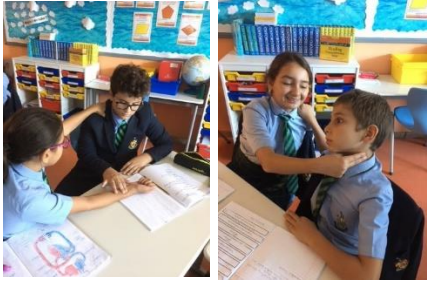
Year 6 update:

Year 6 have been enjoying a new Science topic this term and have started to learn more about the systems inside their bodies.



Before they began to look at a model of the torso, they had a go at some group work placing organs where they thought they should be on a body outline. It gave some very interesting results! They all discovered that together they had some really good knowledge of the body's organs. They are now building on this very successfully.

The first major system they have been studying is the circulatory system. Year 6 have mapped out the system and its connections in many different ways and learned some very interesting facts. Did you know that the body contains around 100,000 km of blood vessels? That's nearly long enough to stretch around the earth 8 times!



Most recently we have been trying to test what effects exercise has on the body. Their fair testing is definitely improving, and it was a huge amount of fun experimenting with different types of exercise to see which had the biggest impact on their heart and breathing rates.



Very soon we will be moving on to the digestive system..... I wonder what experiments they might have a go at then?

Jacqui Belcher
Head of Primary House System

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

Dear Parents,



Praise postcards

I was delighted to see so many of our pupils receiving Praise Postcards over the last week. We always like to focus on the positive and encourage all pupils to try their very best. Well done to them all.



IB Parent Meetings

Thank you to those parents who attended our recently IB information sessions. I hope you found them useful. The IB Diploma is a fascinating course and if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Maher **who would be happy to answer any questions.**



Parent Information Sessions

Today we had an information session for parents on the Behaviour Policy. If there are any specific areas, you would like us to offer please do let me know. Some parents have requested sessions and we will be running, in the next few weeks, sessions on the Secondary Curriculum and the available pathways, the choice between IB and A Levels and Dangers of Social Media.

Enrichment Week

We are in the process of developing an exciting Enrichment Week this year to replace the previous "Trip Week", we will be sending more information to you next week.



Message from the IB Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who have been able to attend the two sessions on the IBDP implementation at the College and "What is an IB Education?". We hope the sessions were helpful for you and that you feel clearer on the International Baccalaureate's vision and the structure of the Programme.

If you, unfortunately, could not attend, we will be sending you a copy of the presentation and a Parent Information leaflet from the IB Organisation.

You can also access the video used in the presentation and two further information videos here:

- What is an IB Education? <https://player.vimeo.com/video/92725628>
- The Learner Profile - <https://player.vimeo.com/video/66637103>
- The IB Diploma - <https://player.vimeo.com/video/64308996>

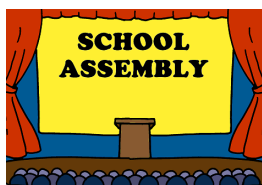
If you further questions, please email Mrs Nicola Maher Nicola.maher@malverncollege.edu.eg

Richard Moore

Head of Secondary

House System News from Isabel Pante - Head of Secondary House System

Dear Parents,



We had our first House Assembly of the year on Sunday and it was wonderful to see everyone feeling so excited about all the House opportunities this term. Some of the Elgar students, along with Miss Harries, took ownership of part of the Assembly and focused on 3 Malvern Qualities: Resilience, Confidence, and Risk Taking. Well done for showing all these qualities when preparing and presenting the Assembly!

We also talked about Student Leadership Positions available and students received an information letter later in the week. The deadlines are as follow:



Head Boy / Girl: Wednesday 3 October (Year 11 only)

Prefects and House Captains: Sunday 7 October (Years 10 and 11)

Members of the Student Panel: please see Ms Pante in S04 if you are interested (Years 7-9).

Do not miss out on the opportunity to represent your school and develop important skills, such as leadership, organisation, working as a team, resilience, public speaking, and much more.

Congratulations to Foster House, winners of the House Cup 2017-18!

Isabel Pante

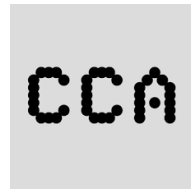
Head of Secondary House System

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education

Dear Parents,



It has been an excellent week within the PE department with the students continuing to make excellent progress across the benchball, movement and dance topics we are covering. The students have demonstrated an excellent understanding for benchball and utilize the transferrable skills the sport has to offer. The Early Years' movement and dance lessons have been an excellent success with students demonstrating their capabilities to perform various balances and body positions with control and execution. Mr Salah has been working hard to ensure the swimming programme is continuing to develop and challenge all of the students across the College, particularly as we start moving into the swimming season.



With the CCA programme now in full swing, it has been fantastic to see so many students taking part in the various sports and activities we offer here at MCE. There has been a lot of students attending the basketball, netball, football and swimming sessions we offer, at both primary and secondary for both boys and girls. I would like to encourage more participation and ask students to speak with the relevant coaches to come along and be part of something great.

We are drawing close to our first competitive matches for various sports and I would like to encourage as many students and parents to support the various teams. We have a Secondary Girls Netball competition this Friday (28th) at Modern English School (MES) at 9am. Please feel free to come along and support our team in this competition. Please look out for updates regarding future fixtures to come and support when possible.

Joshua Sussex
Head of Physical Education

Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts

Dear Parents,



Rehearsals have kicked off for this year's secondary school production MARY POPPINS. The cast list is up and a very big congratulations to Nourhan Gendya in 9A for landing the part of Mary! Mr Russell and myself will be rehearsing with various members of the cast during lunchtimes as well as the CCA so please do check on your rehearsal schedule for when you are needed. We also ask you to please use the following link to download and learn the songs for the show. It is worth you are learning all the songs as whoever your character in the play, you will be working as an ensemble and expected to sing in most of the big numbers.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11hB72GkLI5L6LT6xfuiJ8FQVXbfxIeeZ>

Kim Harries
Director of Performing Arts

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music

Dear Parents,



To improve vocal skills, all students learn songs throughout the school year. Year 8 will be involved in the Secondary musical Mary Poppins as a chorus later in the year, performing in the theatre with the rest of the cast. I encourage parents of the year groups listed below to practise the following songs at home with their child. Learning songs really helps their progression with English language skills, especially when the lyrics are in front of the student. Here are the songs currently being learnt from Nursery up to Year 2, with Youtube links. Enjoy!

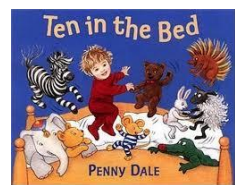


Nursery songs:

Open Shut them <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNUZBHIRH4Y>

The Wheels of the Bus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzrjwOQpAl0&t=1s>

The Insy Winsy Spider https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bne3Ix_tjL8&t=20s



Reception songs:

Who Took the Cookie from the Cookie Jar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzKY5YHnOTg>

Mr. Sun <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlzvrEfyL2Y>

Ten in the Bed https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdDypyS_5zE

Year 1:

Well Done <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbkQ9IM7KV8>

Mr. Sun <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlzvrEfyL2Y>

Year 2:

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6a8F28WVXlk>

Wake up <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gUbdNbu6ak>



Further to this, Year 2 are starting to use graphic notation to illustrate simple melodies. Year 3 now know the notes A and B on recorder. Years 3 and 4 are beginning to read traditional staff notation using mnemonics of the lines and spaces (Every Green Bus Drives Fast and FACE). Years 4 and 5 are also learning to sing more complex songs in two or more parts which will sound fantastic once perfected. Years 6, 7 and 8 are now busy arranging what they have learnt in the keyboard lab on GarageBand in the iMac suite for assessment. The best singers during lessons (in tune, expressive and confident) are always rewarded with housepoints!

Paul Russell

Director of Music