

**IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER**

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

**IMPORTANT DATES NOVEMBER**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
College reopens

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Secondary School Prefect Investiture

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Primary School Swim Gala

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Inter-House Swim Gala

**IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Early Years Winter Concert

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Winter Concert (Years 3-5)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Secondary School Winter Concert

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Winter Concert (Years 1 & 2)

# THE MCE TIMES



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,



In England having a 'Blue Day' may be thought of as being a sad day. However, here at MCE it can mean quite the opposite. On Wednesday this was certainly the case with the Sanger House blue dress up day. Alongside pupils supporting Sanger House by wearing blue items of clothing many pupils took advantage of the full theme for Halloween of 'Blue or Boo!'. From very elaborate and chilling outfits in Early Years to a basketball player inside a doughnut (to represent 'Dunkin Doughnuts'!!!) the imagination and skills of our pupils, and I am sure many parents, was clear to see. Through the donations for wearing non-uniform and a wide variety of fun activities on offer at lunch time the College raised over £15,000 EGP for the Sanger House charity. A fantastic community effort. I would like to particularly thank Ms Belcher and Ms Pante for leading the House system at the College, but also all other staff who were involved.

The week ending with our first Parent Teacher Conference of the year, which I hope has allowed you all to have constructive and positive conversations with the teachers and indeed your child(ren) about their learning. It has been an incredibly busy half-term and I can assure you that the next half will see the pupils being even more active.

I hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable half-term break wherever you may spend this.

Warmest Regards



Wayne Maher

**Headmaster**

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

Dear Parents,



This week the children in **Pre-Nursery** have continued to think and talk about their feelings. They have completed their individual face paintings using mirrors to look carefully at the colour of their eyes, hair and skin tone and tried to record these. The teaching team have taught the children a variety of action songs which they all enjoyed. They have received star of the week certificates for kindness and respect. All of the children enjoyed dressing up today and taking part in the Halloween parade.



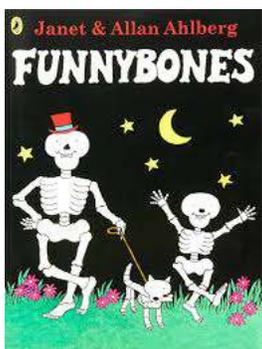
The **Nursery** children have continued to learn all about “Egypt.” We all went on an adventure with the *Mr. Men* and explored everything inside the Egyptian museum. The children have been shown where Egypt is on the map, and have been learning about the desert, camels, and the river Nile. They have been making their own desert landscape pictures using shapes for the pyramids, sun, and palm trees. Our *Egyptian Show and Tell* has been

a wonderful experience. The children have been making links between their holiday pictures, Egyptian souvenirs, and stories. For *Read, Write, Inc.*, we have been learning the letter sound “i” (insect, ink, instrument, and invitation) and have engaged in activities including exploring our “magic sound bag”, tracing the sound in shaving foam or sand, identifying initial sounds with “alphabet soup”, and making our own igloos or insects.



This week the **Reception** children have finished off our topic on Egypt by looking at traditional foods. We had a fantastic food tasting day where the children tried lots of delicious foods. Thanks to all the parents who sent in contributions. The children all looked fabulous in their Egyptian costumes and proudly showed them off to their classmates on the catwalk. In mathematics, this week the children have been exploring patterns in a variety of ways and this has been followed by looking at symmetry using

mirrors and pictures. We finished off the week with a Halloween costume parade and lots of fun & spooky activities.



In **Year 1** this week we have continued learning about Levison Wood – the explorer who travelled the length of the River Nile. We have discovered that he was joined for the final leg of his journey by an Egyptian guide named Mahmoud Ezzeldin. We have contacted Mahmoud (nicknamed Turbo) and he has agreed to answer questions we may have about the journey. We have enjoyed thinking of these questions and look forward to our video response. Children made a fantastic effort dressing up for Halloween. In lessons we read the story ‘*Funny bones*’ and made a movable skeleton model. Our assembly and PSHE focus has been thoughtfulness and children have been demonstrating their understanding of this very important character trait.

All of the children enjoyed dressing up today and taking part in the Halloween parade.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break together.

STAR OF THE WEEK			
PNM	Hannah Abdelaziz Yara Hegazy	RA	Yusuf Othman Layan Hamada
PNA	Arya Jones Emmy Hegazy	RL	Jason Todary Aly Abass
NM	Fatma ElAssy Adam Abouelfetouh	RV	Mohamed Mossied Hanya Elsallab
NA	Reem Abonaem Ali Zbib	RE	Tulai Shalan Lara Mahmoud
NL	Karim Zbib Ali Ibrahim	Year 1M	Fatima Nassef Farida El Halaly
NV	Zad Elbassiouni Adam Ahmed	Year 1A	Yassin Soliman Jodie Abdel-Moniem
NE	Kenzie Saleh Youssef Oun	Year 1L	Mariam Mahmoud Abdelhamid Eladrousi
RM	Yassin El Adl Ali Mohamed		

Sally Dibb-Holland  
Head of Early Years

## Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

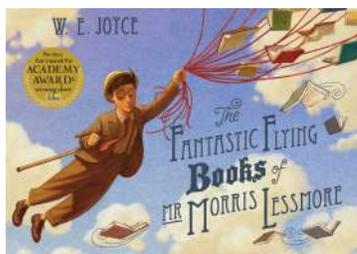
Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in Primary. We had some wonderful dancing in our celebration assembly on Thursday. Karma, Grace and Lailah (Year5) performed an excellent Jazz Contemporary Dance Routine which they have been practicing during their CCA time each week.



Our Tuesday assembly this week was all about 'Compassion,' which links to our Malvern Quality of 'Kindness'. I have been delighted by the number of students who have come up to me since Tuesday to tell me of the different ways in which they have shown compassion to others this week.

Every week we focus on the achievements of one particular year group. This week it is the turn of Year3.



In Year 3 this half term we have been learning all about adventure and mystery stories. We began the unit by reading a book and watching a short movie called 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore' by W. E. Joyce. All the children really enjoyed this story and were inspired to write their own adventure stories. We learned about the different parts of a story and about using adjectives and time connectives to make our story interesting. We learned

how to plan our story and how to expand on this plan. Finally, we learned how to edit and improve our work. Some of the adventure stories created by the children are the most exciting stories that the teachers

have ever read! They will be up on display after the half term if you want to read them! Happy Holidays from Year Three!

Phillip Hunter  
**Head of Primary**

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

Dear Parents,



#### Primary House News

The highlight of this week was the Sanger Charity Dress-up Day on Wednesday. Children looked fantastic in their costumes and they enjoyed participating in Halloween themed activities during the break times. Thank you for supporting this event. Proceeds will benefit the Sanger Charity, the Association for the Protection of the Environment. This organisation supports families living in a deprived area of Cairo, as well as recycling projects.



#### Primary Inter-House Football Tournament (Years 3 to 6)

Our tournament takes place during lunch-times, starting from Monday 5th November. The matches scheduled for that day are Foster v Lewis. Students from Years 3 to 6 may participate if they wish. A full schedule will be circulated by class

reps. Participants must wear PE kit (with House t-shirt if possible), long socks, shin pads and sports shoes. If Year 3 and 4 participants also have PE or a Sports CCA on the same day as their match, they may stay in kit for the day. However, they must change into full uniform with blazer on Tuesdays and Thursdays for assemblies. The final matches take place on Wednesday 14th November. May the best team win!

Jacqui Belcher  
**Head of Primary House System**

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

Dear Parents,



As an exceptionally busy half-term ends can I thank you all for your continued support. I have had the pleasure of watching many lessons this term and have seen some amazing teaching and learning happening.

Outside of the classroom I have been so impressed with the way pupils have engaged in extracurricular activities and the way they have conducted themselves around the school.

Thank you for attending Parent Information sessions and all the contacted you have had with us this term. I do acknowledge that in any organization there is room for improvement and I do like to hear your suggestions.



This term we have been working hard on a new strategic action plan for Secondary school, improving the assessment process and other policies such as the marking and feedback we give to pupils. The aim of this is to ensure we give every opportunity for MCE pupils to achieve their full potential.



The majority of our pupils are exemplary and never have to be sanctioned. Indeed, quite the opposite. Between them, our pupils have accrued thousands of merits which is an outstanding achievement. With this in mind we would like to review our Rewards Policy to ensure that our pupils who get everything right all of the time are rewarded in a significant way. We are asking our pupils how they would like to be rewarded, but equally, we would like to ask our parents what makes them proud of their children. Do you like to receive positive text messages, positive phone calls home, or postcards? Please let us know how you would like us to communicate your child's/children's successes to you. Please email your suggestions to: [iaindriscoll@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:iaindriscoll@malverncollege.edu.eg)

Finally have a safe half term holiday!

Richard Moore  
**Head of Secondary**

### MFL News from Mrs Kerry Moore – Head of MFL Department

Dear Parents,



Students in Years 7 and 8 will be sitting their end of unit tests as follows:

- Year 7s will start their test in their second lesson of the first week back.
- Year 8s will start their test in their first lesson of the second week back.

Please encourage them to revise thoroughly for these tests in order that they can achieve their full potential.

#### Top Tips:

1. Revise little and often – it has been proven that the best way to learn is to spread the learning across a period of time.
2. Create flash-cards/posters – this helps to make connections in the brain and associate words with visual cues.
3. Drink plenty of water during revision – this helps keep the brain active and hydrated.
4. Structure your revision and give yourself breaks – your brain needs rest time to be able to work efficiently.



5. Use quizlet to help you revise: Year 7 (unit 1 link) <https://quizlet.com/5569e0> ; Year 8 (unit 1 link) <https://quizlet.com/3vqnyz>

Best wishes,

Kerry Moore  
Head of MFL

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

Dear Parents,



After several House events last week, we were all looking forward to our Sanger Dress Up Day: Blue or Boo! It was wonderful to see so many students supporting the House System as well as Sanger's Charity, APE (Association for the Protection of the Environment). Sanger students have been working extremely hard to organise Halloween-themed activities at lunchtime which was well received and supported by everyone. A big thank you to Mr. Cella and Sanger students for making such a positive and joyful end to what a busy half-term in school has been.

#### Inter-House Quiz



Last week, Miss Harries led an Inter-House Quiz with 8 Rounds of questions on ICT, Business, French, and a 'Guess Who' round with teachers' baby photographs. After much anticipation, I am delighted to announce the results:

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

Thank you to Miss Harries for organising this and for all Secondary staff for their support.



#### House Assembly

There will be a House meeting on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, lesson 3, in preparation for the Inter-House Swim Gala. All students are expected to take part in one event but no more than three events per student will be allowed. More information will be shared in due course, especially to parents who would like to be present on the day and support their child. Students should visit the uniform shop to purchase their House t-shirt.

#### Important dates for your calendar

Lewis Assembly: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Prefect Investiture: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Inter-House Swim Gala

Mr Webb's Inter-House Competition: watch this space!

Have a lovely and well-deserved break!

Ms Pante

Head of Senior House System

## Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music

Dear Parents,



The music department has been busy planning quality entertainment for the Winter concerts over the last few weeks. There will be four Christmas concerts for parents to enjoy – but why so many? This will provide the opportunity for all students to practice and perform in the lovely school theatre and so parents are not squeezed in together on the day. The following dates are planned:

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> December - Early Years Concert

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> December – Concert for Years 3-5 ('Christmas Around The World')

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> December – Secondary Concert Including Year 6

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> December – Concert for Years 1& 2

### *Homework Music*



Links to lyrics and backing tracks will be provided in the next few weeks so students can practice as music homework. As the British saying goes, "Practice makes perfect"!

More performances are planned for November, with Year 7 singing as a year group choir for the Secondary Prefect Investiture Assembly which will take place on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. They will be singing three popular songs, including the powerful 'I Believe I can Fly' by R Kelly.



### **Guitar Lessons**

Year 5 will be singing as a year group for Remembrance Day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November and will perform two moving songs to the school in the theatre in the afternoon.

Guitar lessons have now started with Mr. Collin, our guitar teacher, who visits us on a Tuesday afternoon. There are still a few slots available for one-to-one tuition. Any parents wishing their child to have individual lessons in piano, voice, guitar or drums should email myself at [paul.russell@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:paul.russell@malverncollege.edu.eg) Lessons cost 2000LE for 10 lessons which last 30 minutes each.

Paul Russell

**Director of Music**