

# THE MCE TIMES

## IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Foster vs Lewis charity Bake Sale

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Early Years Winter Concert

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Years 3-5 Winter Concert

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Elgar Charity Dress Up Day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Secondary School Winter Concert

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Years 1 & 2 Winter Concert



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

I was delighted to be able to welcome a number of guests from Malvern College UK and Malvern College International to MCE this week. As part of their visit we held our termly Board of Management Meeting where we discussed the strategic development of the College as well as giving them an overview on our progress across the last term. The visitors, including the Bursar of MCEUK, Mr. Guy Ralphs, also had the opportunity to explore the College campus, have lunch with both Primary and Secondary School prefects and meet with staff and Heads of School. I know they had a wonderful time with us over their two days and they were very complimentary about everything they witnessed around the College.



I held two parent information sessions this week and was able to give an overview of our strategic development plan as well as relaunch our Friends of Malvern College Egypt committee. Please keep an eye on your emails in the next few days as you will receive more information about both of these aspects of the College. However, I was a little disappointed with the turnout of parents at these two events with less than 30 different parents able to make it to the sessions. I am aware that timings and parent commitments outside of the College can restrict attendance at these events, but I would like your ideas of how we can better host such events to ensure we have much higher turnout in the future. Should you have any ideas of how we can improve these session please do email [Inas.Eldeeb@Malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:Inas.Eldeeb@Malverncollege.edu.eg) with your thoughts (including any specific sessions you would like to see run or repeated).



### Backpack Initiative – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

This year we will be supporting less fortunate children and teenagers in Cairo through our Backpack Initiative. The House Captains within MCE, as part of their service to the local community, will deliver these backpacks. This will help both our older and younger pupils to gain some empathy into the lives of less fortunate children within Cairo, and to see the faces of the children they have helped. If you want to help your child to support this worthy cause, please bring your filled backpack clearly labelled Girl/Boy and the age to school by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Warmest Regards

*Wayne Maher*

Wayne Maher  
Headmaster

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



including yellow collages.

The **Pre-Nursery** children have been trying very hard to be cooperative with each other, following the introduction of this Malvern Quality. Our Stars of the Week within Pre-Nursery were delighted to receive their certificates and are definitely showing their teachers that *sharing is caring*. The children have been learning all about number 1. They have made playdough number 1s using the playdough mats. Other activities have included helping them to understand what number 1 looks like and what it stands for. The children have experienced the colour yellow and have been involved in creating all things yellow,



to enhance their fine and gross motor skills outside the classrooms through building, hunting for sounds, colour sorting, painting, and using tools for sand and water play. For Read, Write, Inc., we have introduced the “g” sound; (goat, gate, glasses, and girl). The children have practised mark making using paint, chalk, markers, and sand. They have engaged in the “Fred Says” blending game, and initial sound games including “Alphabet Soup” and “Pass the Basket.” Next week we will begin our new topic “Seasonal Celebrations” which will include Winter and Christmas themed activities.

It has been another busy and fun week for our **Nursery** children, our *Shape and Colour* topic is coming to an end and we have enjoyed plenty of exciting activities for the children to explore and learn. We have been comparing and describing patterns in stories including; *Dinosaurs Love Underpants*, *Aliens Love Underpants*, and *Monsters Love Underpants*. The children have enhanced their learning by looking at different animal toys and animals in stories, recognising that their coats also have patterns and making their own animal patterns in the creative area. The children have been using our continuous provision area



**Reception** have continued with their *Celebrations* theme looking at carnivals this week. The children have been designing their own floats and been busy making their designs. Next week we will be moving onto celebrating birthdays and different traditions families have.

In maths, we have been looking at many practical activities involving one more and one less. With the children, singing songs and counting on and back from any given number.

Our Malvern quality this week has been communication. The children have been thinking about different ways we communicate with our facial expressions, gestures and words. We have played some fun games trying to communicate with our words and our friends guessing what we are trying to tell them!



**Year 1** children have been learning to measure and use directional language this week in Mathematics. We have had lots of fun measuring objects in our classrooms using standard and non-standard units. One of our favourite activities has been measuring ourselves and comparing our heights! During our Topic lessons we have continued to learn about the ocean. We have experimented with different liquids to make a model of the ocean's layers in a jar. We have also been learning to use descriptive vocabulary in our writing and are beginning to understand the terms 'adjectives' and 'connectives'. We are self-assessing our writing and setting ourselves targets to help us get even better.

Sally Dibb-Holland  
Head of Early Years

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



It has been another fantastic week in Primary at Malvern College Egypt. I have enjoyed popping into lessons to watch the great learning that is taking place across the year groups. I particularly enjoyed seeing **Year 4** explore volume and capacity in their maths lesson and **Year 3** make some amazing Brazilian samba music with Mrs Challis. I was very impressed at the shared PE lesson where **Year 6** pupils worked with Year 3 pupils to coach and support them as they developed their football skills.



**Year 2** brightened up my morning on Wednesday when they invited me down to see their finished Friendship Carpet. They produced it as part of their work during anti-bullying week and it is a fabulous symbol of friendship and caring. Well done everyone!

The week was rounded off in wonderful style with our poetry competition. The winner from each class recited their poem in front of the whole primary school during assembly time. It was a wonderful event, well done to everyone who entered and a special thank you to Miss Clutterbuck (5L) for organising it.

This week's year group focus comes from **Year 5**.

**Year 5** have had fun this week listening to poetry recitals. Everyone in Year 5 has performed a poem by A.A. Milne (the author of the Winnie the Pooh stories) to their class. The children have listened with enjoyment to some of his well-known poems e.g. The King's Breakfast and Us Two, and they have learnt to evaluate performances using criteria such as articulation and physical presence. A winner from each class was chosen to perform to the Primary School in assembly on Thursday. Given the size of the theatre and audience, this was a big occasion for some children.



In addition to poetry recitals this week, the children in Year 5 have made their own mechanical poetry books. English work on poetry was combined with 'Greek Myths' and the children wrote rhyming poems based on the story of Daedalus and Icarus. These poems were then incorporated into books made in Design and Technology lessons; each verse was accompanied by a different lever or linkage. The finished products are amazing!

Phillip Hunter  
Head of Primary

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



### Lewis vs Foster Bake Sale - Monday 3rd December

Please support your child in baking some items for this event. We are keen for them to bake rather than buy cakes to bring in. Only sales from home-made items will be counted in the sales totals, when deciding on the winning House. 100 House points are given to the winner. All pupils in Primary and Early Years will be able to buy cakes, regardless of House, so please send a little money (5-10 LE per item). Cakes or other baked items should be brought as soon as possible on the day to the labelled rooms on the 2nd floor of Primary (opposite Year 6 classes).



### Elgar Charity Dress-Up Day – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December Elgar are hosting a 'Winter Wonderland' dress up day! A minimum donation to dress up in Christmas or red clothes is 20 LE. Additionally there will be Christmas themed activities for children to participate in or items for sale on the day. All activities or items for sale will cost around 5LE, so please send a little extra money. Proceeds from the day will go to Elgar's charity 'Branches of the Vine' which is a centre for children with special needs. In Early Years, activities will be done within classes and no extra money is required.



### Back-pack deadline – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Please support this initiative to give a less fortunate child a backpack full of gifts. Thank you to those who have already donated one, but we do need more.

#### Primary House Points

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

Jacqui Belcher  
Head of Primary House System

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

This week we have seen a number of important events taking place culminating in a fantastic poetry week final! I was honored to be invited as a judge and the standard and the maturity of those competing was outstanding!

I had the opportunity to talk to Malvern UK about our plans for the future and in the coming weeks I will be passing more information to you about those ideas!



I would like to congratulate all those pupils who are taking part in sports fixtures I am very proud of you.



Hopefully you have received our pupil survey this was an opportunity for all the pupils to tell us about all aspects of MCE. This was extremely positive, and we have gained some valuable information from this process. You should also have received a request for the parents to complete a similar questionnaire. If you have not received either please do contact us.



Following on from Mr. Maher's request last week about winter uniform all pupils should now be in winter uniform.

**POETRY WEEK**

Pupils across the school have been learning poems to recite for Poetry Week at MCE. In the secondary school, **Years 7 to 9** participated in a poetry competition. Pupils prepared their poems either in pairs or solo and performed them to their classes. Finals were held on Wednesday afternoon, where the winning pair and solo from each class competed in the year group finals.

Pupils worked hard on their poems and it took a lot of courage to perform in front of the year group. The judges were impressed with the standard of many of the performances and the final scores were very close.



Thank you to our judges, Mr Moore, Ms Leggett, Mrs Burnett and Miss Harries. Congratulations to the winners in a close competition:

Adham El Beheiry and Youssef Diaa, **Y7 pair winners**;  
Farah Abdel Rahan and Jana Ahmed, **Y8 pair winners**;  
Batrisyia Rahman and Sarraa Abdelsamad, **Y9 pair winners**;

Husna Arrifin, **Y7 solo winner**  
Nesrin Mansour, **Y8 solo winner**  
Mariam Koura, **Y9 solo winner**

**House System News from Isabel Pante - Head of Senior House System**



**Bake Sale – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Foster and Lewis Houses will be running a bake sale in aid of their respective charities. This will be a friendly competition to see which House raises the most money supported by the pupils in their Houses as well as the Prefect Team. The winning House will receive 100 House points while the runner-up will receive 75 points. All pupils will be able to buy cakes, regardless of House, so remember to bring in some money with you 5-10LE per item). Important: Please do not bring goods bought from shops or made by professional bakers. Only sales from homemade items will be counted for deciding on the winner.



**Mr Webb's Inter-House Christmas Quiz – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Get ready to put your Christmas knowledge to the test with this exciting House Quiz! Pupils will be divided in year groups within Houses and will collaboratively answer the various rounds of questions on Christmas traditions and celebrations. House Points will be awarded as follows: 100 points (1<sup>st</sup> place), 75 points (2<sup>nd</sup> place), 50 points (3<sup>rd</sup> place), and 25 points (4<sup>th</sup> place).



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**House Points**

Best regards,  
Ms Pante  
**Head of Senior House System**

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

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



It has been another fantastic week within the PE and sports department here at Malvern College Egypt. The pupils have continued to make excellent progress during their football lessons, particularly with two lessons per week now, due to the swimming pool being closed for the winter break. Years 3 and up will continue with football until after the December break and we would encourage all pupils to speak with the relevant football coach and come along to the appropriate football training sessions.



As another reminder, please note the swimming pool will be closed for the winter break now and therefore all PE lessons will only be practical PE. Can I please ask we ensure to pack the appropriate MCE PE uniform.



The U15 girls played a tough match against CES on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. They played with gusto but CES were a strong team. The final score was 10-3, Unfortunately the girls did not get the win they wanted or deserved but they should be proud of their efforts. It was a challenging match.

Joshua Sussex  
Head of Physical Education

## Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts



### MARY POPPINS

Can all the cast of Mary Poppins please make a note of the new rehearsal schedule 'Version3'. It is up on the notice board, on the window in my classroom, and you have your own copy. There is no

excuse to come late or to miss a rehearsal. Please note that you will be expected to be 'off book' after the Christmas holidays. That means lines and lyrics learnt by heart!

We had the tailor visit us this week to measure the pupils for some of the more specific costumes that we are having made. Please do come and see me if you are unsure of your costume requirements.



### WINTER CONCERTS

Rehearsals have been happening behind the scenes for the Winter Concert's throughout the college and I know that from Pre-Nursery right up to the sixth form pupils have been preparing performances. Rehearsals are about to hot up next week when we begin to rehearse in the theatre. We do hope that as many parents as possible will be able to come and support their children performing in one or all of our Winter concerts.



### GCSE Drama

The GCSE Drama pupils have been studying the design elements of theatre this week. What are the various types of lanterns used on the stage and what effects can these have? Do you know what the difference is between a Gobo, a Fresnel and a Flood?



Assessments

### KS3 Drama

The year 7's and 8's will begin their Drama assessments in the coming weeks. They are assessed both practically and by a written test on the knowledge and skills they have gained throughout this term. Best of luck to them!

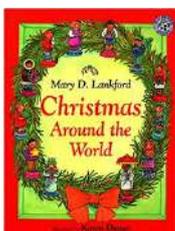
Kim Harries

Director of Performing Arts

## Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



Rehearsals are in full swing for the Winter Shows and I am sure the pupils will rise to the occasion with these joyful performances in the wonderful school theatre (which is actually more luxurious than many theatres in the West End of London)!



Regarding the 'Christmas Around the World' show for Years 3,4,5 pupils must have learnt all the lyrics from memory as there will be many razzle-dazzle dances to entertain the audience, and pupils simply cannot have lyrics in their hands whilst dancing! Please can parents make sure they have learnt the lyrics, which have been handed out to the pupils. The full show with tracks and lyrics can be found at this link: <http://bit.ly/Christmas-Around-the-World>

If any pupil has lost their copy of the lyrics, spare ones are available from Mrs Challis.

### Homework Music



Pupils in these year groups should be given the chance to practise this at home for music homework using the link over the next 2 weeks. (Year 3 only 'Santa is Coming', France, Brazil

and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'). Parents should know by now what their child should be wearing for this show. Please see the last 2 editions of the newsletter for the costume requirements.

Parents of Mariam Amin in Year 2 have offered assistance in making costumes for the Year 1&2 show, though pupils may wear red or green instead of a tailored costume.



### GarageBand

It is Key Stage 3 (Years 6,7 and 8) assessment time, and pupils are being marked on their current scheme of work. Year 6 have done exceptionally well in their music technology scheme, writing a soundtrack for a clip of the 'Pink Panther', using orchestral instruments and percussion to create sound effects synced to the action on screen, using the software package 'Garageband'. Pupils are loving their music technology lessons. Year 7 are now completing some fantastic dance remixes of 'Pachelbel's Canon in D' which can then be uploaded to Soundcloud and Youtube.

## the winter show

All pupils in Years 6,7 and 8 will be performing on stage in 2 choirs in the Secondary Winter Show. Pupils will be in full uniform, so they look smart on stage, but they may accessorize for the performance with Santa hats, tinsel,

etc. Pupils can start looking for their fun, flashy accessories now!

Paul Russell

Director of Music