

# THE MCE TIMES

**IMPORTANT DATES NOVEMBER**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Information Session

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Foster vs Lewis charity Bake Sale

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
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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 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

Our swimming season came to a dramatic close this week with the amazing Primary and Secondary School Inter-House swimming galas. I was amazed by effort and determination of so many pupils from the beginners to those in the elite swim teams. This was an occasion for every child to shine and gain points for their House no matter what their experience of ability level.



Lessons have also been picking up pace with a focus moving towards preparations for the MCE Poetry Week next week. I have had my arm twisted to judge some of the poetry recitals as part of the final performances and am looking forward to seeing how our pupils can improve on the exceptional events of last year.

Next week we will welcome visitors from Malvern College UK as well as Malvern College International as we hold our termly MCE Board Meeting and I look forward to sharing more information on their visit next week.



**Parent Information Sessions:**

- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30am - College Strategic Development Plan.**

I would like to invite all parents to a special parent information session next week. On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30am I will be running a session in our theatre to update parents on the progress we have been making towards a new College Strategic Development plan. The session will give parents an insight into the areas we are putting a focus on for our development in the coming years. I will give an overview of how we feel this will positively impact learning at the College and what you, as parents, should expect to see. I will also use this as an opportunity to showcase elements of our online portals designed to assist both parents and pupils in the learning process. I look forward to seeing many of you there, but we will run another session in the near future if you can not make this one.

- **On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 08:00 - Friends of Malvern College Egypt**

The Friends of Malvern College Egypt (FoMCE) is an organisation led by willing parents and staff members to support events and activities being run at the College. The highlight of last year was certainly their amazing International Day and was a testament to the work and dedication of these wonderful members of our

community. On Thursday I will run an information session designed for any parents interested in finding out more about this group and what the plans are for adding new members to the committee and meetings to come. Whether you have been a previously been involved in the FoMCE or not we would welcome anyone interested in contributing towards the group from full committee members to those of you who would just be able to give a small amount of time on occasions to support events.



### Backpack Initiative – Caring for less fortunate children in Cairo

This year we will be supporting less fortunate children in Cairo by launching our *Backpack Initiative*. This involves you and your child, shopping for and packing a child's backpack full of a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies for less fortunate children within Cairo. Every family within MCE will have received a letter on 6<sup>th</sup> November including all the details of what to do. If you need a copy of this letter, please contact your child's class teacher.

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 children to gain some empathy into the lives of less fortunate children within Cairo, and to see the faces of the children they have helped. Your child could draw a picture of themselves with a little note and include this in their backpack to make it a personal gift. 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

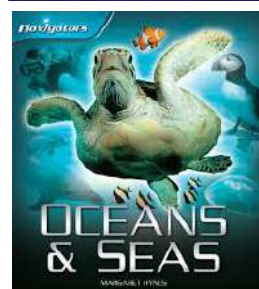


Wayne Maher  
Headmaster

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



Early years is delighted to announce the introduction of French within our Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception classes. Many of you mentioned to me that you would like your children to learn an additional language. With the support of the French Department and the College Leadership Team, an additional French practitioner has been appointed. Beginning Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December all classes within Early Years will enjoy 20 minutes of French songs and Nursery rhymes.

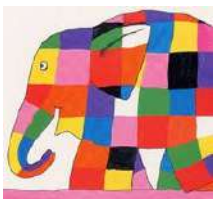


Within **Year 1** this week the children have practiced applying their knowledge of subtraction skills to solve a variety of problems. The children have been investigating various methods for subtraction including paired challenges. They have also used the ipads to practice their subtraction skills. During English topic this week we have been focusing on *Oceans and Seas*, describing a variety of ocean life using adjectives and connectives to make super sentences. The children have enjoyed studying the different types of creatures found within all of the oceans. Each ocean is a different habitat and the children have looked at which creatures live in the different oceans and why. The children are inquisitive to learn more about the

different oceans and marine habitats around the world. In science we have been learning about grouping animals according to their features. We have applied these criteria to fish, reptiles, amphibians, insects and mammals.



It has been another busy and fun week in **Reception**, with lots of exciting activities for the children to explore. Over the next few weeks, the children will be moving on to thinking about celebrations in our topic sessions. We will be looking at different countries and special ways in which they celebrate. This week the children looked at India and the festival of colours known as - *Holi festival*. The children made their own special decorations and wrote invitations to our own *Holi festival*, which we held at the end of the week. The children and staff had a great time creating songs and dances as well as throwing coloured streamers to celebrate. We will be looking at other cultural celebrations including the *Mardi Gras* carnival next week, moving onto birthdays and different traditions and ways to celebrate moving onto the Christmas celebrations.



This week in **Nursery**, the children have been learning all about different patterns. We have enjoyed looking at different patterns inside and outside of the classroom and describing their shapes and colours. Following our *Patterned Pyjama Teddy bear Picnic*, we have continued to look at *Elmer books*, and made our own elephant patterns for Elmer's day. The children have been making patterns in the Maths area with coloured bears, beads, and Unifix cubes. For Read, Write, Inc., we have been revisiting our previous sounds: m, a, s, d, t, i, n, and p. We have introduced oral blending and have engaged in blending activities including "George's Gym", and "Fred Says." We played "Pass the Basket", identified our initial sounds, and practised mark making and letter formation using whiteboards, sand, and paint. The children have enjoyed taking their learning into our little gardens outside the classrooms; they have been playing cooperatively and engaging in sand play, water play, free painting, construction, large puzzles, and colour sorting.



The **Pre-Nursery** children have been learning about the colour blue. As a class they have been painting with blue paint and sticking a variety of different materials onto a large blue collage. They have also enjoyed kicking large balls. The children are exploring the concepts of big and little.

Everyone is busy practicing singing the songs for the Christmas Concert. The children continue to enjoy the outdoor area with the ride-on toys, the climbing frames and roadway. The introduction of small picket fences within our Early Years shared area, enables the children to enjoy a larger and more interesting activity and play space.

Thank you to those families who have already sent in a filled backpack for our *backpack initiative* this year. Please keep them coming! Your kindness is greatly appreciated by the College and the children who are lucky to receive your generosity.

Star of the Week			
PNM	Mark Haddad Seif Atwan	RA	Finley Hannaford Mohammed Elbaz
PNA	Rayan Marzouk Raymond Kiriazi	RL	Aly Abass Youssef Dessouky
NM	Sofia Gad Taleen Mansour	RV	Selim Mursi Ali Elbaz
NA	Ram Elbanna Amyes Elidrisi	RE	Ismail Aboelabbas Oudai Mohamed Radwan
NL	Hamza Aljammali Amr Geneina	Year 1M	Saja Mohamed Alia El Kholey
NV	Youssef Farrag Selim Safwat	Year 1A	Youssef Khattab Joanna Driscoll
NE	Omar El Kholey Essam Abouelzahab	Year 1L	Ahmen Abdalla Sophia Elzeiny
RM	Jannat Toppouz Zada Alya Aly Elzoghby		

Sally Dibb-Holland  
Head of Early Years

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

It has been another busy week in the Primary School.

We started the week with a brilliant Inter-House Swimming Gala. It was my first one and I really enjoyed seeing all those children who competed represent their Houses with pride and determination. It was lovely also to see so many parents supporting and cheering all competitors. Thank you to Mr. Sussex and his PE Department for organising the event. You can find out the result in the House section of this newsletter.



I was also pleased to hear that Yassin (Year 4A) represented the College and Egypt at the KenKen International Challenge held in Dubai. KenKen, for those of you who are unaware, is an arithmetic and logic problem which develop the brain; the name derives from the Japanese word for cleverness. Out of over 30,000 competitors Yassin came 4<sup>th</sup> from Egypt and 165 internationally, that is in the top 0.5%! Well done, Yassin! We are very proud of you.



**Year Two**

In Year 2 this week, children have been busy creating a kindness carpet. All of the Year 2 classes have brought in their old clothes as a demonstration of their unique characters and personalities. This is to emphasise the importance of respect for each other’s differences as part of Anti-Bullying week. The children braided strips of cloth which are now in the process of being sewn together by Mrs Hardwick. We are all

very excited to see the end result and use our new mat as a place to sit with our old friends and make new friends.

**Odd Sock Day**

The short 4-day week has been rounded off with ‘Odd Sock’ day. It was lovely to see the range of socks all your children possess; there were all types of colours and lengths. The ‘Odd Sock’ day was used to promote part of the College’s anti-bullying week. Please ask your children what they have discovered this week.

**Healthy Eating**

Parents should have received a letter about healthy eating. We are going to be looking closely at the food choices children are making for snacks and lunchtimes. It is imperative that we ensure the children have the correct food and lunches, so they can work at the optimum during lesson and playtimes. If you have any questions about this then please do ask!

Have a lovely weekend. Please relax and enjoy.

Phillip Hunter  
Head of Primary

Star of the Week			
Year 2 M	Adham Elfarmawy	Year 4 A	Jana El Hawary
Year 2 A	Rafif Al Ghabshi	Year 4 L	Adam El Saadawi
Year 2 L	Mariam Amin	Year 5 M	Lara El Deeb
Year 2 V	Yasmine Sidky	Year 5 A	Karma El Zir
Year 3 M	Yaseen Fekry	Year 5 L	Layla Abdeen
Year 3 A	Yassin Khalil	Year 6 M	Ahmed Elhawary
Year 3 L	Aly Azazy	Year 6 A	Hussain El Khidir
Year 4 M	Jailan El Sobky	Year 6 L	Emily Abdelshahid

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



### Swim Gala

This week began with another exciting House event, the swim gala. On Sunday the Primary pupils participated in this event. We saw some excellent swimming and some exciting races! Well done to the winners in Primary, Foster House. Congratulations to all children who swam for their team.



### Foster vs Lewis Bake Sale

This event will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, to see which House can raise the most money for their House charity. Please support your child in baking. We do want them to develop their community service awareness through doing and not by buying items to bring in. More details will be communicated next week.



### Elgar Charity Dress Up Day

This event will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We are still consulting with Elgar House Captains on the dress-up theme but will confirm this and other details as soon as possible.



### Sanger Fund-raising spend

We are currently in discussion with our Sanger House Captains and the A.P.E. charity about how to spend the money raised at the Sanger dress-up day. We want the House Captains to be involved in the decision and to develop their understanding of how important it is to use money raised wisely.



### Charity Visits

You may have seen recently on our Facebook page that two of our primary pupils, Nancy (5L) and Yang (1M) visited the Lewis Charity with their mums to deliver items raised from last year's funds. Thank you to the mums, Coco and Tina, for organising this. We hope to engage even more of our pupils this year with charity visits. The aim is to allow them to see for themselves how others are not as fortunate as they are, and to think about how they can help.

### Primary House Points

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

Jacqui Belcher  
Head of Primary House System

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

A week of activities both in and out of the classroom this week even with a one-day holiday!



Year 11 pupils had a very interesting visit to the AUC where they were shown around the campus and had the opportunity to ask questions. It is never too early to start thinking about your child's further education. Ms. Burnett (Head of Sixth Form) is always delighted to receive questions if you do need advice.



The swimming gala took place on Monday and was an amazing success. I was very proud of all the pupils who swam. Every student who took part showed resilience and a commitment to their house and MCE. Thank you to the parents who came and supported them.

## Poetry Week

Every student recently had the opportunity to complete a questionnaire regarding their views of MCE. I will share this information with parents next week when it has been compiled and analyzed.

Pupils are busy preparing for next week's Poetry Week and I am looking forward to judging the best poems on Wednesday. The standard last year was very high!

## INQUIRIES

If parents have questions about the school program or have a specific item they wish to discuss, please contact the Tutor and/or the Head of Year. If they cannot address your concern than they will connect you directly with your child's Assistant Head teacher or class teacher. With the growing number of pupils, we now serve at MCE, it is very difficult to respond to walk in meeting requests.



We are extremely proud of Mohamed's (8M) performance in the Egyptian National Swimming competition and we wish to share the news of his success with you. The competition had over 1000 participants and he returned home with the impressive range of medals below:

- 200m Freestyle – Gold
- 400m Freestyle - Gold
- 10x50 Relay - Gold
- 100m Butterfly - Silver
- 4x100m Freestyle Relay Silver
- 4x100m IM Relay - Silver



Well done Mohamed! We wish to congratulate you on your outstanding success.

Richard Moore  
Head of Secondary

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

Thank you for your support with the Swim Gala on Monday. It was a fantastic event and I would like to thank Mr Sussex, Mr Salah and the PE department for organising it and nurturing the House spirit amongst the MCE community! Congratulations to Lewis for their victory and a big well done to all Houses for taking part and supporting everyone.



### Bake Sale

On Monday 3rd 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.



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.

### Important Dates

Monday 3rd December: Foster vs Lewis Bake Sale – get baking!  
December: Mr Webb’s Inter-House Competition

Best regards,  
Ms Pante

**Head of Senior House System**

### House Points

1st Place	Foster
2nd Place	Lewis
3rd Place	Elgar
4th Place	Sanger

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



It has been an excellent week within the PE and Sport department here at MCE. We have seen the pupils display some fantastic work within their football and swimming lessons, making outstanding progress. The pupils have shown a keen interest for both football and swimming and this has helped with their contribution to both the Inter-House swim meet and sports clubs outside of the school day.



This week saw our annual Inter-House swim meet take place for both the Primary and Secondary schools. Both days were a fantastic success and the pupils worked incredibly hard. The support shown by pupils, parents and staff was tremendous and I personally feel it was an excellent example of displaying the Malvern Qualities. The Primary day saw the House of Foster victorious with the Secondary day being the House of Lewis. We are very proud of all the

pupils who took part for the respective House and we are already looking forward to our next competition in the form of sports day.



May I please remind all parents and pupils that both swimming pools will be closed now for the winter break. Therefore, all pupils must bring their PE uniforms to each lesson. This must include, appropriate sports trainers, white socks, Malvern tracksuit bottoms/shorts, Malvern T-shirt and Malvern jacket (optional).

We will be continuing with our football topic until January and so I would encourage pupils to bring shin pads to the lessons, if possible, to prevent injuries as much as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support, particularly with this year’s inter-house swim meet.

Joshua Sussex  
**Head of Physical Education**

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



Many people ask, ‘What is the point of Drama?’ Some still believe that the performing arts won’t get you very far in life. I would like to shed a little light on the great importance of the performing arts subjects in our very rapidly developing digital world.

Not only do the performing arts teach excellent communication (verbal and non-verbal), language, research and leadership skills but these subjects also provide opportunities for pupils to develop creative passions in unique ways that inspire individualism which is vital for success on the international circuit.



### **Making pupils Self-Aware**

Participating in performing-arts programs helps pupils develop a stronger sense of individualism, self-reflection and self-esteem. Participating in these activities helps them learn to commit; prepare themselves emotionally, physically and mentally; and work toward the goals of mastering and sharing their skills. For example, musicians must commit to an individual practice schedule to aim for a successful concert, while actors must tap into the particular experiences of their characters to achieve a realistic performance onstage. As they engage with these skills, pupils learn to critique their abilities, recognize their strengths and weaknesses and make plans to acquire new skills.



### **Improving Academic Performance**

pupils who work individually to hone their performance skills ultimately reap the benefits of better grades and test scores. A 2016 report by the National Endowment for the Arts claimed that pupils who participate in arts programs are more likely to take advanced

math courses, graduate from high school and go on to Ivy league universities than those who don't ([www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov)).



While not all pupils involved with the performing arts may plan to pursue them professionally, participating in dramatic and musical courses develops skills that are a growing necessity in the 21st-century workplace.

Participation in the arts inspires greater creativity -- an increasingly valued skill in work environments; working with others as part of a music ensemble or cast of a play can create stronger communication and teamwork skills. In addition, the strong sense of individualism the performing arts inspires can help pupils grow up to be stronger career leaders. Just think of any Lawyer, University Professor, Politician, UN official, CEO etc. etc. They all need excellent interpersonal skills, confidence and communication skills.

I cannot emphasize enough how important the performing arts are for your children. Here at MCE we are encouraging community to be advocates of the performing arts. If you would like to read more, please click on the following links.

<https://search.proquest.com/openview/442a6020e164b8f4365951aeea21aee7/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=41842>

<https://www.newtimes.co.rw/section/read/208917>

[www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/2331186X.2016.1233843](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/2331186X.2016.1233843)

<https://www.teachermagazine.com.au/articles/using-drama-as-a-tool-for-inclusion-within-the-classroom>

Kim Harries

**Director of Performing Arts**



## Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



On Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November our Year 7 sang as a year group choir in the Prefect Investiture assembly in the theatre. Year 7 sang three pop pieces in two-part harmony and impressed the school community with their vocal skills. Extra rehearsals took place every day last week to ensure this performance was a success. Here is a photo of Year 7 on stage in rehearsal. They looked and sounded very professional:

As the Winter shows draw near, I would like to remind parents that all pupils in **Years 3, 4 and 5** will need a costume to represent

their country in the 'Christmas Around the World' Show. Here are the costume requirements again:

**Year 3 – Brazil** – Girls should wear bright party dresses (or even Latin-American style), boys can wear either bright t-shirts and black trousers, or even a suit. Headsets will be made in their art lessons. Footwear – school shoes (no trainers) Any flamboyant accessories would look good, eg feather boas.

**4L and 4M - Africa** – Pupils should wear bright t-shirts or girls in bright dresses. Sandals – no trainers. Any African patterns would look good.



**4A – Australia.** Pupils should wear Summer beach clothes – sunhats, sunglasses, shorts, T-shirts, sandals (not flip-flops), accessorize with a Santa hat and tinsel

**5A & 5L – Russia.** Girls should wear a red skirt or dress OR a black skirt with a red top (any combination with red or black, but actually a red dress is preferable). Boys in black trousers and a red t-shirt with no logos. All pupils in plain black school shoes – no trainers.

**5M – China** – Girls in black dresses or a black skirt and white top. Boys in black trousers with a white t-shirt or white shirt. No logos. In school shoes, no trainers. (Fans will be made for the song/ dance).



Our piano teacher Miss Inna Alexander is now with us every Wednesday. She still has a few slots available. If you are interested in your child having piano lessons, please email me at [paul.russell@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:paul.russell@malverncollege.edu.eg) (from year 2 upwards). Guitar lessons with Mr Collin on a Tuesday are also available.

Paul Russell  
Director of Music