

THE MCE TIMES



IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER

Monday 10th

Early Years Winter Concert

Wednesday 12th

Years 3-5 Winter Concert

Sunday 16th

Elgar Charity Dress Up Day

Monday 17th

Year 6 & Secondary School Winter Concert

Wednesday 19th

Years 1 & 2 Winter Concert

Thursday 20th

End of Term 1



Thursday 6th December 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,



The festive season is well underway at the College. The final preparation for the four winter concerts has seen a range of rehearsals and activities taking place. Decorations have gone up within classrooms and throughout the College and many learning activities have made use of the winter and festive theme to capture the pupils' attention. The changeable weather over the last few days has led to some excitement among the younger pupils but it has raised the issue that some pupils are not as prepared for the colder temperatures as we would like. Can I please ask that all pupils do come to school with appropriate warm clothing, even if this is just kept in their school bag until they really need it.



Backpack Appeal

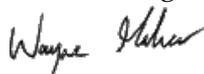
I would like to thank all those families who have contributed towards our backpack appeal. Although we had set Thursdays 6th as the deadline for these bags, we have now been informed that our pupil leaders will not be delivering the bags until the last week of term. Therefore, we would be more than happy to continue receiving bags if you have not yet had time to take part. The new deadline will be Tuesday 18th December.



Friends of Malvern College Egypt (FoMCE)

On Tuesday 11th December we will hold our next FoMCE committee meeting. It is at this meeting that we will hold votes on the positions of responsibility within the committee. All parents should have received a letter this week outlining the structure and function of the FoMCE including details of the positions that may be available. If any parent wishes to nominate themselves to be a member of this important aspect of the College please email Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg.

Warmest Regards



Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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



Oceans and Seas In **Year 1** this week, we have been learning about the ocean environment. As part of our 'Oceans and Seas' topic, we learnt about the large volume of plastics being dumped in the World's oceans. After watching some documentary videos, we discussed the danger this poses to wildlife. We have written some factual sentences describing how animals can suffer from things like eating plastic and being injured by hard plastic items. We are now looking at ways to reuse everyday plastic items and are planning some creative and fun ways to help the World's oceans by recycling. In Mathematics, we have been recapping some of our previous learning over the past term. We have revisited the concept of place value and have been using our cubes and Numicon to make two-digit numbers. We have been learning to order two-digit numbers from smallest to largest by identifying how many groups of 10 each number has.



Dress Rehearsal It has been another busy week in **Reception** with all the children practising for our upcoming Christmas Concert. The children have finished off our topic of 'Colour.' They have been looking at birthday traditions, playing party games like 'pin the tail on the donkey', role-playing preparing for a birthday party and discussing pictures from their own birthdays that have been brought in to class. They all really enjoyed the magical story "Happy Birthday Winnie." In mathematics the children have been continuing to explore 'one more' and 'one less than.' We continued the birthday theme through our maths activities and played many games. This is the last week we are looking at the Malvern College Egypt quality of "communication." We refreshed what we learnt from the previous week and then looked at how we could use 'stop' and 'go' signs in the classroom and around school. **Please send some white tights for girls and a white t-shirt for the boys to wear under their Christmas costume. Please send these items in a labelled bag by the 9th December ready for our dress rehearsal.**



This week in **Nursery**, the children were eager to walk into our *Winter Wonderland* and could not wait to explore all the new activities in our continuous provision areas outside the classrooms. We have been looking at Winter stories, talking about the change in weather, and learning all about special winter events. The children have been using a variety of different materials to make winter crafts including snowy pictures and snowmen and have even made Christmas decorations. For Read, Write, Inc., we have introduced the "o" sound; (orange, otter, ostrich, and octopus). The children have practised mark making using paint, chalk, markers, and sand. They have engaged in making octopus and orange crafts and have been thinking of words beginning with the "o" sound. For Maths, we have been learning all about the number 6, and have made large number 6 crafts for the classroom displays. The children have been exploring our sand and snow trays to look for Numicon shapes and are beginning to identify the value of each shape. **Please send some white**



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Rainbow Colors In **Pre-Nursery** this week the children have explored mixing the primary colours that they have learnt about over the past three weeks. Mixing blue, red and yellow to make lots of rainbow colours. The children have also mixed the rainbow colours with shaving foam to be able to experience the ability to mix the colours with their fingers as well as with paint brushes. The teachers have introduced number two this week and the children have used practical mathematics equipment to understand what number two looks like and what it represents. The children have made butterflies from a variety of craft materials. This week the children enjoyed their first

French lesson, singing songs and learning French nursery rhymes. They have also visited the College theatre to rehearse for our Christmas Concert. **Please send some white tights for girls and a white vest for the boys to wear under their Christmas costume. Please send these items in a labelled bag by the 9th December ready for our dress rehearsal.**

Star of the Week			
PNM	Malek Mohamed Twana Mohamed	RA	Yusuf Othman Mostafa Rashed
PNA	Habiba Bassem Mariam Atwan	RL	Mohamed Ali Farida Abdelraouf
NM	Aly Elhalawany Nour Ghabrial	RV	Mohamad Abdelaziz Esraa Abdelrahman
NA	Mohamed Boghdady Selim Tawakol	RE	Ismail Aboelabbas Ali Mahdy
NL	Hamza Beshr Layla Bayomy	Year 1M	Ahmed Mohamed Zein Ahmed
NV	Mohammed Khalifah Zad Elbassiouni	Year 1A	Gamal Rizk Asia Wahdan
NE	Akram Abdulhamid Mariam Negm Eldin	Year 1L	Youssef Abdelhamid Youssef Osman
RM	Jana Omar Dhiyaa Ariffin		

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. The pupils have been practicing hard for the upcoming winter concerts, I do hope that you are able to attend. Details of timings will be sent out in the year-group newsletters.



In between rehearsals, pupils have been completing end-of-term assessments this week, to enable their teachers to track how their learning is progressing. Teachers are busy writing reports for parents which will come home before the end of term. These will give you an update on your child's academic progress so far this year.



We have had several cases of pupils turning up for lunch in the canteen this week without any credit on their card. Young children cannot get through a full day of hard work if they do not eat at lunchtime. Please check your child's balance each weekend and make sure that they have enough credit for the week ahead. The college will send an electronic message home when the balance is running low and all children are given EGP 150 credit if their balance gets to zero, but beyond this they will not be served if they do not

have the means to pay for it. It is college policy to send children home for the afternoon if they do not eat any lunch.

This week's year group focus comes from Year 3:



In Year Three this half term, our topic in Science lessons has been Rocks and Soils. We have had lots of fun in these lessons being scientists! We used magnifying glasses to help us to identify the properties of different rocks and we then compared these properties to different types of 'chocolate rocks.'



We learned how sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks are formed and we carried out our own experiments to make these rocks using chocolate. We made predictions, carried out an investigation and formed conclusions based on our results.



As if all that wasn't exciting enough, we even had the opportunity to visit the Secondary School Science lab to carry out some exciting experiments with Miss Swann.



Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

Star of the Week			
Year 2 M	Omar el Kadim Farida Fathelbab	Year 4 A	Ahmed El Faragy Zeina Abdel Fattah
Year 2 A	Khalid Alalamy Shivani Muthukuma	Year 4 L	Maryam El Zarqa Jana Mahmoud
Year 2 L	Yassin Hussein Sara Soliman	Year 5 M	Ahela Abuowili Mohamed Gabal
Year 2 V	Farida Saleh Sherif Labib	Year 5 A	Shahd Abou Elfetouh Maya Mandour
Year 3 M	Mariam EL Sagheer Hassan Abouseeda	Year 5 L	Zain El Farmawy Omar Rashed
Year 3 A	Hannah El Sayed Aly Abdelrahman	Year 6 M	Kiana Boraiei Joury Arafat
Year 3 L	Farah Khalil Sama El Khodary	Year 6 A	Dania EL Fekiry Yassen Khairy
Year 4 M	Harrison Gale Nasr Ahmed	Year 6 L	Abdelrahman Marzouk Ayten Shaalan

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



Lewis vs Foster Bake Sale Report

This week our Bake Sale was a great success! In Primary we ended up running it over 2 days as there was such a massive response. We saw a lot more children getting involved in baking, so I believe we have some talented chefs to watch out for in the future! At the moment, we are still counting the funds raised. A winner will be announced soon. Thank you to all pupils, staff and parents who got involved, to benefit our House charities and encourage friendly competition.



Elgar Charity Dress-Up Day – Sunday 16th December

On the 16th 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.



Miss Phillip's Christmas Quiz

Children in Primary will be participating in a Christmas Quiz very soon as our final House Competition of the year!

Jacqui Belcher
Head of Primary House System

Primary House Points

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

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



Another week has passed by in a blink! Pupils continue to work well, and I have been delighted with both the teaching and learning which I have seen on my visits to lessons.

I would like to this opportunity to remind you;



Whilst the weather is cold, we understand that pupils need to keep warm but please ensure your son and daughter has appropriate college uniform and not casual hoodies or other attire.



A number of pupils continue to speak Arabic. Please talk to your child and help reinforce the need to speak English. Thank you in advance for your support.

**MOCK
EXAMS**

You will also receive a letter and timetable for the upcoming Mock Exams in January. Please can you go through this with your child and reinforce the need for them to take this seriously. In my experience the pupils who develop a revision timetable, revise effectively and ensure they

try their very best in the exams do better during the summer exams. Mock exams are very important.

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary

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



Bake Sale – Foster vs Lewis

On Monday 3rd December, Foster and Lewis Houses held a bake sale in aid of their respective charities. House Captains and Senior Prefects led the event in Secondary school and supported Primary with their bake sale. It was wonderful to see the effort pupils made to bake their items and make a positive contribution to the MCE community. The day before the event, our Senior House Captains spent their lunchtime baking as a team in a session organised by Lamees Daya and Susana Romani. I would like to thank Lamees and Susana for their support and dedication to both the House System and local Charities. We are anxiously waiting for the results! The winning House will receive 100 House points while the runner-up will receive 75 points.



Backpack Initiative – extended deadline

Please note that the deadline for donations has been extended. Thank you to all parents, pupils, and staff for supporting this meaningful cause. The House Captains within MCE, as part of their service to the local community, will deliver the backpacks to the less fortunate children and teenagers in Cairo. 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.



Mr. Webb’s Inter-House Christmas Quiz – Thursday 13th 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 (1st place), 75 points (2nd place), 50 points (3rd place), and 25 points (4th place).



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House Points

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

Best regards,
Ms Pante
Head of Senior House System

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education



It has been another fantastic week within the PE and sports department. The pupils have continued to make excellent progress within football, working on dribbling, passing and shooting techniques. The pupils have been able to transfer this into their coaching sessions during CCA's and extra morning sessions. The Under 13's football team have particularly been working well, beating BCCIS this week and going into their finals all-day competition which was held at EBIS. Please look out for next week's MCE times to find out the results of this competition.



Although we have closed the swimming pool for the winter break, the pupils have been working hard outside of school and continuing to make progress with swimming. We have therefore been able to compete in another swim meet, that is due to take place this Friday at ISC. A number of our primary and secondary school pupils will be competing within this swim meet and I would encourage as many parents and FoMCE to attend and support our pupils.



Please note, due to the drop-in temperature, I would strongly recommend that pupils are now wearing their winter PE uniform for each PE lesson. This includes long MCE trousers and the MCE jacket. It is not appropriate for pupils to be arriving to PE lessons with branded jumpers/hoodies etc. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Joshua Sussex
Head of Physical Education

Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts



Think back a long long way. Before TV, I phones or Facebook when humans were living in caves. Early man returning from the hunt would gather together, perform rituals and tell stories. Story telling is as old as the human race. The world's oldest theatre 'Epidaurus, is over two thousand years old. Not only is theatre one of the oldest human activities, but it's universal. It exists in every culture of the world, from Indian Kathakali to Japanese Noh theatre. The question is why? Why in the era of smart phones and 3D printers do we still choose to watch people perform live?



Perhaps because it is magic. In the theatre we can put aside the troubles of daily life and imagine ourselves somewhere else entirely.

Perhaps it's because we are curious. The performing arts help us experience a life beyond ours, to go to a ball, to be royalty or even to fly.

Perhaps it's because it helps us understand what it is like to be in someone else's shoes. To see the world through the eyes of an autistic child or a King or a pauper. The performing arts teaches us to question, to listen, to feel empathy and to appreciate.



We hope that in the next two weeks you will join us in watching our performing arts pupils perform their dances, songs, poems, scenes and solo's in the upcoming Winter concerts. It is a magical time of the year when the college gets to show off its many talents and come together just like our ancestors did all those centuries ago.

Kim Harries
Director of Performing Arts

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



The College is looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible support their children in the end of term concerts, which start next week. The music faculty has worked very hard with the pupils to put on these entertaining shows, so please come and enjoy the performances in the theatre. Each concert will be recorded professionally on video. The dates and times of each are listed below, with approximate running time:



Early Years: 9am, Monday, 10 th December	30 minutes long
Years 3,4,5: 2pm, Wednesday, 12 th December	40 minutes long
Secondary & Yr 6: 2pm, Monday, 17 th December	50-60 minutes long
Yrs 1&2: 1pm, Wednesday 19 th December	30 minutes long

Please note that the Years 1&2 Concert will begin at **1 pm**, not 2 pm.



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SILENT

Please be prompt as we cannot delay the start time for delayed parents! Please put all mobiles on silent and enjoy the show! Parents should stay to the end of the performance and not leave the theatre if their child has performed, as this is very distracting for everyone else.

Paul Russell
Director of Music