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November

Thursday 30th
Prophet's birthday

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January

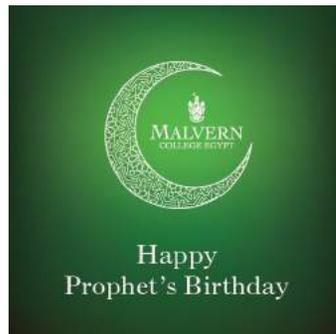
Monday 8th
Term 2 Starts

THE MCE TIMES



Wednesday 29th November 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt



College Closed

Please note that the College is closed tomorrow for the Prophet's birthday.

Safeguarding

At MCE your child's safety is at the forefront of everything we do. Please could I remind parents that they must sign in, and wear their red badges in a visible place when on school site. Teachers, especially primary school, have reported that parents are standing around outside the classrooms, throughout the day, but particularly towards the end of the school.

Please can we ask that this doesn't happen, and parents stay in the designated meeting points. End of school can be very crowded and busy, and we need to make this a smooth process for your children.

Can we also ask that parents with children do not use the adult toilets. There are designated toilets for adults and children and we kindly ask that these are respected. If you wish to change your child, please use the designated changing rooms for this.

In January, there will be a parents information session on Safeguarding at MCE. More details will follow. Please make this a priority session to attend, so that you can support the school in keeping your child safe.

If you have any questions about safeguarding at MCE, please contact tina.marsh@malverncollege.edu.eg



English Courses for Parents During CCA Times

We are delighted to offer beginners/intermediate English courses for parents next term during our CCA time 3:10 – 4:15. If you are interested in attending, please contact lamees.daya@malverncollege.edu.eg and state your level of English as well as what day Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.



Shoebbox Appeal

You may remember that this time last year we started our *Shoebbox initiative*. This initiative is for the benefit of Egyptian children less fortunate than the children here at MCE. We would encourage your family to collect some hygiene items, some educational items and some toys that will fit into a shoebox. These shoeboxes will then be distributed to children at the Al Shaimaa Primary School. Please look out for the letters going home which will explain this initiative and what to do in more detail.



Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property in the lost property room at the College. Please do check if your child's belongings are there. We will have all items laid out for students to look at before the end of term. After that, items will be given away to charities.

Checking Your Child's PE Kit and Uniform

Please can you check that you have not got someone else's PE kit or uniform at home. Some children are missing items which have their name on and these items are not in lost property. Please send in any named items and hand to your class/form teacher.



Hazards of Parking on the Service Road

I strongly recommend that you look to park elsewhere when visiting the College. A lot of cars are now using the incomplete service road and travel past the College at high speed. Please be very careful if crossing this road. We are currently working on site access and parking from when the service road becomes fully operational.



Parent Information Session - The Dangers and Positive use of Social Media

Do you know what social media sites your child is on? Do you know what chatroom they are in? Do you know who they are talking to online? Do you know what they are posting online? See below for statistics of very personal information that our children are posting online.

Personal info posted to social media profiles: Gender and age

% of teen social media users within each group who say they post the following to their social media profiles ...

	Teen Social Media Users	Boys (a)	Girls (b)	Teens 12-13 (a)	Teens 14-17 (b)
Your real name	92%	92%	92%	89%	93%
A photo of yourself	91	89	94	82	94 ^s
Your interests, such as movies, music, or books you like	84	84	85	81	85
Your birthdate	82	81	83	79	83
Your school name	71	73	69	56	76 ^s
The city or town where you live	71	73	69	67	72
Your relationship status	62	62	61	50	66 ^s
Your email address	53	57	49	53	53
Videos of you	24	27	21	25	24
Your cell phone number	20	26 ^p	14	11	23 ^s

Source: Pew Internet Teens and Privacy Management Survey, July 26-September 30, 2012. n=802 parents of teens ages 12-17 and 802 teens ages 12-17. The margin of error for teen social media users is +/- 5.1 percentage points.

If this has alerted you to the dangers of social media and you would like us to run the session again, please contact Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg

Baker Books – Books Direct from the UK

Thank you to everyone who placed orders with Baker Books. This has resulted in 50,000LE credit for MCE to order books for our class and main libraries.

Winter Concert Travel Arrangements

If you are travelling home with your child, please email Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg

However, if your child requires the bus home at the end of the evening please contact Sara.Hegazy@malverncollege.edu.eg so that she can arrange for the bus routes.

If you do not let us know, this will cause problems for us and for you on the evening.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friends of Malvern College Egypt Christmas Bazaar – Wednesday 13th December

FoMCE are organising a family Christmas Bazaar on December 13th. They would like parents to donate used toys and books in good condition that you no longer want, so that we can sell them together with baked and other items which will be on offer. All money raised will go to College charities. Please send to your class/form room where there will be a collection box.

Wearing of Correct Uniform

Please can I remind you all for your children to wear the correct uniform, particularly socks, as well as the correct footwear. We will now be contacting parents of repeated offenders directly asking them to provide the correct uniform or keep their children at home that day.



Open Day for Prospective Parents - 6th December – 10am

If you have friends or colleagues moving to Cairo or thinking of moving school, please introduce them to the College admissions team Admissions@malverncollege.edu.eg and inform them of the first of our monthly Open Days.



College Guiding Statements - Our focus guiding statement next week is:

CGS 3: The College shapes children to become global citizens who have an understanding of the complexities of an ever-changing world

Through developing an understanding of the needs of global communities, an awareness of the world around us and celebrating cultural diversity, students truly become global citizens.

Malvern Qualities

I ask you to discuss these with your children to reinforce what we are trying to achieve at the College. Next week's focus is on **Humility** which is below:

Humility

Having awareness of one's strengths and abilities but with a sense of modesty. Recognising the distinction and benefits of a Malvern College education, making the most of the opportunities it provides and understanding with sensitivity and humility that others do not enjoy the same advantages.

Upcoming Events

Please note that these dates do change. It is colour coordinated for you:

Parent Information Session

Sporting Event

Holiday

Educational Visit

NOVEMBER	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 26	Year 3 Trip to Wadi Degla	
Tuesday 28	U16 Boys Football @ NCBIS	PM
Wednesday 29	U13 Boys & Girls Football @ BISM	PM

DECEMBER	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 6	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	
Wednesday 13	Pre- Nursery – Year 2 Winter Concert	TBC
Wednesday 13	Year 2 – Year 10 Winter Concert	TBC
Thursday 14	CCA's End	
Tuesday 19	Reports Issued to Parents	
Thursday 21	Foster House Dress Up Day	
Thursday 21	Term 1 Ends – Half day finish	12:00

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

Duncan Grice
Headmaster

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School



The Importance of Reading

A child who reads on a daily basis has far better success in school, and later in life. At Malvern College Egypt, we expect all children to read or be read to every night. Please find time to read with your children. Your involvement and influence is really important, to give the message that reading is valued, enjoyable and worthwhile.

Some statistics

Reading for 20 minutes each day means that a child is exposed to almost 2 million words a year, and they are likely to score in the top 10% of examination results.

Reading for only 1 minute each day means a child is only seeing 8000 words a year, and they are likely to score in the bottom 10% of examination results.



Year 3 News

On Sunday this week, Year 3 went to Wadi Digla Protectorate to work with the Wadi Environmental Science Centre on a variety of activities about rocks and soils. This was a fantastic practical day, which helped to reinforce our Science work in school. The children really enjoyed this educational visit; it was valuable to their learning but also lots of fun!



Year 4 News

Mrs. Radwa Mahmoud Ali Salem, a parent of one of the children in 4M, founded and set up an educational organisation to introduce computer coding and programming to children, in a fun and practical hands on learning. Mrs Radwa brought her bots into 4m, to try a little bit of computer programming. You may be led to think that these small bots are kid's play, but their larger programmable bots now allow the delivery company Amazon to pick and ship orders with twice the speed, of

any human. So with lots of little black lines, and a series of dots, 4M programmed these little robots to spin and dance. For more information on the projects currency run by the-code, check out www.the-code.org.

STAR OF THE WEEK	
Year 2 M	Kaber Tageldeen
Year 2 A	Raed El Mokadem
Year 2 L	Sofia Kanarachou
Year 3 M	Fatima Daya
Year 3 A	Zeina El Bakry
Year 4 M	Salma Baligh
Year 4 A	Mohamed Gabal
Year 5 M	Asser Ahmed
Year 5 A	Lilya Sidky
Year 6 M	Alia Hussein
Year 6 A	Farida Abowarda
Year 6 L	Ziad Abdelhalim

House Points Standings

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

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



Your children have enjoyed another week of purposeful play and learning within the Early Years this week. The Nursery children have been learning all about “People who help us” and have benefitted from the Police visit last week. This week they were fortunate to have a visit from two dentists who spoke to the children about the importance of dental hygiene. The children handled toothbrushes and brushed a set of giant teeth. All the children were actively involved and know how important it is to brush our teeth each morning and before bedtime.

The children have also enjoyed a visit to the College dining room and had a tour of the kitchens where the chefs prepare the snacks and lunches for them. The children were able to talk about healthy foods and which foods help us to grow and build strong bones, teeth and hair. The displays within the classrooms demonstrate all the rich learning which has been taking place. The culmination of this topic has been today’s “People who help us” dress up day! Thank you all for supporting us in sending your children to school in costumes.

We have many things to look forward to over the coming week, please check out my weekly letter sent to you along with the photo collages and learning objectives for each year group.

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Daniel Griffin Siag
PNA	Amr Geneina
NM	Selim Mursi
NA	Yousef Awadien
NL	Joud Awadalla
NV	Mesk Younis
RM	Moustafa Ahmed
RA	Alia El Kholey
RL	Taymour Rafaie
Year 1M	Omelio Quinones
Year 1A	Sophia Fahmy
Year 1L	Jessica Grice

Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary



A slightly shorter week this week but just as busy as ever. Alongside end of term assessments and activities ranging from Rain Gauges in Geography to Hooke’s Law in Physics all students have been involved in captivating assemblies. Mr. Fleming ran an assembly with Mr. Moore for the Years 7 & 8 students on ‘What is Bullying’. The aim of the session was to help our younger students to understand that actions or events that can be

considered bullying go much further than simply hitting, pushing or name calling. It was also made clear that all members of the MCE community are responsible for stopping bullying from happening; by either reporting bullying or hopefully creating the right environment where it does not happen in the first place. Mr. Driscoll delivered a presentation to the Year 9 & 10 students aimed at motivating them to be more prepared for all aspects of school life and not allowing stress to get the better of themselves. Mr. Driscoll gave advice on various methods for developing better work habits including revision and study techniques. However, he also worked hard to motivate the students into realising that the greatest key to any students’ success at MCE is their own attitude towards their learning.



KenKen Competition

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3+		7+	

KenKen is a type of Japanese arithmetic logic puzzle designed to train the brain. Over the last few years KenKen has become a very popular tool used in schools all over the world. Most recently it has been turned into a worldwide competition. Egypt will see its first ever national competition next year, with the winners of each age category being flown to New York for the World finals. In order to qualify for the National competition MCE students must finish in the top 50% of their own age group in our own internal competition. The MCE KenKen Competition has been confirmed for Monday March 26th 2018. The Mathematics department, led by Mr. Hills, is now running practice sessions every Sunday lunchtime, though this

is not compulsory. Students who are interested in participating in the tournament must collect a parent letter and an application form from their Maths teacher.



Trips

All deadlines for return of reply slips and deposit payments have now passed and we have started to make our confirmation of bookings with airlines and trip providers. As such we cannot guarantee a place on any trip or final cost for any late responses now received. We will work in the coming days to share further details for

those who have signed up to particular trips. Trip information sessions will also be run next term for students and parents.

House Points

Elgar see another big swing this week in their number of average House Points; jumping from 4th to 2nd in the overall table. However, things are looking very tight at the top of the overall House competition when we take into account the vast array of events that have taken place already this term such as the vibrant House Shouts last week. With more sporting fixtures, still to come the winning House of Term 1 could be any of the four.

Uniform

Can I please ask all parents to ensure that students are coming to school in the correct uniform. Since the change to the winter uniform there has generally been a very good standard of uniform. However, in the last week it has become clear that some students are slipping in their standards in small areas from the colour of socks to forgetting their ID badge. We would like to ensure that all students are looking their absolute smartest and do not want to let small areas spoil an otherwise smart group of students.

House Points

The House Points table has not changed this week with all 4 Houses improving their totals but not enough to catch another House. However, 6 more students have reached the magic total of 50 House Points (and their Cilantro pass!!!). The biggest news of the week is the announcement of our first student reaching 100 House Points and now we need to think how we are going to reward (alongside the silver certificate) this amazing achievement with the space of one term.

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

Prefect Report from Head Boy - Aly Marzouk and Head Girl - Zeina Hany

So far this year there have been many successful events, such as House competitions, sporting events and performing arts. All the prefects have been working very hard and have played a vital role in ensuring that these events run smoothly. It has been a privilege to represent the College both internally and externally, and work with a variety of different people such as primary students and teachers. We have the full support of staff, trying to get as many students as possible involved in co-curricular activities. We have also assigned all prefects a specific time and place for a duty to help staff in monitoring the behaviour of students during break or lunch times.

There will be many more events throughout the year, so be on the lookout for what's coming next!

On behalf of the whole prefect body, we would like to thank all staff and students who have supported us while we fulfil our duties.

Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



Even as the temperature drops students must bring their hats and water bottles to lessons. Keeping hydrated throughout the day is not just important for their performance in PE lessons, but also for the rest of their academic studies. Your support with this is appreciated.

Football

This week we have had our U16 and U13 MCE Lions football teams back in action. The U16 boys travelled to NCBIS and I look forward to reporting on their performance next week. The U13's made the long journey to Madinaty for their games and again, I will share with you next week how they got on.



Swimming

MCE Lions swim training is continuing through the winter. I do appreciate that with the cooler weather students are finding it harder to get to training in the morning. As such, we have made the decision to stop the Tuesday morning session and will now just train on Sunday and Thursday. All swim team members are expected to attend just one session per week through the winter. Swimming for PE lessons will also continue for students in Year 3 to 10 as the water is heated to at least 28 Celsius.

Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music



Winter Concert

Over the next few weeks children will be rehearsing for the Winter concert in our new theatre, ready for the performances on 13th Dec. I was delighted yesterday to see the completed theatre - it certainly has the 'wow' factor. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible there.

While we appreciate that parents may wish to record / photograph the performances of their own child, we do ask that photos of groups of children are not placed on individual social media accounts. This is a safeguarding issue. Some children do not have permission to have their photos used in publicity.

We ask that all parents respect this. The performances will be recorded by the school, and appropriate photos shared on our social media sites.



School Production

The music for the school production is now ready. We would like children to rehearse their songs at home. Please could all students with main / solo parts bring in a USB flash drive, so that they can get a copy of their music to rehearse over the winter break and beyond.