

THE MCE TIMES



IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER

Thursday 11th

Foster House to lead Secondary Assembly

Tuesday 16th

Parent information session about French in primary school 8:00 am

Thursday 18th

Early years information session 8:00am- 9:00am

Wednesday 24th

Sanger Charity House Dress-Up Day

Thursday 25th

Parent Teacher Consultation Day

Friday 26th – Saturday 3rd Nov.

Half Term Holiday



Thursday 11th October 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,



It was an absolute pleasure today to be a part of the Primary School Prefect Investiture. The College believes that leadership should not be reserved for only adults, or even a select few in the organisation. Instead we promote leadership opportunities in a wide range of areas across the entire College. Today a number of our young leaders in Primary School, including the Head Boy and Head Girl were presented with their certificates and encouraged to be the best that they can be while helping others in the Primary School to follow in their footsteps. It was wonderful to see how mature and responsible the pupils were and I look forward to seeing what they can achieve in their roles over the year.



We also welcomed many parents to the College during our Open Mornings for Primary and Secondary School this week. We hope that those parents who attended enjoyed the experience of seeing what learning at MCE looks like for your own child(ren). Over the coming weeks there will be further opportunities for parents to visit the College to find out more about specific areas of learning.

Parent Teacher Conference

The first Parent Teacher Conference Day of this academic year will be on Thursday 25th October. This is a chance for all parents and pupils to meet with the class and subject teachers to discuss how the child has settled in to their new classes and what progress they have made so far in their learning. More details on the format of the day and how to access the booking system, for Early Years to Year 6 class teachers, will be shared by each school next week.

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Work Experience

From marketing to teaching sport our Year 11 pupils have begun a programme of work experience at the College. The pupils have all been attached to a particular department within the College and now undertake regular weekly sessions and contribute to other aspects of the College while learning about the work place environment.



Can I please remind all parents that when visiting MCE you should be wearing your parent ID Badge, or collect a visitor badge from security. We also ask that parents do not take photos or videos of children or staff while you are in the campus. We have a very strict policy regarding this and, for many reasons, can only allow our own photos and videos to be taken.

We do regularly post approved photos and videos on social media and within our website that all parents can access.

Warmest Regards

Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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

Dear Parents,



Within **Pre-Nursery** this week, the children have been introduced to the Malvern Quality of respect, thinking about how their actions can help them to respect each other. The children have been thinking about having kind hands, using kind words, sharing and respecting the Pre-Nursery toys and each other. The teaching team have continued to build on the concept of emotions and feelings with the children, thinking about what

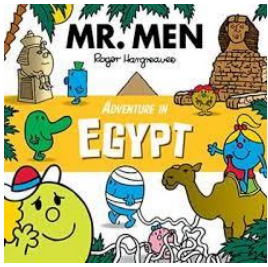
makes them feel happy or sad. Using mirrors and different skin tone paints, the children are making their own self-portraits. The children have looked closely at their facial features and tried hard to record what they see. Do take a look at the classroom displays when you drop-off or pick-up your children to see their wonderful portraits! We have introduced flashcards along with action songs and dancing to help the children learn about action words.



As **Nursery** approaches the end of their topic "All about me." The children have continued to learn all about their family and their five senses. They have benefitted from bringing in pictures of their families or special events to talk about during "Show and Tell". The children have explored their senses through our sensory stations and some were brave enough to taste different things! They have been singing songs including "A sailor went to sea" and have been exploring different

sounds using musical instruments. During Read, Write Inc we have been learning the letter sound "d" (dinosaur, doll, dog, and duck) and have engaged in activities including exploring our "sound bag", tracing the sound in sand or rice, making shape dragons, and making our own dinosaurs. Do look at the Read, Write Inc. website for more information – www.ruthmiskin.com. Our P.S.E.D theme is "Respect" which ties in with our Malvern Qualities. The children have decorated a new "respect flower" for the class display. Our Stars of the Week were proud of being able to demonstrate respect and take home their certificates. Next week, we will begin our new topic "Egypt"

for the children to explore the country in which they live along with its culture and famous landmarks. We would love for the children to bring in items related to the topic including souvenirs or photos of places they have visited here in Egypt.



This week the **Reception** children have been thinking about the Malvern Quality of “Respect” We have been playing games and learning how to speak respectfully to one another, take turns and respect school property by looking after resources. We have continued with our Topic of “Egypt” this week by looking at famous landmarks and tourist destinations within Egypt. We read the story of the ‘Mr Men’s adventures in Egypt’ and wrote post cards about our adventures in Egypt. We also began to consider how Cairo has changed over time looking at old black and white photos and comparing them to today’s



pictures, making comparisons. The children also interviewed Mr Mahmoud, our site manager, to see how things have changed from his childhood. The children did a great job at using why, when, who and how question words. Next week we will be move onto Ancient Egypt and we will be exploring hieroglyphs and life at the times of the Pharaohs. **We will finish our Egypt topic with a dress up day for Egypt on Tuesday 23rd October.** Children are welcome to come in traditional Egyptian dress, Ancient Egyptian costumes or a simple T-shirt celebrating a place in Egypt. More information will follow through your class representatives

next week.

This week in **Year 1**, the children have continued their topic of ‘Explorers’ and begun learning about Christopher Columbus. The children have looked at World Maps and tracked the journey that Christopher Columbus took. We have also had lots of fun making our own model boats and testing how well they float. The teachers and children are all excited about the upcoming trip to Sitara on Sunday 14th October. Thank you to all of the Year 1 parents for returning your child’s permission slips promptly.



Information Session for Parents – Early Years & Year 1

We will be holding an Information Session for new and existing parents of children within Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Reception and Year 1 on Thursday 18th October from 8am until 9am. This will be held in the Theatre, refreshments will be available. We very much look forward to meeting new parents and welcoming existing parents.

Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

STAR OF THE WEEK			
NM	Daniel Siag Lara Hussien	RL	Yousef Abdelrahman Farida Abdelraouf
NA	Sarah Elzarqa Fareda Fahmy	RV	Lama Youssef Yehia Omran
NL	Mohamed Hammad Asser Hafez	RE	Rabab Alsati Ali ElHaniny
NV	Chris Khalil Lana Aboutaleb	Year 1M	Xander Billingham Jana Mattar
NE	Jwairiah Morgan Holly Moore	Year 1A	Mohamed Ahmed Haia El Edrisi
RM	Rokaya Hassan Andreas Kanarachos	Year 1L	Mostafa Soliman Omar Hussein
RA	Molly Mullen Farida Elezaby		

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,



It has been a short but extremely busy week in the primary school. We have been very busy interviewing the existing teachers for leadership posts within the school. I will send out details of the appointments in the coming week. We were also delighted to welcome so many of you into the Primary School for our open morning.



Our start-of-week assembly on Tuesday challenged the students to consider 'who they want to be'. It made them realise that it is okay to admire famous people, but when someone asks you "who do you want to be?" the best answer is, "I want to be the best version of me!"

Our week was rounded off with our first formal event, the investiture of our Head Boy, Head Girl, Prefects and House Captains. I am delighted with the caliber of our Year 6 students and I have absolutely no doubt that these chosen individuals will do Malvern College Egypt proud over the coming academic year.



This week's year group focus comes from **Year 2:**

On Wednesday this week, we enjoyed taking parents to lessons and showing them all of our interesting learning. Some parents even showed us how to count on and back in 10s in Maths! In Topic lessons this week we have used various materials to create collage clowns. We thought about which materials best represented different parts of the face. In Science, we observed changes in materials looking at raw and boiled eggs and bread and toast. We discussed what caused these changes and whether they were reversible. We are excited about our trip to Sitara Theatre next Thursday to see 'Ali Baba and the Four Thieves.' We are also taking part in a workshop about the popular story 'The Jolly Postman.' This will involve learning how to write letters.

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

MFL Primary School News from Mrs Kerry Moore – Head of MFL Department

Dear parents,



At 8:30 am next Tuesday, 16th of October, I will be hosting a parent information session about French in primary school, with the aim of explaining the French programme that we offer in years 1 to 6.

If you have any specific questions about your son or daughter, you will have the opportunity to speak with their French teacher at the Parent Teacher Consultation Day

that is due to take place on Thursday 25th of October.

With best wishes,

Kerry Moore
Head of MFL

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

Dear parents,



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Jacqui Belcher
Head of Primary House System

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

Dear Parents,



Use of Whats App Parent Groups

As a parent myself I do see the value of Parent WhatsApp Groups to organize events for your children and to keep in touch. However, I have been increasingly concerned about some groups being used to spread rumours and pass on inaccurate information about situations which have occurred at the College.

This is not helpful and causes miscommunication and inaccurate information to be passed around. Please can I ask you if you have a question or a situation you wish to discuss please contact us. Please do not use WhatsApp to discuss individual teachers and situations.



Open Morning

I was so pleased to see so many parents at the Open Morning I hope you found it useful exercise!



Parents Consultation Day

A reminder for your diary – Parents Consultation Day is on the 25th October.

Quote of the week

Ernest Dimnet - “Children have to be educated, but they have also to be left to educate themselves”.

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary

Head of Sixth Form from Jennifer Burnett - Head of Sixth Form

Dear parents,



This term has seen the launch of our in-house MCE Work Experience Programme for Year 11 and Lower Sixth. Pupils have signed up for their placement of choice, using a variety of departments here at MCE. We have pupils working with our Marketing, Science, Library and PE departments as well as with the Primary and Early Years school. The aim of this initiative is to teach our older pupils the working life, along with a variety of other skills such as commitment, responsibility and time management. This programme will run on a 6-week basis, giving pupils an opportunity to experience it all!

Jennifer Burnett
Head of Sixth Form

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

Dear parents,



The House System has a special place in the MCE Community and presents staff and students with numerous opportunities to work together while making a positive contribution to the College life and local community. Moreover, it encourages students to show the Malvern qualities through the running of and involvement in events organised by Heads of House, House Captains, and students. We are looking forward to our House events and to seeing everyone involved and count on your support to make these successful!

Sunday 14th – Thursday 18th October

Inter-House Benchball Competition

All students must bring their PE kit as well as their House T-shirt on the days they are expected to play.

Wednesday 24th October

Sanger Dress Up Day

Theme: Blue or Halloween

Ms Isabel Pante
Head of Senior House System

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education

Dear Parents,

It has been an excellent and busy week within the PE department. We have successfully moved onto our second topic within our programme of study, which is basketball. The students have begun to demonstrate the transferable skills used from the previous topic benchball, particularly with the various passing techniques. I would encourage all students to come along to the basketball CCA club at the College, where the students can continue to make significant progress within the sport and start to compete across Cairo. We as a PE department were fully prepared for this new topic within the programme of study with Mr. Davidson coaching us teachers advanced skills and teaching points used for all students.



We have another addition to the PE department this term, Mrs. Abdelaziz. Mrs. Abdelaziz has fantastic experience of PE teaching and sports coaching and will be working closely with the earlier year groups. Mrs. Abdelaziz has a particular interest in teaching PE through small activity games as well as a personal interest for gymnastics, ballet and dance. I hope all students and parents will welcome our new member of staff.

This week saw our first football fixture for the under 13 girls, with Mr. Watt as the coach. The Girls football team travelled to EBIS for their first 7-a-side match of the year. We played 2 matches of 10 minutes each way beginning with a very positive attitude and eager for the win. Over the course of the two matches, huge improvements in communication and ball control were made and we made every effort to try and score our first goal. As we entered into the final half of the second game, MCE fought for the ball more, and were a visibly stronger team than when the starting whistle blew. There was some great talent at EBIS which overpowered us and lost 0-5 and 0-3. A fantastic approach to the game by all members of our team and we left EBIS with smiles on our faces - proud of our efforts. The Player of the Match goes to Nada Ahmed for her determination in goal, saving countless shots and challenging the opposition's centre forward on repeated occasions. A very well done to all the girls taking part and Mr Watt for coaching.



Friday 5th October saw five members of the Malvern College Egypt staff compete in a competitive Rugby fixture for Cairo Rugby Club. I would personally like to encourage all parents, staff and students to come along and support your local rugby club or even join in and play! There is junior rugby available for both boys



as well as the adult's team, where you are able to train and play when possible. Please contact me for any further information, if interested.

Joshua Sussex

Head of Physical Education

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music

Dear Parents,



This week has been assessment week for Key Stage 3 students (Years 6, 7 & 8) in music. Students have been recording their set works using the fantastic sequencing program of Garageband, creating original arrangements of the pieces they have been learning in the Keyboard Lab.



Rehearsals for the Secondary school musical 'Mary Poppins' are going strong with the cast members busy practising already to a tight schedule. Students must check the rehearsal schedule on a daily basis so they turn up to all rehearsals. The whole rehearsal process slows down if students are missing on a particular lunchtime. Each lunchtime rehearsal begins at 12pm and no later. If a student cannot make a rehearsal, they should inform myself or Miss Harries. The CCA after-school rehearsal must also have a prompt start.

Year 4 have been selected to perform at the primary prefect assembly this week as a year group choir. They are going to sing 3 songs at this prestigious event for all of primary and parents to enjoy. They are having extra time in the theatre to perfect how they sound and look on stage, learning to project their voices in this large space. They will be singing in unison, in parts and in harmony - ambitious pieces, but I am sure that they will sound excellent. They are very all very enthusiastic to perform in front of a big audience!

The College is now offering individual instrumental lessons in piano, voice, violin, guitar and drum kit. The cost of these are 200EGP for 30 minutes per week and are sold in blocks of 10 lessons. Any parent wishing their child to take these lessons should contact myself as soon as possible at paul.russell@malverncollege.edu.eg

**FREE
TASTER
SESSIONS**

On Wednesday 17th October our guitar teacher Mr Collin is offering a free taster lesson after school for his individual one-to-one guitar lessons from 3pm until 4pm in G08. Mr Collin is a talented teacher and offers pop and rock electric guitar lessons, as well as acoustic guitar lessons. Graded exams can be taken with the Trinity College of London 'Pop and Rock' Syllabus, which can go towards university applications and count as UCAS points (UK Universities and College Admissions points). Parents are also welcome during this time to discuss any further details with Mr Collin. I really advise any music student interested in playing pop/rock on guitar to seriously consider taking exams and lessons with this syllabus, which is



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taught in Egypt. When you reach the stage of applying for university places, this would definitely go in your favour, even if you are not studying music.

Paul Russell

Director of Music