

IMPORTANT DATES NOVEMBER

Sunday 18th
Primary School Swim Gala

Monday 19th
Secondary school Swim Gala

IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER

Monday 3rd
Foster vs Lewis charity Bake Sale

Monday 10th
Early Years Winter Concert

Wednesday 12th
Years 3-5 Winter Concert

Sunday 16th
Elgar Charity Dress Up Day

Monday 17th
Secondary School Winter Concert

Wednesday 19th
Years 1 & 2 Winter Concert

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Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,



This week has been a wonderful example of learning beyond the usual fantastic classroom activities. We started the week with some very sombre occasions as the College joined millions of people around the world in marking Remembrance Day and the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War 1. Once again, our pupils were a true credit to the College in paying their respects to all those who died in the two World Wars. I was also very impressed by the passionate singing of our

Year 5 pupils in our afternoon assembly where I encouraged our younger pupils to take a few moments to think of the impact they may have on the future of the world through their own actions.



Primary school was a buzz of energy all week as their Inter-House football tournament reached its conclusion and you can find more information on this below. Our Secondary school pupils were treated to a number of presentations in the theatre over the course of the week. A presentation on the differences between the IB Diploma Programme and International A-Levels encouraged pupils to start thinking now about their future pathway options. In an effort to

give our pupils a wide range of options beyond the classroom pupils in Years 9 to 11 also attended a presentation about an adventurous opportunity for them to join an expedition to the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. This trip will occur during the summer holidays and will provide a unique experiential learning opportunity for those wishing to push their own limits. Finally, the new Secondary School pupil leadership team were announced in a special investiture assembly this afternoon. This team of pupils were told of how the whole College expects great things from them, but they were also given reassurance that we are all here to support them in their tasks.



Cooler temperatures

Please remember that we are in the process of moving towards the winter uniform. All pupils are expected to be in their full winter uniform from Sunday 25th November. During the cooler months, we are happy for pupils to wear non-uniform coats to and from school but must insist that only College jumpers and blazers are worn. Our swimming season ends next week with both the Primary and Secondary School swimming galas. We hope to see many of you in here to support you children and their respective Houses. After next week, the two swimming pools will be closed until next term as it is becoming too cold for the children when they exit the pools.

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Warmest Regards



Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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



This week in **Pre-Nursery** the children made Poppies for Remembrance Sunday. They were introduced to the concept of big and little and took part in a variety of activities to support their learning. One of these activities was to make fish bowls, they made some big fish and some small fish which they painted and then sorted according to size. The children are starting to practise their songs for the Christmas Concert, please help them by singing these with them at home.



In **Nursery** this week, the children have continued to learn all about "*Shape and Colour.*" We have enjoyed looking at "*Mr Men*", and "*Elmer*" books, describing the characters' shapes and colours. The children have been experimenting with colours to paint their own rainbows and painted a large *Elmer* in a group. They have also been cutting out different shapes to make large shape collages, counting different coloured bears, and sorting them by colour.

For Read, Write, Inc., we have been learning the letter sound "p" (pirate, purse, parrot, pizza) and have engaged in activities including exploring our "magic sound bag", tracing the sound in paint or sand, making parrots and penguins, and playing "George's Gym" blending games. Thank you for making sensory bottles with the children. They enjoyed talking about the different shapes, colours, and materials they used during Show and Tell.

Our Teddy Bear Picnic was full of surprises; the children were happy to show everybody their favourite cuddly toys and were pointing out different colours and patterns on their pyjamas.



This week in **Reception** the children have been thinking about the Malvern Quality of 'Cooperation' learning to work together through team games in class. We had a story about how it is important to work together and listen to each other, in assembly this week. The children have had great fun this week in topic, exploring colour. The children have enjoyed painting and exploring what happens when we mix primary colours together. They have taken part in some fun science experiments exploring 'walking water!' using paper towels and food colouring in cups of water to mix colours. The children made some great predications. In maths this week the children have been exploring time introducing, o'clock and exploring how long a minute really is! The children guessed what they could do in one minute and tested out their predictions.



In **Year One** this week we have been learning about pairs of numbers that make 5, 6, 7 and 10. We also learned how addition facts can help us solve subtraction problems. Next week we will continue to explore the concept of subtraction. In Literacy we have been learning to recount and sequence a series of events in a familiar story. We read 'Handa's Surprise' and have been looking for the continent of Africa in the atlas. We have been learning to use 'time connectives' such as 'then, 'after' and 'finally' in our writing. We will continue to practise our sentence writing using time connectives and will link our learning to our topic *Oceans and Seas* through sequencing and recounting events from the story 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae.

Within our Integrated Curriculum, we have now begun our new topic 'Oceans and Seas'. This week we have been looking at maps and learning the names of the seven continents. Next week, we will learn the names of the World's major oceans and look at the five layers of the ocean. This week in Art we have been budding artists making beautiful 'African Silhouettes'.



Swimming lessons will be finishing for the winter on Thursday 15th November and will resume when the weather warms up in the Spring. Winter uniform will be obligatory from Sunday 25th November.

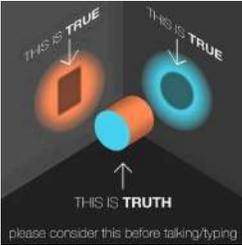
Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

Star of the Week			
PNM	Ali El Gharably Asyiah Hassan	RA	Wairimu Githinji Amin Amer
PNA	Hossameldin Motawea Yousuf Al Ghabshi	RL	Omar Said Marco Sidarous
NM	Sophia Kassem Sam Elbanna	RV	Mesk Younis
NA	Ihab Aly Yassin Nada	RE	Ali Mahdy Layal El Domiaty
NL	Yasmine Ali	Year 1M	Mostafa Fouad Moustafa Ahmed
NV	Aly Ashour Malika Abdelgabbar	Year 1A	Sayed Saleh Sophia Siag
NE	Yassin Adbellatif Atticus Bennett	Year 1L	Sarah Salem Mohamed AbouElFetouh
RM	Mahmoud Abdelaal Ali ElDeeb		

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School



We have had another exciting week in Primary at Malvern College Egypt. We have enjoyed the energy and drama of the inter-house football tournament, the compassion of the launch of the back-pack appeal and I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit many of the classrooms in school and watch the children busily engaged in their learning.



I was also shown a wonderful illustration this week, that reminded me of the theme from one of our assemblies earlier in the term. It is a metaphor for a situation when we are all tempted to make judgements about an event based solely on one viewpoint. In the assembly, I reminded students that, when we see events from one perspective we get one impression and it is easy to jump to a conclusion. However, when someone else sees the same events from another angle, they think the reality is fundamentally different. In fact, it is only when we see the whole picture that we can properly understand what is occurring.

As a parent, I know that I can learn from this too. When my daughter tells me that someone in class or on the playground did something, I am tempted to jump to a conclusion. But I know from experience that the other child will have a different view of what happened, that is just as true in their eyes. It is only if I take the time to ask all involved what they know that I will discover the full picture and see the truth. The image, below, reminds us that that we should never jump to conclusions.

Have a lovely weekend.

Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

Star of the Week			
Year 2 M	Farida El Bahnasawy	Year 4 A	Youssef Ghattas
Year 2 A	Maya El Sallab	Year 4 L	Hamza El Zeiny
Year 2 L	Abdelrahman ElFarargi	Year 5 M	Reuben Maher
Year 2 V	Taim Eledrisi	Year 5 A	Mohamed El Fekiry
Year 3 M	Yahya Bayomy	Year 5 L	Yara Abonaem
Year 3 A	Yehia Shamia	Year 6 M	Jana Diab
Year 3 L	Omar Soliman	Year 6 A	Jolie Shehata
Year 4 M	Sama Bakr		

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



Inter-House Primary Football Tournament

There has been a lot of excitement this week as our tournament reached the last stages. On Wednesday we watched the finals, with the Year 3 and 4 final producing a win for Lewis against Elgar. The Year 5 and 6 match ended with a draw, and so a penalty shoot-out was needed. This had to be continued on to

Thursday due to time, we were all on the edge of our seats! In the end this match was won by Lewis; this means that they are the overall winners of the tournament. This has been a fantastic way to develop teamwork and sportsmanship within our pupils, and they had lots of fun too.



Well done to all participants. Grateful thanks must go to our referees, Mr Watt, Mr Bailey, Mr Stewart and Mr Keal who gave up their time to keep the matches running well. Our student House Captains also did a great job with helping out.



Coming soon

Foster vs Lewis charity bake sale: Monday 3rd December
Elgar Charity Dress Up Day: Monday 16th December
More details will be communicated soon about these.

Jacqui Belcher
Head of Primary House System

Primary House Points

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

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



Another great week! Thank you to all the parents who came yesterday for the IBDP VS A-Levels Information Session, and for the coffee-morning with the Heads of Faculty. We are also excited for the Swimming Gala on Monday at 8:45 am -11:40 am - another fantastic event that we hope to share with you!

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary

MFL Secondary School News from Mrs. Kerry Moore - Head of MFL Department



French Department Secondary School

Learning vocabulary is an integral part of learning a language and therefore please find below a small selection of ways in which students can revise for their spelling tests in the most efficient and effective ways.

TOP TIPS for learning vocabulary

- Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check – This is a system that is used successfully around the world regularly and students benefit from practicing their spelling in this way.

- Flashcards – make little flashcards with the English on one side and the French on the other. Start by testing yourself from French to English and then each time you feel very confident with a word, you start to test yourself from English to French.
- Use Quizlet links that your teacher has given you on your Word Wiz lists. There are many activities that you can attempt that will help you practise both the productive and receptive skills.
- Teach someone – Teach a friend or a relative the words that you are learning. This in turn will help YOU learn them better too.
- Little and often – Don't cram all your revision into one night – spread your learning throughout the week ensuring you don't spend too long on it. This will aid long-term memory retention.
- Find a friend who is learning the same words and test each other.

Watch this space for a Modern Foreign Languages competition that will be advertised in the MCE times soon.

Kerry Moore
Head of MFL

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



Students and staff are anxiously waiting for one of the most exciting House events of the year: the Inter-House Swim Gala. It promises to be a fantastic event and we hope to see as many of you there as possible to support students as well as the PE Department. Students should visit the uniform shop in advance to purchase their House t-shirt.

House Prefects

I am delighted to announce the following new House Captains, who will be taking on their role from next week:



Elgar: Kareem Elnashar & Mariam Hussien
Foster: Adham Ramzy & Salma Mohamed
Lewis: Malek Tibar & Hana El Hawary
Sanger: Youssef Makram & Farah Farag

A huge thank you from myself and Heads of House to all previous House Captains who have done a fantastic job over the last year!

House Points

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

Important Dates

Monday 19th November: Inter-House Swim Gala

Mr Webb's Inter-House Competition: watch this space!

Best regards,

Ms Pante

Head of Senior House System

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education



It has been an excellent week within the PE and sports department. We have seen a number of our sports clubs compete outside of school as well as a change in topic within the department from basketball to football.



The pupils have made excellent progress already within football, displaying some excellent skills and understanding for the game. This change in topic has also helped the primary school with their Inter-House football competition, which has taken place all of this and last week.



Over the last few weeks the U13 and U15 netball teams have played, NCBIS, MES and CES. They are shaping up and turning into two very competitive teams. The matches have all been close calls between the schools and wonderfully positive comments have been made about our MCE Lions. The earlier matches resulted in a few draws and a good win for the U15s, however the game at CES, despite a strong team effort from the girls, ended with a draw and a loss. All the girls are putting in 100% and should be congratulated for their spirit and hard work. Excellent work from our Netballers.



Please note that we have our annual swimming Inter-House competition for both primary and secondary schools. Each event will begin at 8:45am and finish at 11:45am. The primary event will be on Sunday 18th November, with the Secondary event on Monday 19th November. Please can I ask all pupils to arrive on the day with the correct swimming uniform, including appropriate swimming footwear, swimsuit, goggles and a towel. I look forward to watching the excellent progress all of the pupils have made throughout this academic year and I hope you are there to cheer pupils on with me.

Joshua Sussex

Head of Physical Education

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



On Sunday, 11th November, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1, **Year 5** sang two moving songs in the theatre for the Remembrance Day Assembly. The Year group sang expressively and confidently with two-part harmony. It was a very moving performance and the pupils should be proud of their vocal skills that they have developed so far this term. Here is a photo of them on stage rehearsing in the theatre, with music teacher Mrs. Challis conducting.



Year 6 and 7 have begun their new schemes of work involving music technology. **Year 6** are studying soundtracks to cartoons and how music reflects the action on screen. They have been learning to play soundtrack theme tunes on keyboards and this week they have started their assessed piece, which is to compose one minute of music to a video clip of the cartoon 'The Pink Panther'. With the wonders of music technology in the iMac room, pupils are learning how to sync music to the action, using orchestral instruments in Garage band. **Year 7** are studying the Baroque music of Johann Pachelbel. They have already learnt to play Pachelbel's 'Canon in D' in pairs. However, their assessment is to compose a remix of the Canon using a mixture of loops and recording the various layers into Garage band. Their final pieces can be uploaded to YouTube and Soundcloud. I am sure we have some budding dance music producers in the making. **Year 8** will begin to learn group pieces on samba instruments which will be performed in the Secondary Winter Concert.



Regarding the **Year 3 - 5** show 'Christmas Around the World', the costume requirements are as follows. We need parents to assist with finding a suitable costume for their performance, so they all look and sound fabulous on stage.



Year 3 – Brazil – Girls should wear bright party dresses (or even Latin-American carnival style), boys can wear either bright t-shirts and black trousers, or even a suit or carnival outfit. 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 – Students should wear bright t-shirts or girls in bright dresses. Sandals – no trainers. Any African patterns would look good.

4A – Australia. Students 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 students in plain black school shoes – no trainers.



5M – China – Girls in black or white 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).

Sparkly pom-poms have just arrived for the Brazil song and dance, so we are all very excited!

Paul Russell
Director of Music