

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY

- Monday 4th**
Foster Dress Up Day
- Sunday 10th – Wednesday 13th**
School Photographs
- Wednesday 13th**
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- Monday 18th**
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- Tuesday 19th**
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- Thursday 21st**
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Half Term Holiday

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

- Monday 4th**
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- Thursday 14th**
International Dress up Day
- Friday 15th**
International Day
- Wednesday 20th**
Reception & Year 1 Open Morning
- Thursday 21st**
Pre Nursery & Nursery Open Morning



Thursday 31th January 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

We have had a fantastically busy couple of weeks since our last MCE Times. The Languages Day on Monday 21st January was a huge success with so many wonderful performances and activities. The pupils and their teachers showcased the range of linguistic talents present at the College. The last few days have seen our oldest pupils undertake a rigorous set of mock examinations. This is a vital part of the learning process to ensure that the pupils have a full understanding of the stress and workload involved in such exams.

We have many exciting events coming up in the next few weeks and I would like to draw your attention to just a few of these here and ask you to keep an eye on newsletters with the more specific details:

- Monday 4th February – Foster Dress Up Day
- Monday 10th to Wednesday 13th February – School Photographs (see item below)
- Wednesday 13th February – Secondary School Production of Mary Poppins at 5:30pm
- Thursday 14th February – The Malvern Marathon – an event designed to encourage running and support MCE teachers raising money for charities through Marathon runs that they are undertaking this year.

School Photographs & An Early Bird Discount Offer exclusive to MCE Families:



Pret-a-Portrait will be visiting the school again this year to take class and individual portraits of the students. This year parents have the opportunity to pre-order pictures as digital files at discounted prices and only by pre ordering now can you receive the class picture as a digital image. To take advantage of this discount you will receive an envelope outlining the offer below, simply pick option 1 or 2 and return the reply slip form to the school office with cash payment before 07/02/2019 (please provide exact money only as the forms will

be passed directly to Pret-a-portrait). Pret-a-Portrait will select their favourite individual portrait(s) of your child and will email it(them) to you together with the class picture.

Option 1: Class picture JPEG + 1 x individual portrait JPEG. 500 EGP payable in cash to the school office before 07/02/2019

Option 2: Class picture JPEG + 3 different individual portrait JPEGs. 800 EGP payable in cash to the school office before 07/02/2019

Pret-a-Portrait will email your images to you before 28th February 2019, look out for an email in your inbox. You will also be given the chance to order prints or more digital files online in the normal way. Following the visit all families will be given access to the online portal to view all images related to your child(ren). You will then be able to order any additional photos (either digital or print) through this portal, but payments are made online and in GBP and not at the above discounted rate. Prints will then be delivered to the College for distribution as quickly as possible.

Warmest Regards

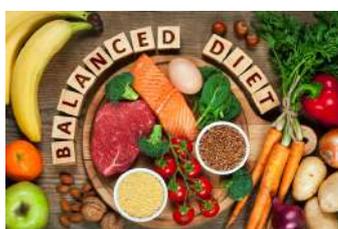


Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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

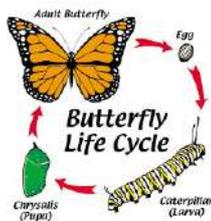


The **Pre-Nursery** children this week have continued to enjoy their topic on the Outside World, Seasons and Senses. They have been busy painting and printing a variety of different leaves to make a wonderful collage display for their classrooms. The children have painted and printed leaves according to the colours of the different seasons and have added these to a four-tree display, demonstrating the changing of the colours of the seasons. The children have taken part in nature walks around the College campus, they have all been 'nature detectives' to see what they could spot and find. The teachers have supported the children to consolidate their learning on the shapes taught so far, circle, square and triangle and numbers, zero, one, two and three.



The children in **Nursery** have continued to learn all about being healthy and exploring our cafés and healthy food shops outside the classrooms. This week we have continued to focus on healthy eating and the children have enjoyed listening to the story of "Handa's Surprise", identifying the different fruit in the story, and discovering Akeyo's favourite fruit. We have been sorting healthy and unhealthy food and identifying all our favourite foods.

For Read, Write, Inc., we have introduced the "f" sound. The children have been reading their favourite books have been identifying the initial sounds of their favourite food. For Maths, we have been using positional language to hide and find different things in the classroom. The children are enjoying our Nursery CCA programs and are looking forward to the week ahead.



In **Reception** this week, our Malvern quality focus is curiosity. The children have been developing this quality within our topics finding out about life cycles and moving onto animals and different type of habitats. The children are developing their questioning skills and finding out about different landscapes and animals that live there. They are all looking forward to our school trip on Monday to investigate real life habitats and see some animals. Please remember that your children will need

a packed lunch, a snack and a bottle of water to take with them in a small backpack they can carry. The children will also need to wear their PE Kits, trainers and bring a coat. We will be leaving school at 8.30am. On Sunday, 3rd February, Reception classes only will be taking part in the Foster charity day. They can come to school in a costume related to Disney, Star Wars and Marvel characters. They will need to bring a donation of 20 LE for the house charity. Please note that the rest of the school will be having their dress up day on the Monday when we are on our school trip.



Year 1 have been very busy this week with their Castle's topic. The children have experimented with simple materials and equipment to design a mechanism to operate a model castle drawbridge. They watched videos of drawbridges and looked at pictures for inspiration, discussing the way the bridge is pulled up and lowered using chains and a turning motion. The children really enjoyed using their problem-solving skills and working co-operatively with friends. 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson has been our

text this week. The children have enjoyed putting on plays in the classroom, re-enacting the story and demonstrating their recount and sequencing skills. This activity has helped children to develop their confidence in speaking in front of a group of their peers, as well as being lots of fun! In mathematics, Year 1 children have been adding 1 digit numbers to 2 digit numbers by putting the biggest number first and counting on. Many of the children enjoyed challenging themselves by exploring ways of solving addition problems mentally, looking for number patterns such as double numbers and bonds to 10 within a number sentence.

During Science this week the children have continued to learn about 'Materials'. They have sorted a variety of everyday items by their material and discussed texture words to describe materials such as rough, smooth, soft and hard. Next week, we will be reading the traditional tale, Puss in Boots. We will be focussing on our story writing skills and learning about 3D shapes.

Star of the Week			
PNM	Hannah Abdelaziz Yara Hegazy	RA	Talia El Kersh Amin Amer
PNA	Seif Elbaradei Yousuf Al Ghabshi	RL	Mohamed Ali Tia Ramzy
NM	Sam Elbanna Abdalla Farag	RV	Mesk Younis Adam Badran
NA	Moez Elsallab Ram Elbanna	RE	Adam Awad Lara Mahmoud
NL	Yasmine Fathy Hamza Bashr	Year 1M	Ziad Gabal Pavly Azir
NV	Malika Abdelgabbar Omar Halima	Year 1A	Dujana Saleh Taymour Rafaie
NE	Jwairiah Morgan Youssef Oun	Year 1L	Malak Saeed Youssef Osman
RM	Dinah Ramoatlhodi Mahmoud Abdelaal		

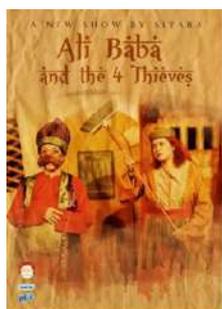
Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Primary since our last MCE Times. We have had both boys' and girls' teams representing the college in competitive football matches. We were extremely proud of the effort and sportsmanship that all the students showed.

On Thursday, parents of students in **Year 5 and 6** attended a presentation from the staff at Well Springs, the venue for our upcoming residential trip. Parents saw first-hand what an exciting time awaits the students who will attend and the enormous educational benefit was explained, as well as how much fun it will be!

This week we have a double year group focus, from Year 5 for last week and Year 3 for this week; I hope you enjoy it.



Year 5: It has been a busy time in Year 5 with the Fantasia concert and Languages Day, but we have still had time to enjoy numerous exciting activities in Year Five. As part of our English Curriculum focusing on playscripts, we were taken on a magic carpet ride during our Sitara theatre trip on Tuesday! We really enjoyed the creative, interactive experience and learnt a lot about staging a play. We read the story of Ali Baba and then predicted how the playwright would approach various scenes in the play, discussing predictions in the post-show talk. Ask us about the dancing donkey in the show!



In Science Curriculum we have been taking a closer look at the processes of fertilisation and pollination, watching fenugreek seeds germinate in class and tracking measurements. We were surprised how quickly they have grown!



We also enjoyed dissecting a flower to help us identify its different structures, leaving us all with delightfully fragrant classrooms!

In Art we have enjoyed being mini-Monets, investigating the form and structure of water lilies and experimenting with water colour techniques. Look out for our masterpieces soon!



Year 3: In our Science lessons in Year 3, we have been learning all about Light and Shadow. We can name many different sources of light – including some that are natural and some that are man-made. We have also been learning about reflective materials. We carried out a scientific experiment to find out which material is the best reflector and why we need reflective materials. Ask a student in Year 3 why we need some materials that are reflective! In our experiment, we used a man-made light source (a torch) to shine onto different materials. We constructed a device that we put the torch into which would allow us to see the light that had been reflected back from the material, if it was reflective! We hope you enjoy these photos – we had a lot of fun testing reflective

materials. After the experiment, we remembered how to think scientifically by asking ourselves questions about the method, the apparatus and the conclusion.



Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

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



Foster Charity Dress Up Day – Monday 4th February

We are all looking forward to the dress-up day on Monday! Please support your child in bringing 20LE for participating in the dress-up theme of Star Wars/Marvel/Disney. Some additional extra money can also be brought to participate in break and lunch-time activities, costing 5LE each. There is the opportunity to “Beat the Goalie in

costume” (Mr Watt and Mr Keal). Students may also choose to watch a Disney movie in 3A classroom. Plus, lots of fun in the adventure playground, including a treasure hunt. All proceeds will benefit ESMA, the Egyptian Society for Mercy to Animals. At MCE we promote kindness to all living things and this is a worthwhile charity which provides medical treatment and shelter to many homeless animals.



Primary Sports Day – Monday 4th March

Mr Sussex and his PE team are currently working hard to plan this event - look out for further details.

Languages Day

Last week the Primary students thoroughly enjoyed a very successful Languages Day. This included a House Competition Treasure Hunt for Years 3 and 4. Congratulations to Elgar students who won this event, they have gained 100 points for their House! Thank you to the French department for their hard work on this event.

Jacqui Belcher
Head of Primary House System

Primary House Points

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

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

With no MCE times last week, I did not have the opportunity to mention what a fantastic Languages Day we had last week. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped and performed!

MOCK EXAMS

With the mock exams taking place students have been busy revising and I have been so impressed by their conduct. Do not forget Mary Poppins is coming soon and I have been amazed by the quality of the performances I have seen so far!

Hoodies and non-uniform.... Some students have been bringing in hoodies and not wearing jumpers or blazers. We have an expectation on uniform please can you support us by checking your child's uniform before they leave.

Don't forget it is Foster House Dress Up Day is on Monday.

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary



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

On the 21st of January, Malvern College Egypt hosted its first ever MCE Languages Day. It all kicked off with Fantasia – a Disney-themed concert where all students in years 1 to 6 performed in a variety of languages including French, Arabic and Italian. We were also treated to a solo performance by Mariam Elmoushy in year 11 who sang "Let it go" in Italian and English. The students performed



beautifully and were a credit to the school – well done! Our thanks go to the Music department who collaborated with us on this venture and without whom, we could not have put on such a wonderful event.

The day continued with a musical theme when at lunchtime a number of staff performed on the blue court playing an instrument, singing or reading a poem



in a number of languages namely Swahili, Spanish, Welsh, Irish and French. What a

talented staff we have! During lunch, there were a number of board games available in the Theatre foyer and on the blue court, a pop-up café was serving free biscuits and hot chocolate... but only if the students ordered them in French, Spanish or Italian! There were other games on offer and

our thanks go to the secondary school prefect team whose

support and help with all of these lunchtime activities were invaluable. Merci! Grazie! ;Gracias!





After lunch, all students in year 5 and above took part in a quiz and in years 3 and 4, students took part in a QR Treasure Hunt. They were split into their houses and in mixed age groups, they went around the Primary school with an answer sheet and an iPad looking for the QR codes. Every code they scanned had a question that they had to answer on their sheet – they did an incredible job and collaborated well in their teams. Bravo!

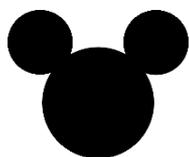


During period 1, secondary school students were given an MCE Languages Day passport. During every lesson that day, the teachers delivered adapted lessons so that students could learn facts about a variety of different countries.

Overall, this was a fabulous day with a great range of activities, and we would like to thank in particular all the staff who helped make this day run so smoothly. There are far too many to mention - thank you all!

Kerry Moore
Head of MFL

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



Foster Dress Up Day – Monday 4th February

On Monday, Foster are hosting a 'Disney/Star Wars/Marvel' dress up day! A minimum donation to dress up in themed or green clothes is 20 LE and don't forget to bring some extra money to take part in the fun activities Foster has planned for you at break and lunch time!

Proceeds from the day will go to Foster's charity 'ESMA', which is an animal shelter. Look out for the posters for more information. Please note that **no** pyjamas or football kits are allowed.



Inter-House Debate Competition

Look out for posters around the school and get involved! Open to all students. For more information, see your House Captains or Head of House.

- Lewis vs Foster – Wednesday 20th February
- Elgar vs Sanger – Thursday 7th March
- Elgar vs Foster – Wednesday 13th March
- Lewis vs Sanger – Wednesday 20th March
- Lewis vs Elgar – Wednesday 27th March
- Sanger vs Foster – Thursday 4th April
- Final (during Assembly) – Thursday 11th April

House Points

Below are the up-to-date results for Student House Points only (points awarded for House Events are not included).

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

Congratulations to Foster for still securing their first place!

Well done to the following students who have received the highest number of House Points:

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. The students and staff have continued with all their hard work in running as fast, jumping as high and throwing as far as they can within the athletics topic, in preparation for their sports day. Both our primary and secondary schools will be competing in various activities across a whole day event, hosted by the Maadi Olympic stadium. The primary sports day will be on the 4th March, with the secondary event being the day after on the 5th March. I would ask all our parents to attend the event and support your child competing in a fantastic day-long event.



Due to the cold weather, we decided to close both of the pools before the winter break and they have remained closed until now. We are aiming to re-open both of the pools, to continue with our fantastic swimming programs, on Sunday 3rd March. Can I ask we ensure all students have their correct swimming uniform for this time, which includes appropriate swimming shorts/costume, goggles, swim cap, appropriate footwear and a towel. If there is any issues or questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Please can I remind all parents to note, when signing students reply slips for sports fixtures that you state who will be collecting your child from the school at which the match is being played at. The safety of our students is our first priority and we want to be absolutely sure in who we are leaving students with, or who they are being collected by, after any fixtures off site.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Joshua Sussex

Head of Physical Education

Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts



We are on the final countdown to this year's Secondary school performance of Mary Poppins! The production this year is set to be a fantastic event and we are pleased to announce that there will be two performances on the 13th of February. The first is a matinee performance at 1:30pm, this will be open to all students in the secondary school as well as anyone else who would like to watch. The early evening performance will start at 5:30pm and we heartily encourage all parents, family and friends to attend. There will be refreshments in the foyer before the performance and you will have an opportunity to speak to some of the characters before the show starts. PLEASE NOTE there is no school bus after the evening show.

Tickets are available now for both performances so please hurry and book your tickets before they run out!

Rehearsals

costumes with them.

If your child/children are involved in the performance, please remember that this weekend we have a Saturday rehearsal from 8:45 – 2:45. This is **COMPULSORY** for **ALL CAST**. Please can you also ensure your child/children bring their clearly labelled

Parents of the cast, please also be aware that on the night of the performance no school transport is provided. We therefore strongly encourage you to come and watch your child, so that you can then take them home afterwards!

Kim Harries
Director of Performing Arts

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music

The MCE Languages concert entitled 'Fantasia' was a great success last week, with Primary students singing in English, Arabic, French and Italian to the delight of many parents. The theatre was wonderfully decorated with thanks to the Art department, in particularly Sarah Negm with her beautiful designs of Disney characters for the backdrop of the stage.

The Music department is now busy preparing the Secondary show 'Mary Poppins' with the Drama department. **All of Year 8 are involved. A letter will be sent out next week requesting that all Year 8 students are needed on the day of the performance until 6.30pm.**

On February 13th the show will be performed twice– once at 1.20 pm and then again at 5.30 pm. Parents are invited to watch either of the performances, even if their child is not in the show. I really recommend coming to watch and support this, as it is rarely performed in Egypt - a stylish British musical set in London in 1910.

All cast should now know their lines and lyrics of songs. Any students with main parts must be knuckling down to practise their lines and lyrics each evening for this show to be a success. Please do encourage this if your child is in the cast.

Here are a few photos from last week's vocal extravaganza 'Fantasia':

Paul Russell
Director of Music

