

IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY

Wednesday 13th
Secondary school production

Monday 18th
Early Years Sports Day

Tuesday 19th
Year 1 & 2 Sports Day

Friday 22nd – 2nd March
Half Term Holiday

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

Monday 4th
Primary Sports Day

Tuesday 5th
Secondary Sports Day

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 28th
Book Week Dress up Day

THE MCE TIMES



Thursday 7th February 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

Life at the College has once again stepped up a pace. Fun events such as the House dress up day and student activities have been complimented by a vast array of other learning activities both in and out of the classroom. Preparations for the Sports Days in PE lessons, Early Years park and theatre trips, Years 6 recycling activities and the final rehearsals for the Mary Poppins production are only a few of the things I have witnessed this week! Each day I am impressed by the wonderful array of talents on show from our pupils and look forward to welcoming parents into the College to celebrate some of the events together with us.

Please do ensure that you have booked your tickets for the fantastic Mary Poppins show and help the children to look their best for the school photographs at the beginning of next week.

Warmest Regards

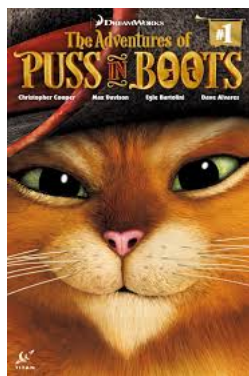


Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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



Next week we have the Pret-a-Portrait photographers in College. Please make sure that your children have the correct school uniform for their photo slot including jumper or cardigan. Your class teachers will be in touch to let you know when your class photos will be taking place.



Year 1 have had another busy week! Thank you to all the parents who sent in junk for our modelling activity. The children really enjoyed working in teams to build castles, and they are becoming more confident in using the architectural vocabulary associated with castles such as battlement, drawbridge, moat, tower and portcullis. Please check this week's newsletter for some photos of the children's' creations. During topic time we have been reading the traditional tale 'Puss in Boots.' The children used their drama skills to perform part of the story to their classes, as well as creating their own 'talking animals' which they wrote about independently. In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning the names of 3D shapes and have discovered their properties. The children have been counting how many faces, edges and vertices the shapes have and we have enjoyed lots of practical activities and ICT games to help consolidate our learning.



Reception enjoyed a very hot and sunny day for their first school trip of this academic year to Family Park. The children enjoyed looking at the animals and thinking about what types of habitats they would usually live in. We also explored different habitats around the park, thinking about the types of small creatures we might find there. For example, butterflies in the flower gardens as they lie to drink the nectar from the flowers. The children also enjoyed a planting workshop and got to re-pot their own plant to take home. All of us, including some of the teachers, enjoyed sliding down the massive slides and having lots and lots of fun!



In Nursery this week we have been learning about taking care of our bodies and the children have enjoyed talking about getting enough exercise and sleep. They have also listened to the story of "Ten in a Bed" in which they have been counting all the bears and singing the song. For Read, Write, Inc., we have introduced the "e" sound (envelope, egg, elbow, elephant). The children have been reading their favourite books and identifying rhyming words through songs and stories. For mathematics, we have been using positional language with the story "We're Going On A Bear Hunt", and going under and over obstacles in the playground. The children enjoyed going on their first trip to the Sitara theatre and participating in the Gruffalo workshop. They were on their best behaviour and displayed confidence in role playing.

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The Pre-Nursery children have been learning all about number 4 this week and have taken part in a variety of activities to support their understanding of what number 4 looks like and what it represents. They have used *Numicon* and many other practical resources to help them secure their understanding. Each day within Pre-Nursery there are a rich source of resources to enable the children to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding across the Early Years Curriculum. The children have continued to enjoy their topic on the Outside World, Seasons and Senses.



We had a great time dressing up as Disney, Marvel and Star Wars characters. The Year 1 children were treated to games and activities set up and run by Key Stage 2 children at lunch time. The children loved earning points for their houses by participating. It was fantastic to see the older children helping the younger ones and teaching them about the various games on offer. The Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception children all enjoyed dressing-up and raising money for charity, thank you for your generosity in supporting these house events.



Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

| Star of the Week | | | |
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| PNM | Asyiah Hassan Nuoyi Li | NV | Zad Elbassiouni Aly Ashour |
| PNA | Emmy Hegazy Rayan Marzouk | NE | Mariam Negm Eldin Ammar Ahmed |
| NM | Camillia Abdelwahab Adam Abdelmoniem | 1M | Ziad Gabal Pavly Azir |
| NA | Amyes Eledrisi Fareda Fahmy | 1A | Dujana Saleh Taymour Rafeie |
| NL | Ali Ibrahim Zeyad Marghany | 1L | Malak Saeed Youssef Osman |

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School



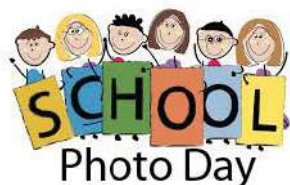
It has been a colourful and exciting week in Primary at MCE. The highlight of the week for many of the students was our House dress-up day organised by Foster House. Students came to school in a fabulous range of Disney and Marvel character costumes and took part in a variety of fun activities at break time. A very special thank you goes, once again, to Ms Belcher for the effort and enthusiasm that she put into making this day a super success for the students. I am delighted to report that, on top of having fun, the students raised EGP16,570 for ESMA, the Egyptian Society for Mercy to Animals charity.

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Students will have the chance to watch the senior school's amazing production of Mary Poppins next week. If you would like to come along, there will be a performance after school on Wednesday 13th February at 5:30pm; everyone is welcome! Please contact the college for tickets.



Please remember that next week, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, we have the photographers in for the official school photographs. Please ensure that all students are in school every day, on time and looking smart in their correct uniform.

This week's Year Group focus comes from Year 6;

The Plastic Ocean

During our PSCH lessons, Y6 have started a new project based on recycling and looking carefully at the environmental impact of plastic. In conjunction with the Secondary Science Department, Y6 have taken on the exciting task of creating a recycling bank, which will be used to supply all kinds of materials for our upcycling morning later in this term. Each student is also being asked to create an eco-brick which we hope will be used to create some very exciting and unique art installations. To create an eco-brick you need to empty a 1.5 Litre plastic bottle of water, clean and dry it, and then begin to fill it with non-biodegradable, non-recyclable rubbish.

This takes a while (weeks). The bottles need to be completely filled, packed to the brim and solid as you can see in the photos.

To help the students understand the impact of plastic on our environment, Y6 have begun watching the documentary filmed by a British adventurer and a wildlife conservationist, whose real aim at the beginning of the documentary filming was to look at the life of the blue whale. It was during this film that they realised what a devastating effect plastic was having on the ocean and so their campaign began. To help with their wish to rid the world of plastic products, Y6 will be talking a great deal about what alternatives there are to 'one-use' plastics and how to begin making a difference.....every little helps.



| Star of the Week | | | |
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| Year 2 M | Hamza Ahmed | Year 4 A | Leena Awaad |
| Year 2 A | Selim Elbehiry | Year 4 L | Maryam El Zarqa |
| Year 2 L | Mohamed Elbaradei | Year 5 M | Ahmed ElShourbagy |
| Year 2 V | Mohamed Fahmy | Year 5 A | Merla Beshara |
| Year 3 M | Raed Elmokadem | Year 5 L | Nancy Younes |
| Year 3 A | Yehia Shamia | Year 6 M | Kiana Boraei |
| Year 3 L | Farah Khalil | Year 6 A | Asser Ahmed |
| Year 4 M | Taif Al Ghabshi | Year 6 L | Riana Mohamed |

Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

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



Foster Charity Dress Up Day – money raised

This event was a great success and we raised over 16,000 LE across the school for our Foster Charity. 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. My grateful thanks go to all those who supported the event, but in particular to Miss Phillips who led the Primary activities. Our

students had lots of fun as well as developing their awareness of community service.



The Malvern Marathon - Thursday 14th February

We are hoping to send out a letter very soon about this event, led by our Year 5 teacher Mrs Susan Phillips. Please look out for it and sponsor your child, it is for two very worthy causes that support children at risk. She is raising money for UK charity, NSPCC and the African Hope Learning Centre here in Cairo.



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.



Elgar and Sanger Bake Sale – Monday 8th April

We are already looking forward to our next friendly competition bake sale, to see which House can raise the most money for their House Charity. More details to come in the near future.



Year 6 visits to Elgar Charity

We are currently organising visits for all students in Year 6 to our Elgar Charity, the Branches of the Vine centre for children with special needs. They will plan and carry out activities with the children there. A letter will be sent to parents in due course.

House points

Primary House Points

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

Jacqui Belcher

Head of Primary House System

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



The Pastoral Team would like to thank the parents for their support with ensuring English is spoken around the college. One of the parents positively told us that they “totally support the school in this decision...I believe it’s an excellent step as this will improve their English and confidence when speaking.”



We had a Mathematics event during lunch-time this week, and the students were out there with their calculators ready to participate!



The cast of Mary Poppins are thrilled to perform next week on Wednesday 13th February, make sure you’ve booked your tickets!

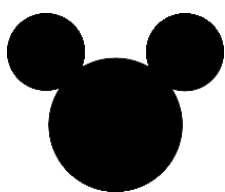


Last week’s Mock Exams were successful and I was impressed with the students’ behavior and attitude towards their learning!

Don’t forget that the school photographs will take place next week so please ensure your children are dressed in full-uniform with blazers.

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary

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



Foster Dress Up Day – Monday 4th February

On Monday, Foster supported their charity, ESMA (Egyptian Society for Mercy to Animals), with a ‘Disney/Star Wars/Marvel’ dress up day! I am delighted to announce that we raised over 16,000LE which will greatly benefit the animal shelter.

The day was a success starting with the wonderful costumes and green items of clothing around the school! The Secondary students were busy baking over the weekend and successfully ran a bake sale for the Senior school at break time. The excitement continued during lunchtime with Disney-themed games in the piazza, such as Guess the Disney Character quiz and a Wreck-it Ralph game, alongside a bake sale with churros, cupcakes, brownies and Mickey-shaped cookies. A big thank you to Mr Webb and the Foster students for their hard work in the weeks leading up to their big day! Thank you to all members of staff for their support throughout the day.



Inter-House Debate Competition – next week

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



Inter-House Football Competition – March

Our Sports Prefect, Omar Khairy, and Mr Sussex have been working extremely hard to organise a football tournament for Secondary students. Every House has had a meeting this week with important information and more information will be shared shortly.

House Points

Things are getting very close in the Student House Points (points awarded for House Events are not included).

Congratulations to Foster for still securing first place!

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

Ms Pante

Head of Senior House System

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education



It has been a fantastic week within the PE and sports department. We have continued to work on all of our sports day preparation and improving the students' knowledge and understanding for the various activities. We as a team have focused on all of the activities that will be on display across the two days of both the primary and secondary school sports days.



With regards to the recent sports matches, the MCE Lions of both the boys and girls under 16 teams played The British School Al Rehab (TBS). Both teams fought incredibly hard, showing tremendous levels of passion, determination and motivation to win the matches. The girls team worked extremely hard in both attack and defense. However, they couldn't quite break down the TBS defence. The match finished 0-0 with both teams sharing one point towards the league. The boys team showed incredible resilience, at one point being 0-3 down to TBS. The match finished 4-5 to TBS, however both teams acknowledged what a fantastic game it truly was and it gave a lot for Mr Gale to build upon for the up and coming fixtures.



As another reminder, please note, swimming lessons will begin again on the 3rd March. Please ensure all students have their correct swimming and PE uniform for all of their up and coming lessons. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this.

Joshua Sussex
 Head of Physical Education

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



Music Technology

Music students in **Key Stage 3 (Years 6, 7 and 8)** are currently working on their next music technology assessment projects, and grades for this will appear in their next report. **Year 6** have been learning about Chinese music, practising Chinese melodies using the pentatonic scale. Students are now arranging and composing a soundtrack for a one-minute travel video on China, using the wonders of Garageband in the iMac studio. **Year 7** are studying film music and famous film music composers. They have already nearly completed their first assessment piece composing to a clip of James Bond, using the famous themes by British composer Monty Norman, and they will go on to compose for an Indiana Jones film clip. **Year 8**, who are looking forward to performing in the show 'Mary Poppins' next week, have not only learnt to sing all the show tunes, but now are studying their new unit on 'Pop Music Through the Decades' and are working on their own arrangements of The Beatles' songs 'Let it Be' and 'Yellow Submarine'.



The following topics and songs are being taught in Early Years Lessons:
 Prenursery are learning action songs including 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and '5 Green Speckled Frogs'.
 Nursery are learning the songs '5 little ducks', 'Down in the Jungle'.
 Reception are learning to play tuned melodies on boomwackers, including 'Row, row, row your boat'.



Year 1 are learning weather songs and how to copy simple rhythm patterns.

Year 2 are learning about the elements of music, in particular, pitch, through an 'Animals' scheme of work. They are also learning basic keyboard skills.

Years 2 to 6 have been concentrating on vocal skills and music theory. **Year 4** performed ABBA's 'Thank you for the Music' this week for their peers in the primary assembly, which was very expressive and of a very high quality, despite Mrs Challis losing her voice! Well done!



(**Jason Orme, Year 8**) introducing the children to the delights of Mrs Corry's shop:

Regarding the Secondary show, **Year 8** parents must send in the reply slip, so students have permission to stay after school to perform on Wednesday. Tickets for 'Mary Poppins' are available via the link sent to all parents by email. Do come and support this fantastic first ever Secondary musical, even if your child is not performing in it. Our PE/ dance teacher Hadeel Mahmoud has been busy helping with the choreography. Here is a photo from Saturday's strenuous, yet fun, 6 hour rehearsal, where we see Bert the chimney sweep

Paul Russell

Director of Music