

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

Friday 15th

International Day

Wednesday 20th

Egyptian Mother's Day Celebration for Reception

Thursday 21st

Egyptian Mother's Day Celebrations for Pre-Nursery and Nursery mothers

Monday 24th – Thursday 28th

World Book Week

Thursday 28th

Book Week Dress up Day

Sunday 31st

Parent Teacher Conference

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Primary Sports Day 2018/19

Thursday 14th March 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,



We look forward to welcoming the MCE community to our 3rd International Day on Friday 15th March from 13:30 to 16:30. In the build-up to this highly anticipated event the College was awash with colour today in our International Dress Up Day. With pupils from Pre-Nursery to the Sixth Form dressed in national dress or the colours of their country it was easy to see the diverse range of countries represented at MCE. Pupils in Early Years and Primary school enjoyed their International parades and I hope many of you are able to join in our main parade on Friday at 13:45.

Next week will see two of our biggest residential trips taking place with our annual Ski trip to Switzerland and the Year 5/6 Wellsprings trip here in Egypt. I wish all the pupils and staff a safe a fun packed time and cannot wait to see the photos and read the reports from both trips. Any trip takes a huge amount of preparation and planning and I would like to thank all of the teachers and MCE staff who have been involved in making these exceptional opportunities available to our pupils.



Reports and Parent Teacher Conference Day

All parents of pupils from Year 1 to Lower Sixth Form should soon receive notification of the latest report cards being made live on the parent portal. These reports aim to provide parents with up to date information on the progress of your child in the classroom in terms of both academic attainment and their approach to their learning. This reports can then be used to help inform any discussion you wish to have with teacher at the Parent Teacher Conference Day on Sunday 31st

March. Next week parents will receive more information about the structure of the PTC day and how, for Early Years and Primary School, to book the appointments with the teachers.



Pi Day

Pi is a significant mathematical value representing a constant (the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter) and the first three digits are 3.14. Therefore, on 14th March (or 3/14, 3.14) each year thousands of schools around the world celebrate the concept of Pi. At MCE this involved pupils undertaking fun

activities in their classes, as well as baking pies or even, for some very enthusiastic pupils, throwing pies in their teachers' faces!!!



MCUK – Quality Assurance Visit - Questionnaire

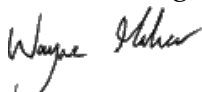
Malvern College Egypt will shortly receive a Quality Assurance (QA) visit from Malvern College UK. The purpose of the visit is to review the pastoral, academic and co-curricular aspects of the College, ensure that best practice and appropriate protocols are followed, ensure that the school is managed in accordance with the aims and ethos of Malvern College UK and make appropriate recommendations for improvement.

As part of this process, you are invited to complete the following questionnaire as your views and opinions are important to the Quality Assurance Team. Your responses are private and only the QA team will read what is written and no names will be used in the report to the College. We welcome all comments, what you are happy with as well as any causes for concern.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/62VGWFW>

Please complete your response by Thursday 21st March 2019

Warmest Regards



Wayne Maher
Headmaster

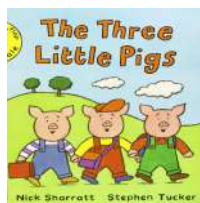
Early Years News from Sally Dibb-Holland – Head of Early Years



The children enjoyed dressing up in international dress today and it is wonderful to see great Egyptian pride as well as the representation of so many nationalities at MCE. As always, the Early Years Parade was full of energy and enthusiasm and I am delighted to see so many staff taking part. We look forward to seeing you all at our annual International Day event on Friday 15th March from 1:30pm to. We have already received some super photographs of children reading in *strange and interesting places* – do keep these coming.



The Pre-Nursery children have benefitted from another week of marvellously stimulating and interesting purposeful play. They have designed and created their classroom door displays for book week. Do take the time to come and look at their wonderful creations! Whilst continuing to learn about their topic of *Pets and Animals*. This week the focus has been upon farm animals, looking at the names of the different farm animals, where they live and the noises they make. The children have represented the farm animals using a variety of creative materials, they have been singing songs about farm animals.



It has been another busy week in **Nursery**. The children enjoyed listening to the story of *The Three Little Pigs*, identified the differences between the characters, and retold the story using masks and puppets in the Continuous Provision area. We built our own houses using playdough, boxes, Lego, and large blocks. Our Mathematics activities included counting items

in threes in reference to our story and ordering numbers to 10 and beyond 10. Our Read, Write, Inc. sound is 'sh' (ship, shell, shoe and shop). We have been identifying the initial sounds of words in *The Three Little Pigs* story, practising our letter formation, and *Fred talking* the sounds to make words. Please refer to the Home learning challenge if you choose to send in items for next week's Show and Tell.



In **Reception** this week, we have continued to learn about food and healthy eating, further discussing food and emphasising the importance to eat a variety of foods. We read the story '*Oliver's vegetables*' and learned lots of new vocabulary. Thank you for sending in fresh vegetables for us to look at. The children really enjoyed using them to create fantastic print art! In Mathematics we revisited measurement using non-standard units to measure items. We also introduced standard units (centimetres) and used a ruler to measure objects from the classroom. As the weather warms up, we encourage the children to wear sunhats for outdoor play. Please send in a hat, that will be kept in the classroom, clearly labelled

with your child's name and class. Thank you!



In **Year 1**, we continue to enjoy our China topic, and this week have examined differences and similarities between Beijing and Cairo. The children have written simple reports focussing on using cursive handwriting. It has been one of our main targets for the week, and everyone is making a big effort to master this tricky skill. We have also used photo packs, non-fiction books and wildlife fact files to gather information about China, creating posters and fact files of our own to show what we have discovered. Our corridor is looking fantastic with lots of the childrens' work on display. In Mathematics, we have been focussing on number facts, including doubles and halves, and

the use of these in additions and subtractions to 20. The children are learning to use this knowledge to help them solve word problems in different contexts. We had a very messy and enjoyable science lesson this week, as we experimented with different combinations of materials to discover which ones make the best slime! We documented our findings by recording what we wanted to find out, how we were going to do it and our end result. Have a look at this week's newsletter for some photos of our slimy creations.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20 th March – 8am to 11:30am	Egyptian Mother's Day Celebration for Reception and Year 1 mothers to join us.
Thursday 21 st March – 8am to 11:30am for Nursery 8am to 10am for Pre-Nursery	Egyptian Mother's Day Celebrations for Pre-Nursery and Nursery mothers to join us.
Sunday 24 th March	Book Week begins
Thursday 28 th March –	Book Week Dress-Up Parade in the Early Years Area from 8am, parents are welcome to observe from the balcony.
Sunday 31 st March	Parent Teacher Consultation Day, College closed appointments available nearer the time.
Sunday 14 th April – Thursday 18 th April	No CCA's Early Years 1pm finish all week.
Thursday 18 th April	Break up for the Easter holidays 3:00pm finish

Star of the Week			
PNM	Dalida Saleh Yara Hegazy	RA	Farida El Faramway Finley Hannaford
PNA	Seif Elbaradei Duru Yucel	RL	Youssef Abdelrahman Farida Abdelraouf
NM	Adam Wahba Adam Abdelmoniem	RV	Yehia Omran Leenah Elbeltagy
NA	Carla El Mawy Ihab Aly	RE	Selim Mostafa Joud Awadalla
NL	Jude Nour Zeyad Marghany	Year 1M	Layla Zener Pavly Azir
NV	Lana Aboutaleb Chris Khalil	Year 1A	Mohamed Mohamed Asia Wahdan
NE	Lilly Mattar Asya Kassem	Year 1L	Hamza Abdelhady Abdelhamid Eladrousi
RM	Ali Mohamed Jannat Toppouz Zada		



Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

It has been another amazing and exciting week in Primary at Malvern college.

We have had student teams, both boys and girls, representing us in football matches with other schools this week. Both teams played very well and showed excellent sportsmanship; they did us proud!

Year 5 and Year 6 are getting excited about their residential trip to Wellsprings next week. I know that they will have an amazing time and learn a lot about team work and independence. I look forward to seeing the photographs and hearing the stories of the exciting things that they will do.



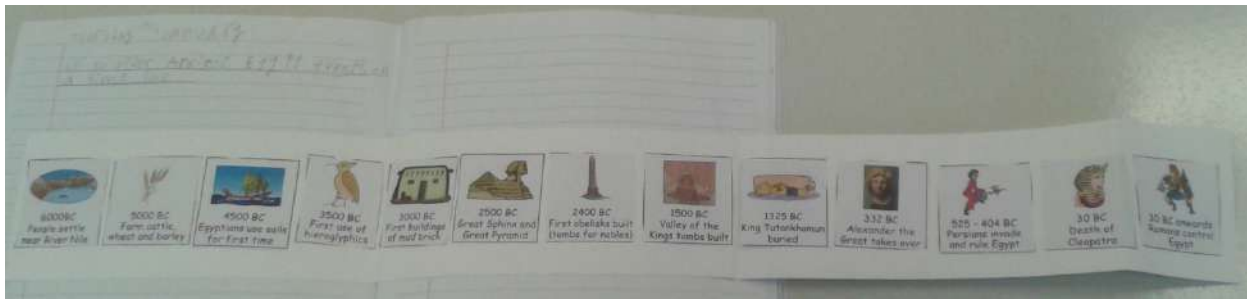
We celebrated this month's World Poetry Day in assembly on Tuesday. I challenged the students to find their favourite poem and share it with me when they see me around college, perhaps you could take time to share your favourite poems with the children too?

We ended the week with the colourful extravaganza that was national costume day, with students wearing amazing outfits representing a wide range of nations.

A reminder that this weekend, on Friday 15th March, it will be International Day in College, between 1:30pm and 4:30pm. Lots of fun for all the family, I look forward to seeing you there.

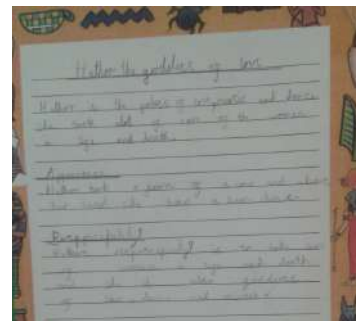
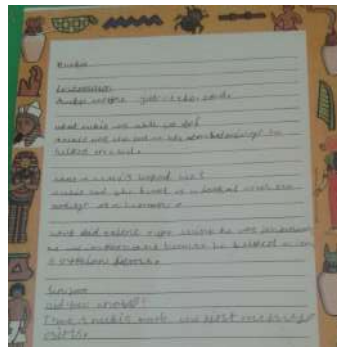
This week's year group focus is provided by Year 3.

In **Year Three**, our topic in Humanities lessons has been Ancient Egypt. We have had lots of fun in these lessons learning all about life in Ancient Egyptian times. To help us to understand when events took place, we used an interactive timeline and then we re-created our own.



We learned the names and responsibilities of some of the most famous Egyptian Gods and created our own fact files for them.

In our Art lessons we had lots of fun creating our own cartouches with our names using hieroglyphics and we designed our own Ancient Egyptian collars and headdresses.



As if all that wasn't exciting enough, we had the opportunity to consolidate our learning with a visit to the Pharaonic Village in Cairo



Star of the Week			
Year 2 M	Philopateer Beshara	Year 4 A	Muhammed Ardhanly
Year 2 A	Hania Badr	Year 4 L	Nour Ismail
Year 2 L	Youssian Henen	Year 5 M	Seif Soliman
Year 2 V	Ismael Abdeen	Year 5 A	Mela Beshara
Year 3 M	Mariam El Sagheer	Year 5 L	AlHassan Hassan
Year 3 A	Hannah ElSayed	Year 6 M	David Romani
Year 3 L	Kaber el Batal	Year 6 A	Seif Fekry
Year 4 M	Hassan Abdel Barry	Year 6 L	Hala Elzayat



Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

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



International Day – tomorrow (1.30pm to 4.30pm)

I do hope you will be attending this special day in the MCE calendar! I know that parents, staff and students are all working hard to prepare for it. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Please take note of key times below for Year Group performances, and ensure your child is at the stage before their performance time in order to participate:

- 1.45pm: Children’s parade
- 2pm: Year 2
- 2.05pm: Year 4
- 2.15pm: Year 5
- 4.10pm: Year 1

Please also take time to read all signs that will be on display, many are there to ensure that we all have an enjoyable time whilst remaining safe. Staff will be wearing their green tags whilst on duty and can be approached for any help needed.



Year 6 visits to Elgar Charity – 6A

6A students visited the Elgar Charity on Monday this week. This is a centre for children with special needs. Our students were a credit to the College and had great fun working with the children there. Thank you to Mr Watt for organising the visit.

House points

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

Jacqui Belcher

Head of Primary House System

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

With the weather warming up it was great to see the swimming pool open again and students enjoying their lessons. Please ensure your child has their correct kit for all PE lessons.

On Thursday was PI day and thank you to all staff and students who got involved in all the activities.

On Wednesday we held a HoF training day where all the faculty leaders worked together to continue to refine the curriculum and teaching and learning.

CCA pickups. Please can I ask if your son or daughter does not participate in a CCA that they are picked up promptly.

It was lovely to see all the outfits on international dress day up and I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Good luck to all those on the ski trip!

You should by today be able to access your child's progress report. Please don't forget Parent Teacher Consultation day is on March 31st.

Richard Moore

Head of Secondary

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



Visit to Elgar's Charity – Branches of the Vine

On Monday, I visited Branches of the Vine, which is a learning centre for children with special needs, with Ms Harries and Mariam Hassan. Here are Mariam's thoughts on the trip:

"The trip to our charity was such a refreshing experience in which it enabled me to not only to appreciate my privileges, such as affording education and having good health, but to meet so many pure souls who have such a positive perspective to life. I have met so many talented children who have interests in math, art and languages. It was such an amazing experience and I hope our school can continue to help improve the children learning conditions."

Mariam Hassan, Elgar House Captain.



Visit to Foster's Charity - ESMA (Egyptian Society for Mercy to Animals)

By Salma Mohamed and Ahmed Ramzy, Foster House Captains.

Foster students from both Primary and Secondary school had the opportunity to visit the ESMA (Egyptian Society for Mercy to Animals) dog shelter today. The students donated a substantial amount of money, totalling over 26,000 EGP that they raised over the past year through numerous Foster events. The money donated will be used to supply the dogs with food, medical supplies and improvements to their lives. It was a spectacular day as we were able to play with the nearly 1050 dogs as well as wash them. Personally, I greatly enjoyed our time in the shelter as not only were all the dogs exponentially excited to meet all of us, but the workers responsible for the care of these dogs were extremely welcoming and took us in with open arms. If you'd like to learn more about ESMA and their various programs, visit <http://www.esmaegypt.org>.



Ms Harries' Inter House Debate Competition



Last Thursday, we enjoyed watching Elgar and Sanger on stage debate the motion "this house believes that artistic subjects are just as important as scientific ones". All students presented some wonderful arguments, backed up with facts and extensive research, which left the audience eager for more! Congratulations to Elgar House on their victory and for all our speakers: Nada Ahmed (7A), Lara Abdel (8M), Selim Darwish (8M), Lujayn Arafat (9L), Mariam Hassan (10M) and, in particular, the winner of the Best Public Speaker Award, Ahmed Srour (10M). A special thank you to our guest judges, Mr Moore and Miss Belcher.

This week we will see Elgar and Foster debate the motion: this house believes that, historically, men and women have contributed equally to society. This links in with Women's History Month and we cannot wait for the debate, which will also take place during Assembly. By the time you read this, the debate will have taken place already so look out for next week's MCE Times to find out more!

Which House?	When?
Elgar vs Lewis	Wednesday 27 th March at 12pm
Lewis vs Sanger	Wednesday 20 th March at 12pm
Sanger vs Foster	Thursday 4 th April (Assembly)
Final	Thursday 11 th April (Assembly)



Inter House Football Competition – NEW DATES

Our Sports Prefect, Omar Khairy, and Mr Sussex have been working extremely hard to organise a football tournament for Secondary students. Due to several events taking place this and next week, the tournament will now begin on w/c 24th March. If you have any questions, speak to Omar Khairy.



International Day – Friday 15th March

This event celebrates our diverse community as well as being a significant fundraiser for the House charities. A variety of activities will be on offer, including international food tasting, vendor stalls, entertainment and children’s activities. This will be a great day for the MCE community to get together and have lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

House Points

Congratulations to Lewis for leading this week’s House points league!

Ms Pante

Head of Senior House System

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

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education



It’s been a fantastic and busy week here within the PE and Sports department. The teachers have continued to work hard on improving the students’ knowledge and understanding for touch Rugby. The students have been working hard within this topic and have shown some excellent natural ability for the topic. We as a school are encouraging the students to take part as much as possible within the game of Rugby as we feel this will benefit not only them physiologically but also build life skills such as leadership and teamwork.

We have had a number of fixtures this week with both the under 18 boys and girls football and basketball teams having great results. Mr Davidson’s under 18 Basketball team were successful in beating CES 14-11 and Mr Gale’s Under 18 Football team fought out to achieve a well-earned point against CISE. This is the under 18 football first point earned in the three years of competing.

Please can I remind all parents and students that swimming is now up and running as normal and the students have been informed of when their swimming lesson will take place. Please can we ensure all students have their swimming uniform for each of their lessons. I would also like to point out the swimming pool will stay at 27 degrees and above and therefore warm enough for all students to take part in the swimming lessons. Many thanks for your support with this.

Joshua Sussex
Director of Sport

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



This week the department is involved with already its ninth performance this academic year – music for International Day. The following times are booked for Year groups to perform at the event on Friday. Please make sure your child comes up to the stage to perform when it is announced on the microphone.

- Year 2 2pm**
- Year 4 2.05pm**
- Year 5 2.15pm**
- Year 1 4.10pm**



We look forward to seeing you come and support this event. Students should wear International dress. Next week we will begin putting together the 'MCE's Got Talent' competition which will take place before the April break. The categories for winning awards will be: pianists, vocalists, instrumentalists, dance. Students should sign up in the music office.

Paul Russell

Director of Music