

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH

Thursday 14th
International Dress up Day

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 31th
Parent Teacher Conference

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Primary Sports Day 2018/19

Thursday 7th March 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed the extra time with your children.



Following on from the half-term break our Primary school pupils showed us how much energy they had saved up with some amazing performances in their Sports Day. I was delighted to see so many parents in attendance and with all the staff for encouraging the pupils to cheer on their Houses and friends. There were some exceptional individual results, with a number of school records set, but the overall team spirit on show was fabulous. My personal highlights included the lightning fast Year 5&6 girls 800m and the first ever House Mascot race, which saw teachers dressed as animals running down the track!



It was a pleasure to witness our very own Year 11 pupil, Nisan, receive two separate Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards at the British Embassy this week. I would like to congratulate her on the amazing achievement with her awards for 'Best in Africa' in both GCSE Art and IGCSE Science (Double Award). This is a wonderful reflection of the hard work and determination of the pupil as well as the support from her teachers.



International Day

Our 3rd Annual International Day takes place on Friday 15th March from 13:30 to 16:30. We hope to see you all there, but please ensure you have registered for your free tickets by Sunday 10th March (please contact frontdesk@malverncollege.edu.eg for further information). I would like to thank all the amazing parents and staff who are part of the Friends of MCE team for supporting the College in preparing for the International Day. Many pupils have



Malvern UK Summer Camp

We would like to announce that we have extended the deadline, to Tuesday 12th March, for expressions of interest in the upcoming Malvern UK Summer camp.

This is an amazing opportunity for MCE pupils to take part in an exceptional course and visit some wonderful British sights. Should you wish to express an interest in the course or want more information please contact marwa.elsayed@malverncollege.edu.eg



Reading in Strange Places -Book Week

Book Week takes place across the College the week commencing Sunday 24th March. As a part of this event we would like all pupils to contribute to a display of photographs showing them reading in a strange place; this is to promote the idea of reading for pleasure wherever you are! Please help your child to think of a place they can read and have their photo taken. Ideally we would like photographs printed by you and sent in, although it is possible the Class Teacher or Form Tutor may accept an emailed digital file. Please start sending photographs in from Sunday 10th March so we can have our displays ready for Book Week.

Thanks in advance for your support in developing your child's love of reading.

Warmest Regards

Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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



Welcome back to all of our families, it is delightful to see our children skipping into the College each morning. We will recommence swimming for Nursery and Reception on Monday 1st April as the weather should be warmer. Year 1 will recommence swimming on Sunday 10th March as they will be in the big pool. Please check your child's planner for the day that their class will be swimming.



Pre-Nursery have started on the new topic *Pets*. The teachers have spent time with the children discussing their own pets and how we should look after them. Taking time to consider the needs of pets who live in our homes and our responsibility to look after them, feed and care for them. All of the children have taken part in various craft activities using a variety of different media to create representations of their own pets. The teachers have introduced the concept of a square to the children and consolidated this with the number 4. The children have benefitted from different activities to help them to understand what number 4 looks like and what the number represents. They have also looked at many different sizes of squares and explored the properties of squares.



Our new topic in **Nursery** is *Traditional Tales*. The children have benefitted from a wonderfully rich learning experience in our Continuous Provision area. This has included messy play with porridge, flour, straw, junk modelling houses and role playing our favourite tales. This week, the children enjoyed listening to the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and retold the story using the voices of Father Bear, Mother Bear and Baby Bear. We went to the school kitchen to make some warm porridge and it tasted just right! Mathematics included counting activities and sorting the Three Bears' porridge, chairs and beds according to size. Our Read, Write, Inc. sound is 'h'

(horse, hen, and hat). We have been identifying the initial sounds of words, practising our letter formation, and *Fred talking* the sounds to make words.



The **Reception** Team would like to welcome all our families back to school after the half term break, and hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. The children were excited to be back and settled into their new topic. The Reception topic this term is *Healthy Eating* and the children have been sorting foods into healthy and non-healthy groups, talking about their favourite foods and using different art materials to create a healthy plate. In mathematics this week we have been looking at odd and even numbers and beginning to count in twos. We are looking forward to another busy half term with lots of upcoming events including *International Day* and *World Book Day*.



In **Year 1** this week we have begun one of our favourite topics - *China!* We have planned a trip to China, investigating where we would like to visit, what we want to learn and what we want to do. The children are keen to begin learning about Chinese food, festivals, cities and wildlife. We have used our writing skills to apply for a Chinese visa, where we explained why we wanted to visit the country. We made passports and packed a suitcase, after researching the types of weather common in China. During our mathematics lessons, we have been learning about odd and even numbers, and are beginning to understand the concept of halves and quarters. We have used Numicon shapes to identify odd numbers as having 'an odd one out', and we have used cubes to half even numbers into two equal groups. We have looked for patterns within odd and even numbers and have used a 100 square to predict the next number in the sequence. We are coming to the end of our materials topic in science and next week we will be experimenting with materials that can be used to make the most effective slime! Our next area within science will be *Changing Seasons and Plants*.

| Dates for your diary | |
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| Thursday 14 th March – 8am | International Day Dress-Up Parade in the Early Years Area, parents are welcome to observe from the balcony. |
| Friday 15 th March | International Day at MCE |
| 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. |
| Monday 1 st April | Musical Showcase Assembly for Reception and Year 1 parents from 12:30pm in the College theatre. |
| 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 | | | |
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| PNM | Masa Elbatal Selim Ali | NL | Amr Geneina Hamza Aljammali |
| PNA | Mariam Atwan Hashim Khalifah | NV | Eyad Sadek Mohamed Basyouny |
| NM | Nour Ghabrial Sophia Kassem | NE | Omar El Kholey Essam Abouelzahab |
| NA | Adam Ghaly Yassin Nada | | |

Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

It has been another busy and exciting week in Primary at Malvern College Egypt.



We were very lucky with the weather on Monday for our Primary Sports Day at the magnificent Olympic Stadium in Maadi. I was delighted to see so many parents able to attend and cheer on the students who competed in a full range of track and field events for their respective houses. We even had a house mascot's race! It was wonderful to see everyone take part in at least one event and show such good sportsmanship, whether they won or not.

This linked nicely with our primary school assembly on Tuesday, which helped the students to reflect on what it means to lose with good grace and to appreciate the fact that nobody wins all of the time.

The enrichment of the curriculum, with learning experiences beyond the classroom, continued this week with a visit to Fagnoon Farm and Arts Centre for our Year 2 students.

A reminder that in one week's time, 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.



Year group focus – Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic first half of the Spring Term studying 'Rivers' in Humanities and 'Life Cycles' in Science, as well as focusing on Monet's Waterlilies in Art which has given us lots of opportunity to explore water



colour techniques. We have been lucky enough to go on two excursions so far this term, the first to the Sitara Theatre where we watched the very comical 'Ali Baba and the Four Thieves' and some of us got the chance to participate in the play, as did Mrs. Phillips! Our second trip was to the Al Sorat Farm and we had a wonderful time feeding goats and horses and had the

opportunity to play with some new born animals also. We also used buffalo milk to make our own cheese which was a fun experience! Whilst on this trip, we took a short horse and cart ride along some of the smaller rivers and we were shocked by the amount of litter we saw on the route, and luckily for us, this half term we



are learning about 'Pollution' and how we can all work to try to combat this issue. This half term has started off with a very exciting Primary Sports Day and all of Year 5 enjoyed participating in the events that earned their houses points.



Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

| Star of the Week | | | |
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| Year 2 M | Youssef Elnahal | Year 4 A | Omar El Nahas |
| Year 2 A | Eyad Marghany | Year 4 L | Zeiad Eladawy |
| Year 2 L | Yassin Tehta | Year 5 M | Lara El Deeb |
| Year 2 V | Loreen Khalafalla | Year 5 A | Matthew Abdelsayed |
| Year 3 M | Yaseen Fekry | Year 5 L | Karim Swilam |
| Year 3 A | Adam Mostafa | Year 6 M | Hala Elsayed |
| Year 3 L | Malak Farag | Year 6 A | Adham Eladawy |
| Year 4 M | Muchiri Githinji | Year 6 L | Muhaimin Nafie |

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

Primary Sports Day

The Primary Sports Day took place on Monday – it was a fantastic House event. All the children tried their best and supported their friends. They were introduced to our House mascots – the Elgar dragon, the Foster crocodile, the Lewis golden eagle and the Sanger shark. Four enthusiastic teachers wore the costumes for a very entertaining race. Thank you to the children for their efforts, and to the parents who came and supported. A special thank must go to Mr Sussex and his PE team who did a great job of organising the day. We are still calculating all the points, results to be announced soon!



International Day – Friday 15th March (1.30pm to 4.30pm)

This event celebrates our diverse community as well as being a significant fund-raiser 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.

[Ticket request forms](#) have been sent out and must be returned by [Sunday 10th March](#).

[How you can help](#): It is not too late to get involved – please volunteer to help run food stalls, provide food items from any country, donate prizes for pupil games/activities. No contribution is too big or too small. Suggested donation items: chocolates, sweets, small toys, stationery, etc. Donations can be left at the Front Desk or with Zeina in Early Years. Please contact FoMCE@malverncollege.edu.eg if you would like further information.



International Dress-up Parades – Thursday 14th March and Friday 15th March

To further celebrate our diverse community we ask all pupils to come dressed up on both Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March. We ask that pupils dress up in either National Dress, the colours of their national flag or bring a flag to wave. To recognise the efforts of the pupils and allow us all to witness the different nations we will host the following parades.

Thursday 14th March:

- Early Years to Year 1 will have a parade in the Early Years indoor area at 08:00.
- Primary School will have a parade in the Astro turf at 07:45.

Thursday 15th March:

- Whole College parade at the actual International Day event at 13:45.

Family and Friends are welcome to attend any of the parades (please make sure you have your ticket for the International Day on Friday).

Year 6 visits to Elgar Charity – 6A to visit next week

Next week 6A will be visiting our Elgar Charity to carry out activities with the children there. I am sure they will find this experience enjoyable.

House points

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

Jacqui Belcher

Head of Primary House System

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

Sports Day

We were so disappointed that we had to cancel Sports Day due to the weather! I never thought I would be writing that in Egypt! We are looking at alternative dates and will let you know as soon as we can.



Exams

With the exam season coming up we will give you information on study leave/revision timetables etc very soon. In the meantime.... Start early on Revision!

The earlier you start, the more prepared you will be. Starting early allows you time to really learn the material and understand it – and it means you can cope with any factors that may unexpectedly disrupt your revision. Also, “cramming” is just not effective for everyone, and will often only create more stress. Spend a couple of hours figuring out the material you will need to know for each exam and map out a revision timetable.



Sixth Form Options Evening

Many thanks to those parents who attend our first Sixth Form Options Evening. It was a great success. If you were unable to attend and you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Burnett or Mrs Maher.



International Day

I look forward to seeing you all at International Day next week!

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary

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



Ms Harries' Inter House Debate Competition

On Wednesday 20th February, we saw the first ever MCE Inter House Debate Competition where Lewis and Foster students went head to head to debate the motion: "this house believes mobile phones should be allowed in school at break and lunch times." Congratulations to all students and staff who supported this wonderful event and to Foster House for their victory.

Upcoming debates:

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

Girls' tournament: w/c 10 March

Boys' tournament: w/c 17 March

Our Sports Prefect, Omar Khairy, and Mr Sussex have been working extremely hard to organise a football tournament for Secondary students. Teams are now finalised but do speak to your House Captain or Omar Khairy (year 11) if you would like to take part. Come and support your House at lunchtime during the tournament!



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House Points

Below are the up-to-date results for Student House Points only (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 an excellent week within the PE and Sport department here at MCE. We have been very busy with our annual interhouse sports day with the Primary School. It was a fantastic day with all our students cheering, singing and competing for their respective Houses. I would like to thank all of the parents and helpers that supported us throughout the day, without you all it would not have been as such a successful day. The students competed very hard, with many students winning a Gold, Silver and/or Bronze medal for themselves as well as many points for their House. The overall house that came out victorious will be announced in due course as we are collecting all of the points from the Early Years School and awaiting confirmation for the rearrangement of the Secondary School event.

Unfortunately, due to poor weather we were unable to continue with our Secondary School sports day on Tuesday 5th March as previously planned. It was decided as a College that for the safety of our students, with running/throwing and/or jumping on a wet surface would be too dangerous. Please look out for a potential reschedule in due course and I can only apologise for any disruption this may have caused.

Joshua Sussex
Director of Sport

Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts

Why Drama?



A boy in year 7 asked me this week ‘Miss why do we have Drama lessons?’ and this combined with this week’s inter-house debate motion ‘This house believes that artistic subjects are just as important as scientific ones’ got me thinking... Are the Arts subjects still so misunderstood in our school?

Some people think that the only worthwhile reason to be studying Drama is to become an actor or director. Drama seems to have a reputation as being an easy subject that isn’t particularly useful. What people forget however, is that the Arts subjects allow you to develop hugely valuable transferable skills which you will continue to use throughout your entire life.

Here are a few:

- **CRITICAL THINKING:** considering different perspectives and analysing your work and the work of others is a fantastic skill to have and so important to any career.
- **DISCIPLINE/DEDICATION:** Drama/Music/Art requires you to be 100% reliable, committed and disciplined to your work.
- **WORKING TO A DEADLINE:** An essential life skill.
- **TEAMWORK:** In Drama you are nearly always working with a group of people of varying genders and sizes. Drama will allow you to develop your patience, ability to compromise and communication skills.
- **QUICK THINKING:** Improvisation forces you to think on your feet, take the initiative and be more proactive



- **CREATIVITY:** Drama/Music/Art forces you to regularly come up with exciting, functional and convincing ideas,
- **EMPATHY:** Putting yourself in another person's shoes and trying to identify with their situation is an invaluable skill that will open your mind, improving the way you interact with people and encourages international mindedness
- **CONFIDENCE:** This is a really important one because performing gives you the opportunity to showcase your talent. You will grow in confidence, develop your artistic skills and overcome the fear of making mistakes in a fun, creative and supportive environment.



So, if you want to take an Art subject at GCSE, A Level or for IB... DO IT! The Arts subjects are arguably even more valuable in today's media driven world; where communication is key, yet so many would rather communicate via text than face to face. Want to become a Doctor? Lawyer? Politician? CEO? The Arts will help you in all of these professions by developing your confidence, open mindedness, risk taking and resilience. You will be a person who isn't afraid to create, collaborate or do a bit of public speaking. I personally can't wait for the results of this weeks debate, to see if our secondary school students will think the same, that the artistic subjects are just as - if not MORE- important than the scientific ones.

Kim Harries
Director of Performing Arts

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



Instrumental Lessons

Many parents have recently expressed an interest and signed up their child for lessons in guitar, drums and piano. As now extra slots are available, those parents should send in the complete payment of 2000LE for 10 lessons as soon as possible and lessons can begin next week. Miss Inna, our piano teacher, will be coming in for an extra day on Mondays, so she will now be teaching two days a week with us. It is fabulous to see so many students taking one-to-one lessons. Learning an instrument sharpens concentration skills, teaches perseverance, increases the capacity of your memory, better mathematical ability, enhances coordination, improves reading skills, teaches you discipline and boosts listening skills. There is no reason your child cannot reach a very good level on an instrument whilst studying at the College. We also offer group lessons after school as CCA clubs. These are: clarinet and saxophone CCA on a Monday, a CCA in learning the flute and also a CCA in learning the guitar on a Tuesday.

INTERNATIONAL DAY



International Day Performances

Students are busy preparing performances for International Day next Friday. We would like to see as many parents there as possible. The following Year groups will sing for our enjoyment: Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5. I especially encourage your child to be there if they are scheduled to perform in a Year group choir. A number of Secondary students will also be performing solos. A stage is being set up outside and it is set to be a very entertaining event – thank you to Ms Belcher for the coordination with the department.



Primary Choir

The Music department is now pushing to develop a strong Primary choir. The choir begins practising this week, however numbers are low. The choir CCA takes place on a Tuesday after school in room G06. We would like as many students as possible to sign up for this to be a success.

Paul Russell

Director of Music