

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER

Sunday 16th

Elgar Charity Dress Up Day

Monday 17th

Year 6 & Secondary School Winter Concert

Wednesday 19th

Years 1 & 2 Winter Concert

Thursday 20th

End of Term 1



Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

Thursday 13^h December 2018

What a fantastic week!!!!

The College has seen two extraordinary performances this week with the Early Years and Years 3 to 5 Winter Concerts. Our youngest pupils in Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception were a delight in their wonderful winter outfits, as they put all their heart into their songs. The energy and enthusiasm of these young performers was a great reflection of all the work they and all the teachers put into the show. Not wishing to be left behind the Year 3 to 5 pupils also gave 110% effort to their own "Christmas Around the World" themed show. From Australia to Russia the pupils gave beautiful renditions of songs reflecting Christmas in different parts of the world. It was great to see how our theatre was packed with so many parents at both events and we hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to see your little stars shining so brightly on the stage.

I would like to thank all of the pupils, parents and staff for all the amazing work that contributed towards these successful events. I now look forward to our two shows next week

Committees & Meetings

Earlier this week I held a meeting with a large number of parents interested in forming our new and updated Friends of Malvern College Egypt (FoMCE). I was delighted by the positive turn out and we held a brief discussion about the way forward for this group to become a positive and meaningful voice within the College. As such we will now hold a more formal FoMCE committee meeting next week. After this I will share more information about the main committee members and what they intend to achieve in the future as part of our wider push towards positive community engagement.

Please keep an eye on your emails for information regarding the programme for next term, including a new opportunity for pupils in Year 2 and below.

Warmest Regards

Headmaster

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



Early Years Announcements,

I am delighted to inform our parents that Mrs Jacqueline Siag has been appointed as Head of Year 1. Your first point of call as parents, should be with your child's class teacher. Should you wish to subsequently consult the Head of Year, Mrs Siag will now be the person to contact. Her email address is Jacqueline.siag@malverncollege.edu.eg. Mrs Siag will be leading the Year 1 team in consultation with myself. The other Heads of Year within Early Years are, Mrs Claire Driscoll for Reception and Mrs Miriam Sabra for Nursery.



The Early Years
Foundation Stage

In addition, we have also appointed two coordinators to support the children's learning within the Early Years. These are Ms Charlotte Longmuir as Coordinator for Mathematics and Ms Dalia Salama as Coordinator for English/Literacy. Both these posts are new and will enable the Early Years team to coordinate with the Primary and Senior teams to ensure continuity and progression within these two prime areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

I hope you will join me in congratulating them all upon their appointments.

Sally Dobb-Holland
Head of Early Years

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School



It has been another fantastic week in Primary at Malvern College Egypt. The undoubted highlight for me has been the opportunity to watch the pupils across the school perform such wonderful songs and dances in their winter concerts. A great many people deserve credit for the work that went into each event, but a special mention goes to Mr. Russel and Miss Challis in our primary music department.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our backpack appeal. This is a fabulous way for Malvern College Egypt to give something back to our wider community and help those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting this.



As mentioned in previous weeks, we have again had pupils this week who have come to school without any credit on their card to pay for a hot lunch. Please remember to check every weekend that your children have enough credit on their cards to pay for their food for the whole of the week ahead. It avoids embarrassment for your child.

End-of-term reports will be available next week. If you have any questions about your child's report, please speak with their class teacher in the first instance.



Each class will have a small class party next week, to mark the end of term. Details will be sent home in year group newsletters and class parents will also have details. These are small events for the children only and parents are politely reminded that they are not allowed in class at this time.

Finally, may I remind you that next week we finish for our winter break at 12:00pm, midday, on Thursday 20th December.

This week's year group focus comes from Year 6:



As **Year 6** approach the end of a very busy and productive term, we are extremely pleased with how hard-working and mature our pupils have become. They have completed their end of term assessments, demonstrating and applying their learning in formal test situations.



They **Year 6** pupils have enjoyed learning about the circulatory and digestive systems during science and experimenting with light boxes in the science lab to discover how light travels and shadows are formed. The pupils have also been learning about World War 1 and 2 in humanities for our topic on Peace and Conflict.



For life skills, **6L** and **6M** went to the home economics room to make cupcakes, with varying degrees of success! It was a fascinating and an enjoyable experience observing and helping the pupils with their baking; only one batch of cupcakes turned into charcoal!



We are very much looking forward to seeing them all perform in the Winter concert next week, which they have been practising for during their music lessons.

A huge thank you for your continued support and wishing you a restful winter break and a happy New Year.

Star of the Week			
Year 2 M	Yassin Sabry	Year 4 A	Steven Miceil
Year 2 A	Omelio Quinones	Year 4 L	Tayem Elkenawi
Year 2 L	Yasseen Nassef	Year 5 M	Youssef Shehata
Year 2 V	Yasmine Sidky	Year 5 A	Hassan Sheirah
Year 3 M	Mariam Ibrahim	Year 5 L	Hamza Abdelkader
Year 3 A	Adam Mostafa	Year 6 M	Malak Salem
Year 3 L	Kaber Elbatal	Year 6 A	Seif Fekry
Year 4 M	Ismail Taha	Year 6 L	Selim Aly



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



Lewis vs Foster Bake Sale Totals

The results are finally calculated from our very successful Bake Sale last week:

Foster: total raised was 9,229 LE

Lewis: total raised was 7,775 LE

Overall total: 17,005 LE

Congratulations to both Houses! This is an amazing amount that will benefit our House charities. Thank you very much to everyone who supported this event. We are looking forward to more successful fund-raising at the Elgar Charity Dress Up Day on Sunday, please find further details in the House sections of this MCE Times.



Elgar Charity Dress Up Day

This event takes place on Sunday, we are hoping to raise a lot of money for our Elgar Charity, "Branches of the Vine". This is a centre for children with special needs. Pupils are asked to pay a minimum donation of 20LE to come dressed in Christmas themed or red clothes. Additionally at break-times there will be Christmas themed games and activities to participate in, as well as Christmas themed items on sale. Each activity or item costs 5LE. We will also run some of these for Year 1 and 2 during their separate lunch break, and a voluntary additional contribution of 20LE has been requested. Some pupils will also be visiting classes to read Christmas stories or sing carols. I am sure it will be a fabulous event and I would like to thank Sally Solomon, our Primary Head of House for Elgar who has been working hard on this.



Miss Phillips' Christmas Quiz

Primary pupils will be participating in this House quiz before the end of term. They will answer Christmas-themed questions in their House teams to see who will win 100 House Points!



It has been a fantastic term for House events, with great enthusiasm and support from our staff, pupils and parents. Thank you to everyone and we look forward to another term ahead filled with competitions, events and fund-raising efforts.

Primary House Points

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

Jacqui Belcher
Head of Primary House System

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

With only a week to go before the winter break MCE is still working hard!



This week I had the pleasure in dropping into classes to see the fabulous work being by done by your children and their teachers. I have enjoyed greeting the pupils in the morning and seeing pupils

arriving with amazing art work and also projects from History. The Year 7 have been studying castles and I have to say the quality of the models produced has been outstanding!



Thank you to those pupils and parents for sending in goods for the Backpack appeal please do join this worthy cause. The deadline is Tuesday 18th December.

A quick reminder Elgar dress up day is on Sunday 16th December – I look forward to seeing all the pupils in their outfits!



Please do remember to ensure your child has a water bottle at school. Whilst the weather is now cooler they do need to keep hydrated. Here are 3 interesting facts!

Dehydration reduces your cognitive and motor skills.

Dehydration affects your memory.

Dehydration affects your mood.

I look forward to seeing you at the Secondary Winter Concert on Sunday it promises to be a fantastic event!

Finally thank you to all for responding to the parental questionnaire. It was very positive and I will share with you the results separately.

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary

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



MCE Languages House Challenge

Last Thursday, pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 spent a lesson working in House groups on a project called the MCE Languages House Challenge. This involved researching a variety of different aspects including language and culture about Spanish, French and German speaking countries. It was a joy to see them work collaboratively in their groups and display creativity and resilience to produce an entry for their House about

their allocated country. We will announce the winning House per year group in the next edition of the MCE Times. Bravo!

Le Petit- Déjeuner avec l'Année Six - Year 6's French breakfast

To bring their new topic of food and drink to life, two of the Year 6 classes, 6L and 6M, prepared and tasted some of the typical French breakfast items in the food and technology room. They then practised asking in French for a hot chocolate, some bread with butter and jam and/or honey. They loved the whole experience, but some were not convinced about the French habit of dunking the bread and jam in the hot chocolate "bol". Vive la différence!



Kerry Moore
Head of MFL

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



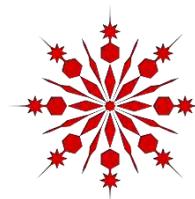
Bake Sale – Foster vs Lewis

On Monday 3rd December, Foster and Lewis Houses held a bake sale in aid of their respective charities. I am delighted to announce that the winning House was Lewis and, with the incredible effort from both Houses, we raised over 6000le. Well done to Lewis and Foster Houses as well as all everyone who played a key role in making this a successful event.



Backpack Initiative – extended deadline

Please note that the deadline for donations has been extended until Tuesday 18th December. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Dibb-Holland or Ms Pante. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.



Elgar Dress Up Day – Sunday 16th December

On Sunday, Elgar are hosting a 'Winter Wonderland' dress up day! A minimum donation to dress up in Christmas or red clothes is 20 LE and don't forget to bring some extra money to take part in the fun activities Elgar has planned for you at lunchtime! Proceeds from the day will go to Elgar's charity 'Branches of the Vine', which is a centre for children with special needs. Look out for the posters for more information. Please note that no pyjamas or football kits are allowed.

House Points

Below are the up-to-date results for Student House Points only (points awarded for House Events are not included). We are currently looking for the student with the most number of points in each House – these will be announced next week, so watch this space!

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

Best regards,

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. The PE team have been working very hard to deliver excellent football lessons for all our pupils across each year group. We have regularly been teaching the lessons with mixed aged classes, encouraging our older pupils to work with younger pupils to help aid further progress and encourage teamwork and collaboration across the College. The s pupils have reacted fantastically well to this and have made excellent progress.



In relation to this, our under 13 boys and girls football team took part in a day long football competition last week and performed very well. The girls team managed to reach the quarter finals of the competition with the boys successful in winning the competition. A very well done to both our under 13 boys and girls football teams, as well as the fantastic coaching, support and commitment shown by Mr Watt and Mr Gale.



Last Friday we also saw our last Swimming competition of this year with several our pupils competing. We had a number of pupils win races as well as gain points for our overall position at the end of the academic year. Well done to all our swimmers that took part and well done to the fantastic swimming staff in the light of Mr Salah, Mr Diab, Mr Nasr and Mr Dahe.



More fantastic sporting news in the light of Noha Elkabbany who won her Tennis tournament after winning 6 matches in a row, receiving a gold medal.

As another reminder, please can I ask all pupils are wearing their winter uniform for the PE lessons as the temperature continues to decrease. This should be MCE PE trousers and MCE PE jacket. Branded sports clothing will not be accepted as alternatives. Thank you in advance for your support this.



Joshua Sussex

Head of Physical Education

Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts



Wow! What an absolutely wonderful display of performances from the Early years and Primary school Winter Concerts this week! The Early Year's winter concert really was a beautiful sight to behold with all the girls dressed up as pretty Christmas trees and the boys all looking charming as snowmen and Santa's! The singing was some of the best singing I have ever heard from Early years and as a parent myself, I can truly say that this show was something special.



The Primary performance from years 3-5 took us on a journey around the world to see how different cultures celebrate Christmas. There were some fabulous dancing extravaganza's from Africa and Brazil; some beautiful traditional fan dancing from China; fantastic Russian moves across the stage and not to mention some more well-known cosy Christmas songs. All the narrators did a brilliant job setting the scene and the enthusiasm from the parents was palpable.



I would like to thank everybody that was involved in these shows, from the class teachers, to the tech team to the secondary volunteer soloists (Jason Orme and Talita Jada). Most of all to the Music department who have been working for months to make this show a success. THANK YOU!

If you missed these shows, there are two more happening next week, The Year 1 and 2 performance on the 19th at 2pm and the Secondary performance on the 17th at 2pm. We hope to see you there!



*A note to parents: Please remember to stay seated while you watch the performances. It is very frustrating for those behind you if you are standing up. Unfortunately we did have some parents continuously standing up in the aisle's which is distracting for everyone, they blocked the pathway for the performers but more importantly blocked the fire escape. Thank you in advance for being a conscientious member of the audience.

Kim Harries
Director of Performing Arts

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



Well, what a busy week for the Music faculty! Already we have had two fantastic concerts – Early Years on Monday followed by the Years 3,4 & 5 Show on Wednesday. Both shows were a huge success with pupils performing confidently and showcasing what they had learnt in music lessons. Dance moves were also in both, and I would like to personally thank Claire Driscoll, reception teacher, for finding the time to choreograph the Year 3,4 & 5 show, which had 6 complex dance

routines relating to different countries. For many pupils it was the first time learning to sing and dance for a stage show. Here are a few photos from the concerts:



The Year 5 Russian Dance



Nursery Snowmen



We look forward to seeing you support the Secondary concert on Monday, 17th December, which will begin at 2pm in the theatre. This will involve two College choirs, many soloists, a band, and a sneak preview of our forthcoming College musical 'Mary Poppins', which is scheduled for February.

On Wednesday, 19th December, Years 1 & 2 will perform for us at 1pm to get us into the festive spirit ready for the holiday.

DVDs of all four shows will soon be available for parents to purchase, as well as CD-ROMs of professionally-taken photographs.

Paul Russell
Director of Music