

24th February 2022



Whole School Announcements

Corona Updates

Following the government announcement on 21.02.22, the following changes have been made to our corona procedures at school. With immediate effect, in the event of a positive case in a class, the class will conduct daily testing for 5 school days (no longer 10). Following the break, testing will continue 3 times per week. However, there will be ongoing relaxations. For the first week back, MSF will continue to wear masks at all times due to the risk from travel. From 14th March, masks may once again be removed whilst seated at the desk.



International Day 2022

We only need one more sign up from EY, two from Primary and one from Secondary. Nearly there... Thank you for your support and commitment, it's these actions that help build our school culture and community!

[International Day - ID22.](#)

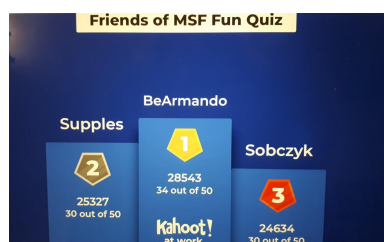
Night of the Arts: Update

Whilst restrictions are lifting, our Night of the Arts will still need to take a different approach this year. This year's event will be twofold. Firstly, on 10th March, our G12 IB students in Art, Music and Drama will host a vernissage of their work ahead of submission to the IB. In addition, after the Easter break, we will hold a 'Day of the Arts' for our students. Through this second event, we hope to reinvigorate the Arts and inspire our students as to what is possible, especially after the past 2 years which has seen the arts severely curtailed by the pandemic. Further information will be shared in the near future.



February is Kindness Month at MSF

We have had fun celebrating kindness here at MSF. You can still purchase the special edition kindness themed MSF shirt, [here](#). Don't forget to show your school spirit tomorrow by helping us celebrate Fasching.



SAVE THE DATE - Friends Of MSF Pub Quiz

Would you like to join an entertaining evening with the MSF community from the comfort of your sofa? The Friends of MSF Virtual Pub Quiz is back! We invite all students, parents and staff to join the fun on Thursday, 17th March at 19:30. Our quiz master, Declan Supple, has challenging and fun general knowledge questions for you. The winning team will receive a prize from Friends of MSF. Please register at friendsofmsf@msf.education by 15th March to receive instructions.

Updated 2022 calendar:

Please note, next academic year's calendar has had a minor update. The staff PD day has moved from September 30th to November 11th. Please note, this only affects Primary and Secondary students. You can view the most up-to-date calendar on our [website](#), scroll down for the link.

Alumni Talk

We are proud to present the "MSF Alumni Talk" - a monthly meeting with one of our alumni. The goal is to share their experiences with the current students and wider MSF community. Our first guest will be Giulio Girelli, the President of the Alumni Association. He comes from Turin, Italy, and he graduated from MSF in 2020. Giulio is studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering at University of Southampton. The meeting will take place online on the 18th of March at 16.00. If you are interested please [register here and send in your questions!](#)



MSF's Evaluation Journey:

This week, we draw your attention to MSF's Assessment Policy. You can view a snapshot of the policy [here](#). The IB uses an approach to teaching and learning called Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in order to give all students equal opportunity to succeed. Perhaps their [resource](#) (scroll down the page to "Not what you're looking for?") can offer you additional resources and quick tips on how to support your child's behaviours, learning and everyday skills.



Report your child's positive test

You'll find the form on the parent zone. Please share your child's positive test result with us there.

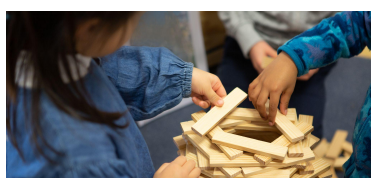
School Lunch

If you want to register your child for school lunch, or cancel your enrollment, please fill out the [Student Hot Lunch Programme Form](#) which can also be found on our website in the parent zone.

MSF Merchandise

You can [order MSF hoodies, T-shirts, caps and polo shirts online](#) and pick them up at school!

STAY UPDATED:



Early Years



Primary School



Secondary School



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check regularly the School Event Calendar for details about announced events and examination dates			24 February	25 February
				Fasching Celebrations
28 February	01 March	02 March	03 March	04 March
Fasching Holiday Programme			Teacher Training - School Closed	
07 March	08 March	09 March	10 March	11 March



Corona Update

Last week, there was an update regarding the testing in Kitas in an active Covid-19 case. The city of Frankfurt procedures are already in line with these new guidelines so it does not affect us. We are carefully watching the government decisions regarding the upcoming lift of measures for schools and Kitas, and will keep you posted if there is an update for the Early Years.

Black History Month Assembly

As you will have seen via Storypark, our Black History Month has been a mind-opening experience for both children and adults. Under the coordination of Ms Lopez and members of our community including Ms Brenda, Ms Linda and Ms Alberta, we had an opportunity to explore and appreciate this very special month. Thanks to all involved including Ms Voss who has created a great ["Spotlight On" video](#) to sum up the rich learning experiences that we were able to enjoy.



Transition to Primary School Presentation

Thank you for attending the Transition to Primary Presentation with Mr Wragg. [Here is the link](#) to the presentation for your convenience.

On the [Frankfurt Website](#) you can (for example using google to translate the page) find the key information about the standardised examination (Schuleingangsuntersuchung) through the health authorities.

For contractual questions regarding the termination of the school contract please reach out to [Ms Chris Kroll](#) directly.

Staffing Update

We are very happy to announce that Ms Homburg from the Fireflies class is expecting her second baby. Unfortunately, due to corona restrictions, she is unable to return to work during her pregnancy. Please join me in congratulating Ms Homburg and her family!

We welcome Mr Ryan Halder who has joined the Early Years Team from Tuesday 1st February. Mr Halder is working in the Transition Fireflies team to support Ms Clearman until the end of the academic year. Mr Halder comes from the US and holds a degree in Child Psychology and Liberal Arts. He has 3 years of experience in a preschool and has worked with children of different ages over the past 6 years.

Last but not least, Ms Irina Lechzer will be joining the Early Years division from 1st March as Integration Support Teacher. Irina is a qualified Early Years teacher and joins us with more than 10 years of experience as an Early Years educator. She just finished her studies in Educational Sciences. Irina is German. Russian and German are her mother tongues and she also speaks English fluently.

Fasching Holiday Programme

Please read the [letter](#) for more detailed information with care. Please remember to support our programme with 5€, payable at the school office **before** the programme starts. Don't forget that your child may dress up on Monday, 28th February.



Kindness Month

We had fun celebrating Kindness Month throughout February. Thank you to all families who helped make February such a fun and festive month for all. Our special edition Kindness Month t-shirts are still available to be purchased. [Click here](#) if you would like to purchase one.

Library

We are busy planning our annual Book Week festival and just wanted to let you know the date: **Monday 4th - Friday 8th April 2022**. We'll have our usual mix of stories, competitions and special guests for our Early Years and Primary students, so please look out for more details in the coming weeks. We're looking forward to celebrating our MSF community's love of books!

Here are some of the [new books](#) we added to the library in February.

Educational Reading Corner

Activities to do at home with kids

The platform Storypark serves as our online portfolio for Early Years students. During the pandemic it also developed more features including a blog for educators and families. Below we would like to share two of the articles that may be interesting and relevant for our families with children at home or in quarantine for various reasons.

[Advice for parents that might help in your time of isolation](#)
& [Activities to do at home with children](#)

Important Links & Forms

[Electronic form for EY rapid test results](#)

[Electronic form for planned student absences](#) (for absences of more than 2 days)

[Before and Afterschool Care Registration and Withdrawal Form](#)

[Form to upload negative citizen tests](#) (in case of group closure and when returning after displaying one of the three COVID-19 symptoms, e.g. fever, severe coughing and lost sense of smell/taste)

Looking Ahead

25.02.22	Fasching Class Parties
28.02.-02.03.22	Fasching Holiday Programme
03.-04.03.22	Teacher Training - school closed
16.03.22	EY Parent Rep Meeting
04.-08.04.22	Book Week
07.-08.04.22	Easter Bunny Hunt





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			Kindness week Parent Rep Meeting MSF Bulletin	Kindness week Carnival parties
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PRI Closed For Fasching	PRI Closed For Fasching	PRI Closed For Fasching	PRI Closed For Teacher Training	PRI Closed For Teacher Training
07 March	08 March	09 March	10 March	11 March
G3-5 Basketball Home Game v ISF @ 16:45 Cheerleaders perform	International Women's Day Parents and Staff join Indoor Cricket Practice	Parents and Staff join Cheerleaders in performing @ 15:45	MSF Bulletin G3-5 Basketball v Parent/Staff Game @ 16:45	End of Winter Sports Season

**For regular after school sports practises, see dates and times listed below*



Message from Mr Wragg

This week is 'Spirit Week' and I again find myself dressed up in bright colours and silly costumes. I am not sure that my younger self would have predicted that, at 45 years old, I would be coming to work dressed in a giant yellow bowtie and have flowers sticking out of my head. But, I believe that I am privileged to be able to work in an environment of joy and optimism. Primary age children are naturally positive, will laugh most of the day and look at the world with not just hope, but a certainty that all is well.

Being British, 'Spirit Week' is not something that is familiar to me, having its origins in the US in the 1950s. However, again I count myself fortunate to work in a diverse community where cultural traditions are shared and can be enjoyed by all. It has really been a fun week and I would like to thank the students for participating so enthusiastically and the Primary Social and Emotional ALN team for organising everything.

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Parent Student Teacher Conferences

At the end of March we will be holding our next round of meetings. We will reverse the format from the start of the year, with Grades 1 & 2 participating in Student Led Conferences and Grade 3, 4 & 5 in a triangular discussion involving the parents, student and teacher. We will send more information in the next bulletin.



Sickness

We have some students sick at the moment, who do not have COVID. This is normal at this time of year and we would like to remind parents that they should keep children home for at least 24 hours after having a fever or vomiting. This way we reduce the risk of spreading other illnesses. Please note that students who are absent from school for more than 2 days require a doctor's note. If your child is absent due to illness please perform a self test before sending them to school.

From the Library

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From the Athletic Coordinator

It is hard to believe that the Winter Sports Season is nearly over! The Primary Basketball team and the Cheerleaders will be in action here at MSF on Monday, 7th March. The Cheerleaders will also have the opportunity to perform at the RMAC Middle School Basketball Tournament held at MSF on Wednesday, 9th March. Parents, please check your emails for information regarding the traditional end of season parent/staff games.

Primary Winter Sports Practises are as follows:
Cheerleading - Mondays & Wednesdays 15:40 - 17:00
Indoor Cricket - Tuesdays & Thursdays 15:40 - 16:40
Basketball - Tuesdays & Thursdays 15:40 - 16:40

The Winter Season runs from 10th January - 11th March.

Spring Sports information and registration will be available in the next issue of the MSF Bulletin.

Late Pick Up Fee

Please note that if you pick up your child later than 15:40 your child will be automatically sent to after school care and you will have to pay a penalty fee. We ask for your understanding and cooperation.

Looking Ahead:

28.02.- 04.03.22	Primary Holidays
17.03.22	G5 Bake Sale
28.03-01.04.22	Parent-Teacher Conferences
29.03.22	G4W Bicycle Training
30.03.22	G4B Bicycle Training
31.03.22	G4H Bicycle Training
31.03.22	Parent Rep Meeting
04-08.04.22	Book Week
11-22.04.22	Spring Bre





Secondary School

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28 February	01 March	02 March	03 March	04 March
• Fasching break - school closed • G10 IB Subject Selection Form Deadline	• Fasching break - school closed	• Fasching break - school closed	• Teacher training day - school closed	• Teacher training day - school closed
07 March	08 March	09 March	10 March	11 March
• Cheerleaders Perform at Primary Basketball Game • G9-12 Basketball Practice Cancelled	• G6-8 Boys Basketball Tournament @ FISW 14:00 Start	• G6-8 Girls Basketball Tournament @ MSF 14:00 Start • Cheerleaders Perform with Parents and Staff	• MSF Bulletin published • G7 Pro Familia workshop • G6-8 Basketball Game v Parents/ Staff @ 15:45 • G9-12 Basketball Game v Parents/ Staff @ 16:45	• End of Winter Sports Season

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Message from Mr. Coppes

As mentioned in our last MSF Bulletin, the Secondary is getting closer and closer to settling on dates for extended class trips. We are excited to announce that grade level trips are on the horizon! During the next parent rep meeting, we will discuss details, location, cost, as well as hear from parents regarding initial feedback. Our aim is to engage the entire secondary student body in a fantastic learning experience that pushes our students outside of their comfort zone.

G12 Mock Exams Schedule

Grade 12 Mock Exams will take place from **21st March - 1st April 2022**. Please click [HERE](#) to view the exams schedule. G12 students will undertake daily testing for the first 2 weeks after the break to ensure we keep them healthy for their mock exams.

From the SOS Corner

A very useful [ECIS Webinar](#) on the importance of Mindfulness. At MSF Secondary and in all divisions, student and community wellbeing is at the forefront of everything we do!

Looking ahead: Sem II Parent-Teacher Conferences

The Semester II Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, 7th April 2022**. There will be no classes for students on conference day. Registration links for conferences will be shared with parents in future editions of the MSF Bulletin. Please make sure to read these carefully.

Looking ahead: G8 Transition to IGCSE information evening

Mr Coppes invites G8 parents and students to a presentation of the Cambridge IGCSE programme on Tuesday, 15th March at 16:00 in the secondary commons.

The presentation will cover the range of courses and options available during the two years of study in G9 and G10, with a brief overview of the examination requirements for each subject. In order to address all the questions adequately, please send your questions to the G8 parent reps by Tuesday, 8th March 2021.

Class Trips

Please click the links below to find out about the exciting class trips organised by [Mr Kerr](#) for our Secondary Students!

- [IB CAS Trip to Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord \(Landschaftspark Presentation\)](#)
- [G6 & 7 Trip to Kelkheim Sportpark](#)
- [G8-9 Trip to Kelkheim Sportpark](#)

Girls' Day / Boys' Day on 28th April 2022 (G5-G12)

Girls' Day is to encourage more girls to think about entering professions where less than 40% of the staff are female, and vice versa for Boys' Day. Students from G5-G12 are encouraged to get involved. Open placements: [Girls](#) / [Boys](#).

It is a German initiative, so google translate may help.

Find out more: [Girls' Day](#) / [Boys' Day](#).

You can bookmark the site for next year also.

We have seen that most places in the social industries are already filled. If your company can offer places, you can sign up on the site. In addition, for those students in G10 looking for work placement ideas, perhaps some of the companies listed are worth contacting separately for the work experience weeks.

From the IB Corner

- For Grade 12s:
 - [Mock Exams Schedule](#)
 - [Final IB May 2022 Exams' calendar](#)
 - [Updated IA calendar](#)
 - IB Language Orals: 14-20th March 2022
 - The Graduation Ceremony will take place on 25th May & Prom on 26th May 2022
- For all IB students:
 - **Attendance:** IB students, please make sure you sign in the IB Coordinator's office, if you arrive at school after the morning advisory.
- Graeme C. Clark, Ambassador of Canada to Mexico [reflects on his IB journey](#).
- Please [click here](#) to find out about Lanterna's Spring Revision Course (2nd - 17th April 2022) and the special discount code!
- Elite IB revision courses: Because of the relationship between Elite IB and MSF, Elite IB offers our students to attend their revision courses at a discount of 15% off the usual cost. Our students can join as many workshops as they like, with the discount applying to their entire booking. To take advantage of this offer, you can use the code **MSFR15**. [Register here!](#)

G7 Pro Familia Workshop

Grade 7 will attend a workshop provided by Pro Familia on **Thursday, 10th March 2022 on MSF campus**. Pro Familia is the leading non-governmental service and consumer organisation for sexual and reproductive health and rights in Germany. Their counselling services focus on contraception, pregnancy, infertility, sexuality and relationships, abortion, sexualised violence and women's / men's health issues. The G7 students will participate in age-appropriate sexual education workshops on this day.

From the Athletic Coordinator

It is hard to believe that the Winter Sports Season is almost over. The Varsity Boys Basketball Team played their last game yesterday after school, and the middle school basketball teams will have their end of season tournaments when we return from Fasching Break. Parents, be sure to check your email for information about the traditional parent/staff practices and games. Please note that Winter Sports end on 11th March.

Practice Times for Secondary:

Cheerleading - Mon & Wed 15:40 - 17:00

Boys' Basketball - Mon & Wed 16:45 - 18:00

Indoor Cricket - Tues & Thurs 15:40 - 16:40

Girls' Basketball - Tues & Thurs 16:45 - 18:00

Information about Spring Sports will be available in the next edition of the MSF Bulletin.

Looking Ahead

28.02-02.03.22	Fasching break - school closed
28.02.22	G10 IB Subject Selection Form Deadline
03-04.03.22	Teacher training days - school closed
09.03.22	SEC Parent Rept Meeting
10.03.22	G7 Pro Familia Workshop
14.-18.03.22	IB & IGCSE Orals
15.03.22	G8 IGCSE Information Evening
30.03.22	G6-7 Trip to Sportspark Kelkheim
21.03.-01.04.22	G12 Mock Exams
06.04.22	G8-9 Trip to Sportspark Kelkheim
07.04.22	Sem II Parent-Teacher Conferences
25.05.22	G12 Graduation Ceremony
31.05-03.06.22	CAS Trip to Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord

Form Overview for SEC Families



Google Forms:

[Student Vaccination Status Form](#)

[Field Trip Permission Slip](#) (All SEC Families)

[Octenisept Permission Form](#) (All SEC Families)

[Secondary School Student Absence Request Form](#)

Paper Forms:

[Medication Authorisation](#) & [Emergency Medication](#)
(Medication forms must be submitted directly to Ms Best/Main Office.)







School Website

www.m-school.de

[Login for the Parent Zone](#)

Password: inspiration20

Parent & Student Handbook

Our 2021-2022 handbook can be read [here](#).

Calendars

MSF School Calendar (Public) and MSF Google School Event Calendar

Our school calendar for a convenient overview as well as our detailed event calendar, showing activities and special events can be found on our [website](#).

ManageBac

[ManageBac Attendance System](#)

[ManageBac Messages to Parents](#)

School Forms

<https://m-school.de/community/parent-zone/msf-forms-handbook/>

Quarantine rules Hesse

<https://www.hessen.de/Handeln/Corona-in-Hessen/Quarantaene>