

10th March 2022



Whole School Announcements

Corona Updates

Divisional updates with regards to our corona relaxation measures will be communicated weekly on Fridays via Managebac if there are changes.

From the SOS Coordinator's Corner:

We want to acknowledge that the current world events are affecting our international community. There may also be heightened levels of anxiety among students who are receiving information from both traditional media sources and social media. If this is the case, our counselling department advises you to acknowledge and validate your child's feelings and take their concerns seriously, to discuss the facts with age appropriate detail (if they wish to do so), and to limit their exposure to media if it is adding to their anxiety.

Here are some age appropriate resources that we have found useful when having these conversations with your child:

- [“Helping your teen cope with bad world news”](#) - Provides strategies to help your teen cope with difficult news.
- [“How to talk to your teen about world events”](#) - Discusses how to talk to your teenage children about world events and the impact of social media.
- [“Talking to children about violence”](#) - Strategies to have difficult conversations with children.
- [“How to talk to kids about violence, crime and war”](#) - Provides advice on having age appropriate discussions with students and how to monitor media exposure.

If you are concerned for your child's well being or have any questions, please reach out to their teacher or their School Counsellor.

Supporting Ukrainian Refugees

If you would like to join our efforts and donate, help host Ukrainian refugees or support in any other way, [please check our website](#). We are daily updating the information and calls for action.

If you would like to help us sustain delivering hot meals to the refugees and donate money, please use electronic money transfers to our Bank account: Taunus Sparkasse, Bad Homburg | SWIFT/BIC HELADEF1 TSK | IBAN DE74 5125 0000 0000 3266 66. Please just write “donation” into the reference box without any further specification, we will then issue a tax deductible receipt to you.

From the Parent Reps

Please check your inbox for an update on our MSF Ukrainian Refugee Initiative (this should come from your Class Rep sometime soon). If you want to sign up for the Whatsapp or Email group to help with donations and/or volunteering, [please use this form](#). Any questions or suggestions can be sent to [Emma Smith](#) or [Vera Pütz](#).

TODAY WE DELIVER
200 HOT MEALS FOR
ARRIVING REFUGEES

JOIN US TO HELP
UKRAINE



Celebrating International Women's Day

As a gift for the International Women's Day exclusively for the women of the MSF community (parents and staff) we give a master class on managing money from one of our parents - a lawyer and a financial consultant Haleli Shomer Shalom! Do you agree that independence often starts with financial freedom? If yes or if you're not sure - [please register](#) and come join us to know more! The event will take place on our campus on the 31st of March at 15:45.



Holidays clubs / camps:

Please note, due to building works, there will be no holiday camps / clubs offered at MSF for the Easter and Summer breaks for Primary and Secondary students, this includes for example Stagecoach.

MSF's Evaluation Journey:

This week, we draw your attention to our Inclusion policy: [inclusion snapshot](#). Did you know that ECIS (Educational Council of International Schools) honoured our MSF School by publishing our Inclusion Policy on their Website as an example for all international schools. MSF has an extensive SOS team supporting students throughout the school with social-emotional issues to academic or language issues. An overview of the team will shortly be posted on our website for parents.



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 via Zoom. If you are interested please [register here and send in your questions!](#)

CURTAIN UP FOR EDUCATION!

The English Theatre is hosting a [charity event](#) in Frankfurt on 27th March 2022, (2 p.m – 4 p.m.) full of music, a hilarious show and African snacks. The proceeds of the ticket sale will be for the benefit of [PROBONO e.V.](#). They promote school education in Tanzania and Uganda and are committed to fighting poverty and creating a better future for all school children. Tickets and donation receipt can be obtained directly at the English Theatre.

SAVE THE DATE - Friends Of MSF Pub Quiz

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 with friendsofmsf@msf.education by 15th March to receive instructions.

STAY UPDATED:



Early Years



Primary School



Secondary School



Early Years

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check regularly the School Event Calendar for details about announced events and examination dates			10 March	11 March
			MSF Bulletin	
14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March
		EY Parent Rep Meeting	G5 Bake Sale Friends of MSF Pub Quiz	
EY Opening hours 08:00-17:00				
21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March
			MSF Bulletin	
				26 March Earth Hour
EY Opening hours 08:00-17:00				



Corona Update

The government has informed us about a possible, gradual lift of the measures in place allowing us to gradually return into half-open concepts. With this new information, the Early Years will be returning into their bubbles in two steps:

Step 1: From 14.03.22 to 01.04.22, our opening hours will be from **8:00-17:00**. From 08:00-15:30, children will be in their individual classes. From 15:30-17:00 (Afterschool Care), classes will be mixed in their “bubbles”. For ASC, Transition children will be on the playground and in the EY Music Room, KG Ladybirds & Frogs in the Ladybirds room and KG Turtles & Butterflies in the Butterflies room.

Step 2: From 04.04.22 onwards, we will be going back to a full day from **08:00-17:30**, with classes mixing in their “bubbles”. ASC will be in the locations shared above. From 08:00-08:30 (Before School Care), Transition children will be in the EY Music room, KG Ladybirds & Frogs in the Frogs room and KG Turtles & Butterflies in the Butterflies room.

Please ensure that children who are dropped off before 08:30 or picked up after 15:30 are registered for the free of charge Before and Afterschool Care Programme using the [registration form](#).

Spring Holiday Programme

Please find in the [registration letter](#) more information. You can register using the links in the letter. The deadline is on Thursday, 31st March 2022. Please be aware that we will charge 15€/week for the programme which we ask you to pay before the programme starts.

Location Changes for Lunch in Transition, Train with Brain & Music School

Due to the upcoming construction, the Multifunction Room will be closed and used as a storage space.

Transition children will be eating in the Sports Hall from this week onwards, Train with Brain will be on the Rooftop and the Music School will shift into our new glass room in the Early Years division.

Transition students are now having their outside playground time from 11:00-11:30 and their lunch times are from 11:30-12:00.

EY Parent Rep Meeting 16.03. @ 08:45-09:30

Please be aware that the next Parent Rep Meeting will be held via Zoom on the 16th March. Please let your parent reps or Ms Henkel know should you have any agenda items relevant to your grade level of the division.

We have invited our Head Parent Reps to share about their refugee initiatives and our Head of Friends to speak about International Day.



Car Park

On the following dates the Grade 4 classes will have their bicycle training with the police department. On these occasions, all cars should be removed by 08:45 and the gate will be closed. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

16th March (4B) 22nd March (4W) 28th March (4H)
29th March (4W) 30th March (4B) 31st March (4H)

Educational Reading Corner

How can I answer my young child's questions concerning recent world events?

In response to the recent world events and the current war; worry, sadness and anxiety are natural reactions for us all.

As change and uncertainty can be difficult for our younger learners, here is a site with [anxiety and wellbeing storybooks](#) that focus on how we can handle our worries (both big and small) in a healthy, age appropriate way.

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

04.-08.04.22

Book Week

07.-08.04.22

Easter Bunny Hunt

11.-22.04.22

Spring Holiday Programme

10.05.22

“Sauberhafter Kindertag” (see [external website](#))





Primary School

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			MSF Bulletin Primary Parent/Staff Basketball Game @ 15:40	
14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March
		G4B Bicycle Training	G5 Bake Sale Friends of MSF Pub Quiz	
21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March
	G4W Bicycle Training		MSF Bulletin	

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



Message from Mr Wragg

At MSF Primary, we encourage our students to be curious and inquire into the world around them. Many of our students are now demonstrating these traits with an interest in what is happening in Ukraine.

We would like to share with you how we respond to the students when asked about this and encourage you to consider how much of the information available on the news media and internet you allow your child/children to be exposed to. In a previous letter from the school, our school counsellors provided you with some very useful websites to help guide you when it comes to discussing potentially upsetting topics. We would like to direct you to another article that suggests what type of detail is appropriate at different ages:

[How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War | Common Sense Media](#)

Some of our students are curious and some of our students are frightened by what they are hearing or seeing. We provide students with opportunities, on a daily basis through special 'check in' times, to discuss or share anything that might be on their mind or concerning them. If students are especially concerned, we also offer them a chance to talk to one of our school counsellors. During the class conversations with students, we condemn violent solutions to conflict, as there are so many other options

when it comes to resolving a conflict. We explore these options regularly with the students with regards to their own management of conflict situations. As an international school, with a huge amount of cultural and national diversity, we also ask our students to be open-minded and tolerant, judging individuals on their actions, not on the actions of their countries or leaders of their countries. Sadly, in recent years, there have been a number of examples of high profile leaders demonstrating behaviour that is not representative of the general morals or beliefs of the large majority of people in their countries. As always we encourage kindness and care and have zero tolerance for any behaviour that intentionally causes physical or emotional harm to others.

These are some typical questions and responses:

Why are they fighting in Ukraine? There are many reasons why different countries come into conflict, but usually it is an argument about land and who the land belongs to. In the majority of cases, most countries are able to solve their conflict in a peaceful manner, using discussion and compromise, in this case the conflict has escalated to violence.

Who's fault is it/Who started the war? Both Ukraine and Russia have been trying to find a way to resolve their conflict by talking, but they have not been able to agree on how to move forward. Sometimes it takes several tries to resolve a

conflict and often other countries are asked to help in this process in finding a compromise that works.

Why are people hurting people? When wars start, regardless of who starts them, people get hurt. It is not right and that is why you should always find peaceful ways to resolve conflict.

Will the war affect me? Ukraine is a long way from Germany and the conflict is between Ukraine and Russia, so the violence will not affect you. What we will start to see, in Germany, is a lot of people who are running away from the conflict to stay safe. The people are called refugees and when they run away from their homes they have nowhere to stay and very little belongings. Other countries and people can help them by giving them a place to stay, food to eat, toiletries to wash, toys to play with, etc. At MSF we are taking action to help refugees that come to Frankfurt.

This is a very sensitive and emotive subject matter, but it cannot be avoided at the moment. We hope the information here helps your conversations and we welcome feedback or questions at any time.

Car Park

On the following dates the Grade 4 classes will have their bicycle training with the police department from 08:45 until 12:10.

16th March (4B) 22nd March (4W) 28th March (4H)
29th March (4W) 30th March (4B) 31st March (4H)

During this time the car park will remain closed ([please see the image here](#)). Morning drop off will take place as normal, but we kindly ask all staff & parents not to leave their car parked in the areas marked in YELLOW. **As of 08:45 all cars in the areas marked in YELLOW should be removed** and the gate will be closed. Any staff/parents arriving after 08:45 should park on the street and walk to the school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

G3-5 Parent - Teacher Conferences

Grades 3-5 will be holding parent-teacher conferences during the week of 28th March. Please click on your child's homeroom teacher's name to see further information and sign up.

[Mr Botsford](#)
[Ms Boulet](#)
[Mr Biggs](#)

[Ms Morris](#)
[Ms Hand](#)
[Ms Krueger](#)

[Mr Stuthman](#)
[Ms Weaver](#)

G1-2 Student Led Conferences

G1 and G2 teachers will send out information through Managebac by the end of next week.

From the Athletic Coordinator

Congratulations to the primary basketball, cheerleading, and indoor cricket teams on a fantastic Winter Season! The indoor cricket team showed their parents and teachers how much fun cricket can be on Tuesday, the cheerleaders put on a great performance yesterday at the RMAC Girls Middle School Basketball Tournament, and the primary basketball team will play against parents and staff for their last event this afternoon.

Spring Sports will start in two weeks. For primary athletes in grades 3-5, Touch Rugby will be offered. To register your child, please fill out the [Spring Sports Athletic Information Sheet](#) and return it to [Miss Blumthal](#) by 28th March.

The first practice will be on Tuesday, 29th March at 15:40.

Primary Sports Practises are as follows:

Touch Rugby - Tuesdays & Thursdays 15:40 - 16:40

The Spring Season runs from 28th March - 17th June.

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:

10.03.22	Basketball
16.03.22	G4B Bicycle Training
17.03.22	G5 Bake Sale & Friends of MSF Pub Quiz
22.03.22	G4W Bicycle Training
28.03.22	G4H Bicycle Training
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 on campus
04-08.04.22	Book Week
11-22.04.22	Spring Break





Secondary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check regularly the School Event Calendar for details about announced events and examination dates			10 March	11 March
			• MSF Bulletin • G6-8 Parent/Staff Basketball Game @ 16:30 • G9-12 Parent/Staff Basketball Game @ 17:30 • 17:00 IB Arts Exhibition	
14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March
• IB & IGCSE Orals	• IB & IGCSE Orals • 16:00 G8 Transition to IGCSE Information Evening	• IB & IGCSE Orals	• IB & IGCSE Orals	• IB & IGCSE Orals
21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March
• G12 Mock Exam	• G12 Mock Exam	• G12 Mock Exam	• G12 Mock Exam • MSF Bulletin	• G12 Mock Exam

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

Message from Mr. Coppes

Last week during one of our PD workshops, our teachers unpacked the results of the student survey. We found that students felt they could benefit from programmes that develop their confidence and build their leadership skills. We are going to create a focus on these two aspects as we develop our class trip programme that will take place during the week of July 4th through the 8th. As it stands, our students in grades 6 through 10 will travel four and a half hours north of Frankfurt to a campground where they will go hiking, traverse a high ropes course, play sports, and engage in team building activities.

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.

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 until Fri, 18st March to ensure we keep them healthy for their mock exams.

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 the next edition of the MSF Bulletin on Thursday, 24th March.

From the IB Corner

- For Grade 12s:
 - [Mock Exams Schedule](#)
 - [Final IB May 2022 Exams' calendar](#)
 - IB Language Orals: 14-18th March 2022
 - The Graduation Ceremony will take place on 25th May at 16:00 & 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.
- 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!](#)
- Mrs Oelkers will meet with Grade 11 students next week to start the process for college letters of recommendation.

Students will be required to meet with Ms Oelkers in the University Guidance office before requesting letters to ensure a good fit for their chosen possible university application. We will also ask students to complete two forms to help teachers create personalised letters of reference. Those documents can be found in the [University Letters of Recommendation](#) folder.

By meeting early in the university application process, we can help create a smooth reference letter writing process for our teachers, who work very hard to make sure their letters are worthy of our students. We also want students to be aware of the responsibility of asking teachers properly for letters, with at least two weeks' notice, so that teachers can fit this request into their already busy schedule. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Oelkers.

Minutes from parent representatives meeting

Please find the minutes from the last meeting [here](#). The next meeting of your parent representatives with Mr. Coppes is scheduled for Wednesday, 6th April 2022. Please let your representative know any issues which you would like to be discussed on your behalf.

G7 Pro Familia Workshop Cancelled

Grade 7 Pro Familia workshop, which was originally scheduled for Thursday, 10th March, has been cancelled on short notice due to staff unavailability of the Pro Familia Team.

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.

Looking Ahead

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
06.04.22	SEC Parent Rep Meeting
07.04.22	Sem II Parent-Teacher Conferences
25.05.22	G12 Graduation Ceremony (16:00)

From the Athletic Coordinator

Congratulations to the basketball, cheerleading, and indoor cricket teams on a fantastic Winter Season! Congratulations to the middle school boys and girls basketball teams for their 3rd and 2nd place finishes (respectively) in the RMAC tournaments. The indoor cricket team showed their parents and teachers how much fun cricket can be on Tuesday, the cheerleaders put on a great performance yesterday at the basketball tournament, and the basketball teams will play against parents and staff for their last event this afternoon. Great job, Foxes!

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Secondary Sports Practises are as follows:

G6-8 Touch Rugby - Tuesdays & Thursdays 15:40 - 16:40
G6-8 Volleyball - Tuesdays & Thursdays 15:40 - 17:00

The Spring Season runs from 28th March - 17th June.

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>