

24th March 2022



Whole School Announcements

Lock-Down Drill Practice

As part of our annual cycle of safety drill practices, **MSF will practice a lock-down drill on Friday 25th March.** This is part of required school routines and teachers will discuss and practice the procedure with their students ahead of the drill in order to alleviate any anxieties. During a lockdown drill, the classroom doors are locked, blinds closed and the students sit together, quietly in a corner of the classroom, until the all clear is announced.



Does your child need to quarantine?



Please be aware of the quarantine regulations should a parent or sibling test positive for covid. Your child is required to quarantine unless they are: boosted, vaccinated, recovered, "freshly" double vaccinated (only up to 90 days prior) and "freshly" recovered (further definitions can be found [here](#)). Especially for our unvaccinated students, they should **not** attend school if you (or a family member) test positive for covid (confirmed by PCR).

Corona Updates

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

MSF's Evaluation Journey:

This week's email draws your attention to MSF's Language Policy. You can view the [snapshot here](#). Language learning is a key element in developing intercultural understanding. Did you know...in a recent MSF G9-12 language at home survey, 48% of our students speak more than one language at home. 88% of our students speak English and / or German at home. Here's something fun from the [European Day of Languages](#) - why not improve your knowledge of language by taking the quiz or find out some interesting language fact, like that there are between 200 and 300 indigenous languages in Europe.

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.



**31.03
15.45
at MSF**

Free
masterclass for the
MSF community
women



Clocks go forward on Sunday

Don't forget the clocks change on Sunday to Summertime!
An earlier start for everyone on Monday morning.

Tick Information

Please [click here](#) to view an informative letter from our school nurse, Frau Best regarding ticks.

Friends Of MSF Poetry Competition

Friends of MSF invites primary and secondary school students to participate in a poetry competition about friendship. Details can be found [here](#). Submission deadline is Friday, 6th May.

International Day 2022 Team Members Needed

The International Day 2022 Team is shaping up! We have three more positions available. [Details can be found here](#). We look forward to onboarding more volunteers! Please contact friendsofmsf@msf.education with any questions.



Alumni Talk

Our special guest at "MSF Alumni Talk" - a monthly meeting with one of our alumni - will be Carl von Haller. Carl studies Chemistry at the University of Oxford. He comes from Germany and he graduated from MSF in 2020. The goal is to share Carl's experiences with the current students and wider MSF community. The meeting will take place online on the 1st of April at 16.00 via Zoom. If you are interested please [register here and send in your questions!](#)

Spring Sports Camp

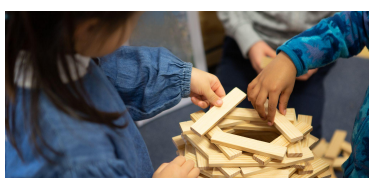
Although we can't host holiday camps on site during the holidays because of construction, our students should not miss out on great sports activities! Our cooperation partners Outdoor Kids will be providing sports camps. [Please register on their website!](#)



IB Art Exhibition

Would you like to visit our Grade 12 artists IB Art Exhibition from the comfort of your home? Enjoy a [virtual walk through the 3D gallery](#) and [watch the artists talking about the works they presented!](#)

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			24 March	25 March
			MSF Bulletin	Lock-down Drill
28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March	01 April
			G5 Bake Sale Friends of MSF Pub Quiz	
EY Opening hours 08:00-17:00				
04 April	05 April	06 April	07 April	08 April
			MSF Bulletin Easter Bunny Hunt	Easter Bunny Hunt
BOOK WEEK - EY Opening hours 08:00-17:30				



Corona Update

Dear Early Years Community,

We have had a week of more cases within our staff, parents and students likewise. We wish everyone a good recovery! The higher and longer staff absences may result in reduced opening hours in specific bubbles. Please check your managebac messages regularly.

For an efficient communication with regards to reported corona cases in Early Years, we always need the date and type of test (e.g. self test at home, Buergetest and PCR Test) and, if applicable, the [vaccination status](#) (date) of your child.

Every confirmed test at a test centre (Buergetest or PCR) will lead to the next steps and each situation is very individual. Please be aware that in a setting with children under 6 years old, every test including a self test at home, must be cleared/confirmed by a PCR test. Please upload your positive home test result, then the school office can provide families with a letter to save them from paying for the required PCR test. See Parent Rep Meeting minutes discussion below.

Stay healthy!
Your Early Years Team

EY Parent Rep Meeting Minutes

Please find attached the [minutes](#) of last week's meeting including some important corona testing information should a child have a positive self test with one of the school-provided spit tests. The next meeting will be Wednesday, 04th May 2022.

Lockdown Drill 2022

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Bug Busting

It is the season of head lice and while we take internal measures for head lice prevention it is crucial to check your child's hair on a regular basis and report any cases of head lice to the office immediately. The best way to prevent head lice from spreading is to directly inform parents of close friends of your child and treat your child as directed on your chosen treatment.

Easter Bunny Hunt

As every year, we will have a little visitor in the Early Years. All classes will craft an Easter nest and will be going on an Easter Egg hunt through the school.



REMINDER Spring Holiday Programme registration

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.

Book Week @ MSF

We are delighted to be able to share the details of our upcoming Book Week celebrations with you. Book Week will be on 4-8th April this year. We will have virtual visits with author Claire Culliford on Tuesday, Bedtime Stories in pyjamas, with optional teddy bears and blankets on Wednesday, and our Book Character Dress Up Day on Friday.

Our big competition this year will be the Egg Carton Character Competition, where we invite families to create a book character at home using old egg cartons - please [watch this video](#) for some inspiration! Entries should be brought to school on Thursday 7th April and winners will be announced on Friday 8th April.

Finally, please read this [invitation to families](#) to volunteer at storytime during your child's class visit to the library. A sign up form for volunteers can be completed [here](#). We are looking forward to welcoming you to our library! Here's the week at a quick glance:



EY Book Week at a glance

4th - 8th April 2022

Note to Parents

Sign up to volunteer to read stories in the library.

Find out more about our Egg Carton Book Character Competition

Daily Events

- Monday**
Door decorating begins in class
- Tuesday**
Virtual author visits
- Wednesday**
Bedtime stories - Pyjama Day!
- Thursday**
Egg Carton Character Competition
- Friday**
Book Character Dress Up Day
- Every Day**
Parent Storytimes in the Library

Educational Reading Corner

Fostering a Love of Reading

In the early years, we have fostered a love of reading through 3 main principles:

- 1) reading for pleasure
- 2) high quality phonics and vocabulary
- 3) teaching comprehension

This is based on the [Talk for Reading Approach](#) (external link) by Pie Corbet. We collaborate with parents on building our reading for pleasure culture and invite them to read with their children at home. We do not expect parents to be teachers but instead help us build up their love of reading. This can be accessed through simply reading with your child before bedtime and having a chat about the book. **Books in your home language are especially encouraged.**

For more ideas and information about how to support reading at home, the Open University has a great project for parents to learn more. Visit the [Reading at Home Archive](#) (external link). We look forward to participating in Book Week in the early years and truly celebrating some of our **favourite books** with you!

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)

NEW [Form to upload positive tests](#) (Buerger test and PCR)

NEW [Form to communicate vaccination status](#)

Looking Ahead

11.-22.04.22

Spring Holiday Programme

04.05.22

EY Parent Rep Meeting

10.05.22

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





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



Message from Mr Wragg

This week we have been delighted to welcome three Ukrainian families to the Primary School community. These families have left their homes and family members behind and are now finding their way in an unfamiliar place. I am proud of MSF for doing what little we can to help out in these difficult times. Our teachers are experts in making new students feel at ease in a new place and this is evident again with this situation. I would also like to acknowledge the sensitivity shown by our students. Children are by nature curious and we encourage this, but this week we have asked our students to not overwhelm these new students with questions and give them time to settle in. Our students, from Grade 1 upwards have understood and respected this request. We hope we are able to help more families over the coming weeks and months. I will be meeting with the Parents Reps next week and discussing how our community can continue to take positive action. If you have any suggestions please let your class rep know.

Spring Break

We would like to remind parents that Primary will be closed for Spring Break 11th -22nd April.



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Book Week

Book Week will be from 4th - 8th April 2022.

Students in MSF Primary love reading, and we are excited to share the details of our upcoming Book Week celebrations with you. We have two authors who will be Zooming in with our students: Claire Culliford on Tuesday with Grades 1 & 2, and Mo O'Hara who will be talking with our Grade 3, 4 & 5 students on Wednesday. We can't wait to meet them!

During the week we have book themed quizzes, with 5 mysterious Masked Readers sharing a favourite book during Morning Announcements. 2 library Kahoot Quizzes at lunchtime on Wednesday and Thursday will test students' knowledge of books, authors, and the Primary Library!

Friday 8th April is going to be a busy day - students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character ([costume ideas here](#)), and we will hold a Big Book Swap in the playground at morning break and lunchtime.

Here's how the Big Book Swap will work:

From tomorrow, students are invited to bring in a book from home that they have enjoyed and are happy to pass on to another student. Students will receive a ticket for each book they bring. On the day of our Big Book Swap, students will be able to exchange each ticket they have for 1 book that another student has brought.



So if a student brings 2 books they get 2 tickets, which means they can take home 2 “new” books. It's a fun way to recommend a book, recycle, and be kind to Mother Earth!

Our Primary School Book Week competition this year will be a “Design a Bookmark” challenge, where we invite students to create a bookmark based on one of two themes: “Taking care of our planet”, or “What reading means to me”. The closing day for design entries will be Thursday 7th April and winning designs will be announced on Friday 8th April.

Finally, please read this [invitation to Grade 1 & 2 families](#) to volunteer at storytime during your child's class visit to the library in Book Week. A sign up form for volunteers can be completed [here](#). We are looking forward to welcoming you to our library!

Here are the highlights of the week at a quick glance:

Book Week at a glance		
4th – 8th April 2022		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Design a bookmark competition begins	Grades 1 & 2 Virtual Author Visit: Claire Culliford	Grades 3-5 Virtual Author Visit: Mo O'Hara
Thursday	Friday	Every Day
D.E.A.R Day Closing Date: Bookmark competition	Book Character Dress Up Day Big Book Swap	G1&2: Parent storytimes Masked Reader Competition

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. **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.

From the Athletic Coordinator

Spring Sports start next week. 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](#). The roster is limited to 15 athletes, so make sure to register as soon as possible.

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.

Looking Ahead:

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
30.03.22	G8 Bake Sale
31.03.22	G4H Bicycle Training
31.03.22	Parent Rep Meeting in the cafeteria
04.04.22	G2 Field Trip
04-08.04.22	Book Week
06.04.22	G4 Bake Sale
11-22.04.22	Spring Break
26.05.22	Bridge Day
27.05.22	Public Holiday





Secondary School



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04 April	05 April	06 April	07 April	08 April
	• G6-8 Rugby Practice @ 15:40 • G6-8 Volleyball Practice @ 15:40	• G8-9 Kelkheim Sportspark Trip	• Sem II Parent-Teacher Conference (No class) • MSF Bulletin • G6-8 Rugby Practice @ 15:40 • G6-8 Volleyball Practice @ 15:40	

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Message from Mr. Coppes

Monday marked the beginning of the IB Mock Exam session for our graduating class of 2022. As our seniors enter campus each day, we see confident students prepared for the challenge of these rigorous exams. Twelve or more years of education culminates in these final months of mock exams, examination review, and ultimately the official IB exams in late April. We are so very proud of all of the hard work and dedication our seniors have shown in the weeks leading up to these exams. Good luck to our seniors on the rest of their mocks!

Semester II Parent-Teacher Conferences

Semester 2 Secondary Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on campus(in person) on

Thursday, 7th April, from 8:30 - 16:00

It is neither necessary nor advisable to make appointments with all of your child's teachers. Please choose only the teachers you really wish to talk to. Remember that you can always schedule an appointment with an individual teacher on another day if you need more time.

Please [click here](#) to read the guidelines and access the booking platform. The booking platform will stay open until Sunday, 3rd April.

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.

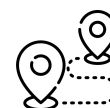
Sportpark Kelkheim Trip

Grade 6 and 7 will be attending on Wednesday, 30th March.

Grade 8 and 9 will be attending on Wednesday, 6th April.

All students are reminded to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for physical activities. No jeans or open toed shoes / sandals. Water bottles, snacks and a packed lunch should be taken in a small backpack. Students that have ordered their lunches from the MSF cafeteria will have a packed lunch provided prior to departure.

We anticipate returning to MSF in time for the normal dismissal time of 15:30. Students will not be permitted to dismiss themselves directly from Sportpark after finishing our activities. We are all very much looking forward to these exciting, fun filled days!



SEC Parent Representatives Meeting

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.

From the IB Corner

- For Grade 12s:
 - [Mock Exams Schedule](#)
 - [Final IB May 2022 Exams' calendar](#)
 - French IB Language Orals: 1st April 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: Elite IB offers MSF students to attend their revision courses at a discount of 15% off the usual price, with 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.
 - Our fabulous alumni Ann-Sophie is offering tutoring for IB students (Biology & Math especially). You can contact her via [Email](#).
 - [Tips for G12 Parents](#)

Art Auction for Stairwell Wall Art

Ariane, Victoria and Shirin from G11 would like to collect your Art (paintings etc) to host an Auction from which the profits will go towards funding an art project for the wall by the Stairwell to make the school a more beautiful place for our students. Please take a few minutes of your time to [answer our little survey](#).

From the SOS Corner

Please click [here](#) to read the letter from the Secondary SOS department about the Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

From the Athletic Coordinator

Spring Sports start next week. For secondary athletes in grades 6-8, Touch Rugby and Volleyball 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. Roster spots may be limited, so please register as soon as possible. The first practice will be on Tuesday, 29th March at 15:40.

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)
[Otenisept 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.)

Looking Ahead

30.03.22	G6-7 Trip to Sportspark Kelkheim
06.04.22	G8-9 Trip to Sportspark Kelkheim
06.04.22	SEC Parent Rep Meeting
07.04.22	Sem II Parent-Teacher Conferences
11-22.04.22	Spring Break
25.04-10.06.22	IGCSE Exams
28.04-19.05.22	IB Exams
28.04.22	Girls' Day / Boys' Day (G5-G12)
11.05.22	SEC Parent Rep Meeting
25.05.22	G12 Graduation Ceremony (16:00)
27.05.22	Bridge Day - MSF closed
27.06-01.07.22	G7-9 & 11 Sem II Exams





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>