

7th April 2022



Whole School Announcements

Corona Updates

As announced by the government, mask wearing is now optional (except on public transport). Students, staff and parents are not required to wear a mask whilst on campus. Weekly testing will continue until the end of April. There will be further changes scheduled for the beginning of May, we will update you as soon as we have received these.



Save the Date International Day 2022



Keep the 17th September 2022 free for International Day. The team is now complete, a very big thank you to all who volunteered. An update introducing the team will be sent out in the next Bulletin. We look forward to celebrating the day with everyone. A kind reminder that all members of our community will be asked to volunteer in some capacity to support this wonderful event.

Save The Date! Friends Of MSF Meeting

All members are invited to our Friends of MSF General Membership Meeting on Monday, 16th May at 19:30 via Zoom.



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.

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!](#)



Football camp recommendation

A member of the MSF community has recommended a [football camp](#) for the upcoming Easter and summer holidays. The coach works for the European School, among others, and would offer MSF students a 10% discount. Discount code: MSF10



MSF's Evaluation Journey

Did you know that as a CIS accredited school, we are bound by their [Code of Ethics](#) and [membership standards](#)? We are also committed to the development of [global citizenship](#) to help realise the IB's Mission of developing "inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world." When the team visits MSF, they will be asking you how you experience these values and how they manifest themselves in our day to day interactions as a community.

Tick Information

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

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



Early Years

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check regularly the School Event Calendar for details about announced events and examination dates			07 April	08 April
			MSF Bulletin Easter Bunny Hunt	Easter Bunny Hunt
EY Spring Holiday Programme 11 th - 22 nd April 2022				
25 April	26 April	27 April	28 April	29 April
			MSF Bulletin	



Corona Update

It has been really great to see our children in the Kindergarten and Transition mix and mingle with children from their so-called bubble this week. The situation of reported cases is currently calming down. We have reviewed our [Hygiene Plan](#) according to the latest recommendations of the Hesse government. Here you can find some key information:

- until the health department informs us differently, we will continue the process of a 10 day closure in case of a reported case in your child's bubble
- you can return the next day with a negative citizen test and do one more citizen test on day 5 after last contact, an official letter with the exact dates will be sent to the bubble each time
- staff can take off their mask in their bubble and will wear a mask when supporting outside their bubble
- classes can sing under specific hygiene conditions
- during excursions, classes can use public transport as long as students and staff are consistently wearing a mask
- visitors on campus (adults and children 6 years or older) should wear a mask when entering the Early Years facilities

Book Week Impressions

Many thanks to the parents who have been able to volunteer to read to the Early Years classes during their library visits. We have all been enjoying sharing your favourite stories and it has been such a treat having you read to us in the library! A post about the fun events will be added to storypark soon.



Early Years Student Council

After the Spring Break, we would like to bring back the Early Years Student Council. Each class will elect two students and lead weekly class councils (for example during circle time) to gather student feedback and further strengthen student voice and agency. Our first meeting of the elected student body will be in May.

Spring Holiday Programme

Please read the [letter](#) for more detailed information with care. Please remember to support our programme with 15€, payable at the school office **before** the programme starts.



Morning Drop off

We kindly ask parents entering through the metal gate to use their swipe card when dropping off their children. Transition parents should bring their children to the gate at the playground, to ensure that they arrive safely and you have handed them over to a teacher on duty.

Class Mixing

In the final year of Kindergarten (children going up to Transition) and Transition (children going up to Grade 1), children will be mixed into new classes. Please be aware of our [class mixing guidelines](#). Parents can of course send feedback to the class teacher about child friendships, but please note that the final decision will be taken by the school, taking into account a range of factors. Classes will be mixed into different nationalities, abilities, genders, English as an Additional Language, Additional Learning Needs, etc. Divisional leaders, with student and teacher feedback, make the final decision in mixing groups.

Student Led Conferences

Next month we are excited to hold our first student led conferences in the early years since 2020! We know that the students and teachers are eager to share with their parents the learning environments and the activities that they have been doing in class.



When will the Student Led Conferences take place?

- **16th - 20th May** in Kindergarten
- **23rd - 31st May** in Transition

Student led conferences are a great way to share agency and skills. The class teachers are there to facilitate the process but the students become the real teachers during these conferences. More information and an invitation will follow about this but until then, this is a great article to explain the student led conference philosophy in the early years:

<https://blogs.ibo.org/sharingpyp/2014/06/05/student-led-conferences-in-the-early-years/>

Online Learning

We ask for your understanding that our Early Years team will not be able to provide online learning activities during these times of quarantine and isolation. However, you can always reach out to your child's teachers if you have any specific questions or concerns.

Educational Reading Corner

Easter Traditions in Frankfurt & Germany

In Germany, we celebrate our Easter time with traditions such as colouring eggs or hiding Easter baskets. On this [external expat website](#) you can find more information on these.

The “[Prinz](#)” magazine has summarised some of the family activities in Frankfurt. The website is originally in German but can be translated easily for example using google translate.

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)
- [Form to upload positive tests](#) (Citizen Test and PCR)
- Form to communicate [vaccination status](#)

Looking Ahead

04.05.22	EY Parent Rep Meeting
10.05.22	“Sauberhafter Kindertag” (see external website)
16.-20.05.22	Student Led Conference in KG
23.-31.05.22	Student Led Conference in TR
26.05.22	Public Holiday
27.05.22	Bridge Day PRI/SEC, EY Holiday Programme





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			MSF Bulletin Book Week G3 Field Trip to The Archeological Museum	Book Week
Spring Break: School closed 11 th - 22 nd April 2022				
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			MSF Bulletin Girls' Day / Boys' Day Parent Rep Meeting G3 Bake Sale	

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



Message from Mr Wragg

Everyone is very excited about the holidays coming up. I must say, it will be a relief to come to the end of three months during which time we have seen significant disruption due to both students and teachers being off school with COVID. I would like to congratulate both the teachers and students for all the additional effort that has gone into balancing both home learning and school.

In the build up to the holidays, I receive a number of requests for families to leave a little earlier, always with genuine and well explained reasons. Sadly, I have to send the same response every time. Whilst, as an international school, we completely empathise with unique travel needs, German law does not allow holiday extensions. Any student who leaves school early or returns late has to be marked as 'Unexcused Absence'. The rare exceptions are weddings or funerals of direct family members (parents, children, siblings) or specific religious celebration days. If families do choose to leave a little early, the school will not be overly concerned from an educational point of view, but you do run the risk of receiving a fine, if stopped at the airport and, in very extreme cases, being stopped from travelling. Please pass on this information when discussing holidays in the future. Thank you.

Finally, whether you are leaving early or not, I wish everyone a fun and relaxing break!

Residential Trips

Please see details of this year's residential trips below. Further information will follow after spring break.

- G2 Camp MSF, 1st July
- G3 Camp Büdingen, 6th - 8th July
- G4 Fortress Koblenz, 2nd - 5th May
- G5 Camp Edersee, 30th May - 3rd June



Book Week

A huge thank you to all the parents who have been able to volunteer to read at our G1 and G2 library visits during Book Week. The students have loved having you in to visit, and it has been great to be able to welcome you into the library once more. We have enjoyed sharing your favourite books and look forward to more storytimes together in the future!

A quick reminder that Friday is our Book Character Dress Up Day - we're looking forward to seeing all the wonderful book and character costumes!

Class Mixing

Please be aware of our [class mixing guidelines](#). Parents can of course send feedback to the class teacher about child friendships, but please note that the final decision will be taken by the school, taking into account a range of factors. Classes will be mixed into different nationalities, abilities, genders, EAL, ALN, etc. Divisional leaders, with teacher input, make the final decision in mixing groups.

G3 and G4 Meetings

Mr Wragg would like to invite G3 and G4 parents for a coffee morning to talk about some of the important social and emotional changes your child will experience as they head towards adolescence, and how you as parents can be prepared. An invitation will be sent out after spring break.



Outdoor Play



During spring the weather can be unpredictable. Please make sure your child has a **rainproof jacket** as students will play outside unless the rain is very heavy.

School Hours

Due to insurance reasons we cannot allow Primary aged students on campus before 08:00. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

From the Athletic Coordinator

Spring Sports are underway. Primary athletes in grades 3-5 have started playing Touch Rugby on the rooftop twice a week. Games have been scheduled for the end of May and early June. Parents of athletes, be on the lookout for an email with more details.

Primary Sports Practises are as follows:

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

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

Football camp recommendation

This is a very good football camp that we could recommend to parents for the coming holidays (Easter and summer). The coach works for the European School, among others, and would offer the MSF a 10% discount.

The code for this would be: MSF10

Please have a look at the [website](#).

Looking Ahead:

04-08.04.22	Book Week
11-22.04.22	Spring Break
28.04.22	Parent Rep Meeting
19.05.22	Parent Rep Meeting
26.05.22	Bridge Day
27.05.22	Public Holiday
06.06.22	Public Holiday
16.06.22	Public Holiday
17.06.22	Bridge Day
15.07.22	MSF Closes at 13:00 (no ASC)
29.08.22	MSF Reopens For New Students
29.08.22	G1 Schultüte Ceremony
30.08.22	First Day For Returning Students





Secondary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check regularly the School Event Calendar for details about announced events and examination dates			07 April	08 April
			- MSF Bulletin G6-8 Volleyball Practice and G6-8 Rugby Practice Cancelled	G11-12 ESS Zoo Frankfurt Field Trip
Spring Break: School closed 11th - 22nd April 2022				
25 April	26 April	27 April	28 April	29 April
- IGCSE Exams - G8 Checkpoint Exams	- IGCSE Exams - G8 Checkpoint Exams	- IGCSE Exams - G8 Checkpoint Exams - G9 First-aid Training (Duke of Edinburgh)	- IGCSE Exams - IB Exams - G8 Checkpoint Exams - MSF Bulletin G6-8 Volleyball Home Game v FISW @ 16:00	- IGCSE Exams - IB Exams - G8 Checkpoint Exams

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Message from Mr. Coppes

This past week marked the beginning of the end for our graduating class of 2022. They woke up early for their last Monday morning of school on the 4th of April. They attended their last advisory lesson on Wednesday afternoon. They dressed up for their last Spirit Week. Soon, they will sit their last exam and then next comes graduation! Good luck to the Class of 2022 as they prepare for their upcoming IB exams!

Equally monumental in the life of a secondary school student are the IGCSE exams. Good luck to the Class of 2024 as they head off to a spring vacation full of revision and exam preparation.

We hope all families stay safe and enjoy their holidays!

G8 Checkpoint Exam?

The Grade 8 Checkpoint exams from Cambridge International Examinations provide an external international benchmark of your child's performance in math, English and science. Our grade 8 students will sit these exams after they return from spring vacation. There is nothing to prepare for these exams as they are simply an assessment of where students are at in their learning journey.

→ [G8 checkpoint exam schedule](#)

G8 Transition to IGCSE

Please find a [letter from Mr. Coppes](#) here regarding information on the transition from grade 8 into the IGCSE program. In this letter, you will find a screencast recording of the parent info night that was held on 15th March.

IB & IGCSE 2022 Exam Schedule

Please find below this year's IGCSE and IB Exam Schedule.

[IB 2022 Exam Schedule](#)

[IGCSE 2022 Exam schedule](#)

From the IB Corner

- IB SPECIFIC TIMES [exam schedule](#)
- The Graduation Ceremony will take place on 25th May at 16:30 & 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.
- So that your universities get sent your IB results directly from the IBO after the 6th of July, **please fill in [this form](#) before the 15th of April**
- Online Elite IB/Lantern Spring Revision Course 50% off your booking (code: SHF50) → [Registration form](#)
- Our fabulous alumni Ann-Sophie is offering tutoring for IB students (Biology & Math especially). You can contact her via [email](#).
- How to help your child during revision times: [When it is time to study!](#)

Minutes from the SEC Parent Representatives Meeting

The minutes from the last SEC Parent Representatives Meeting on 6th April can be [here](#). The next meeting of your parent representatives with Mr. Coppes is scheduled for Wednesday, 11th May 2022. Please let your representative know any issues which you would like to be discussed on your behalf.

PE lesson excusal

Parents, please be reminded that according to the Hessen School Act (compulsory school attendance and leave of absence), students must have a **doctor's note** in order to be excused from PE lessons if they are attending school. A parent excusal on its own is not sufficient. If your child is too sick to participate in any lesson on campus, including PE lessons, they should be kept home. If the wait for an appointment is too long, your doctor may issue an excusal via a telephone consultation.



Coffee Morning with the University Guidance Counsellor

We invite Grade 11 & 10 Parents to a coffee morning with our new University Guidance Counsellor, [Ms Kari Oelkers](#), on Wednesday, 4th May, at 8:45 AM in the Cafeteria. Ms Oelkers will outline the processes for the students who are starting their university application processes, including letters of recommendation, university research, and upcoming student-led parent meetings. Please [RSVP](#) before 3rd May.

From the SOS Corner:

Are you familiar with [ICMEC](#) (International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children)? Over the last two decades, ICMEC has worked in more than 120 countries, empowering the global community with the tools, training and technology to create a safer world for children. ICMEC also offers a great collection of [resources for families](#).

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 Athletic Coordinator

Spring Sports are underway. Grades 6-8 athletes have begun practising Touch Rugby and Volleyball twice a week. Parents, be looking for an email from the athletic coordinator listing all games and tournaments.

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.

Looking Ahead

07.04.22	Sem II Parent-Teacher Conferences
08.04.22	IB ESS Zoo Frankfurt Field Trip
08.04.22	G12 & G10 Students' last day of school
11-22.04.22	Spring Break
25.04-10.06.22	IGCSE Exams
25.04-29.04.22	G8 Checkpoint Exams
27.04.22	G9 First-aid training (DofE)
28.04-19.05.22	IB Exams
28.04.22	Girls' Day / Boys' Day (G5-G12)
04.05.22	Coffee Morning with UGC (8:45, Cafeteria)
04.05.22	G6 GAL Field Trip to Dialog Museum
11.05.22	SEC Parent Rep Meeting
25.05.22	G12 Graduation Ceremony (16:30)
26.05.22	Public Holiday
27.05.22	Bridge Holiday
06.06.22	Public Holiday
13.-15.06.22	G10 IB Boot Camp on campus
16.06.22	Public Holiday
17.06.22	Bridge Day
20.06.-01.07.22	G10 Work Experience
27.06-01.07.22	G7-9 & 11 Sem II Exams
29.06.22	SEC Parent Rep Meeting
04.07.-08.07.22	SEC Trip Week (Camp Adventure in Lüneburger Heide)
15.07.22	MSF Closes at 13:00
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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>