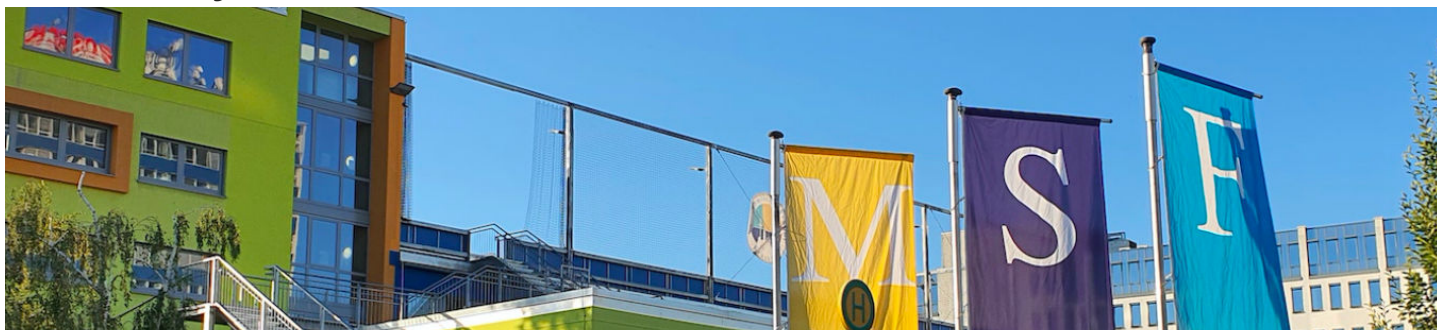


12th January 2023



Whole School Announcements

General Information

Note from our Admissions Department

Please inform the admissions department if you are moving on from MSF. The deadline to terminate your child's contract is 31st March, however, please note that you can contact Ms Kroll to make her aware of your plans before then. Contracts which are not terminated automatically rollover to the next school year.

School Calendar 2023-2024

Kindly note that the new school calendar can be found on our [website](#) (admissions page)

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!

Action required! Please complete forms

ONLY PRI + SEC: Voluntary student covid testing sign up

If you wish your child to do voluntary covid testing at home, please fill in the [voluntary student covid testing form](#), deadline to sign up is Monday, 12th December 08:00.

Baby Sitting Service

We, Paul Neeb and Kristen Weigt, are running a babysitting service here at MSF as our CAS project. Our babysitters will be educated by Deutsches Rotes Kreuz, receiving a first aid course. If you are interested in a babysitter for your child, feel free to fill out our [registration form](#). Please do not hesitate in [contacting us](#) if you have any questions.





Early Years

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check the School Event Calendar regularly for details about announced events and examination dates			12 Jan	13 Jan
			Bulletin	Mindfulness Workshop for Parents TR Fireflies Excursion Schirn Museum
16 Jan	17 Jan	18 Jan	19 Jan	20 Jan
		TR Dragonflies Excursion to Trickfilmland		
23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan
TR Bumblebees Excursion to Trickfilmland		EY Student Council TR Fireflies Excursion to Trickfilmland	Bulletin	EY Parent Rep Meeting



Message from Ms Henkel

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a good and healthy start to the year 2023. Firstly, we wanted to say a giant thank you to our parents for all your support in keeping our community as healthy as possible during this year's unusual winter season. Further, the health department has asked us to share some information with our parents about the [RS Virus](#). With your support and our solid hygiene plan in place we will get through the season safely.

On another note, we are happy to announce that last year we participated in a raffle and were one of the lucky winners to participate in the "[Kita-Spielothek](#)". Parents are invited, from February onwards, into the library to play and lend out a variety of pedagogically valuable games and toys to play at home with their child/ren. More information about this will follow soon. We hope that you enjoy the new additions to our library and look forward to any feedback!

Winter Holiday Programme - Payments

Please be reminded that we asked all parents to make the payment for the Winter Holiday Programme in the **2 weeks afterwards** (period of time: 09. - 20.01.23). Therefore, **please come to pay in cash at the main office.**

Fasching Holiday Programme - Registration OPEN

If you would like to register your child for the Fasching Holiday Programme, from 20th-22nd February, please read the [registration letter](#) and use the links in the letter to register.

Transition and Kindergarten Phase 2 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Below you can find the links to sign up for a time slot to speak to your child/ren's teachers about their development and readiness for Transition/Grade 1. The meetings take place on site and have a duration of 30 minutes. KG Phase 1 parents will have the opportunity to speak to their teachers between March and April.

- [Kindergarten Butterflies](#) (Ms Anja Degirmenci, Ms Anastasia Politi & Ms Sandra Voss)
- [Kindergarten Frogs](#) (Ms Ivona Orgler, Ms Duygu Eichner, Ms Maria Riggio & Ms Laura Fink)
- [Kindergarten Ladybirds](#) (Ms Brenda Ketli, Ms Anna Reddig & Ms Marzena Kaczinski)
- [Kindergarten Turtles](#) (Ms Anja Brünler, Ms Kerry Wragg, Ms Irina Lechzer & Ms Lauren Alvarez)
- ❖ [Transition Bumblebees](#) (Ms Suaad Shami-Sengstmann & Ms Maike Boeff)
- ❖ [Transition Dragonflies](#) (Ms Tülin Batan & Ms Denise Heimlich-Kik)
- ❖ [Transition Fireflies](#) (Ms Miriam Clearman & Mr Ryan Halder)

Congratulations, Ms Ivona!

Over the winter break, Ms Ivona Bojilova from the Frogs class got married and now is Ms Orgler. Please join us in congratulating her and her family!

Parent Rep Meeting on 27.01.23 @ 08:45-09:45

On 27th January, we will hold the next Parent Rep Meeting with a focus on transitioning to Transition and Grade 1. Mr Wragg, the Primary Principal will join the meeting. We will also share about the initiatives of the Student Council and ask for parent input on the topic of health promotion in the Early Years. Please share any other questions or concerns prior to the meeting with your class parent reps or [Ms Henkel](#) directly.

Transition to G1 Parent Info Evening (28.02.23)

All parents are invited to attend an informative session with Mr Wragg, our Primary School Principal at 16:00 on Tuesday, 28th February in the cafeteria. During the meeting Mr Wragg will discuss Primary routines and curriculum.

From the EY & Primary Library

Happy New Year from the Library! We start off our new term with lots of lovely new books for our kindergarten and transition students. You can find the list [here](#).

A reminder that the library is open from 8.30 - 9.15 on a Tuesday morning for MSF families to browse books and checkout. You can join the library by filling in [this form](#).

Late drop off

We kindly ask for your **support when** dropping off your child/ren **after 9:30**. → Please go by the main office and inform the main office team that you are dropping off your child/ren, as by 9:30 teachers have already taken attendance. Thank you for your support!

Art Club

Thank you for signing up for the Art Club! The spaces for the first quarter have been filled and we will resend the registration link once we are closer to the second quarter. Ms Mary Kate will be sending out detailed information about the logistics regarding pick up from class and the room to registered families.

Head Lice

It is the season of head lice, and while we take internal measures for head lice prevention it is crucial to follow school procedures 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, whose children are close with your child as well as treating your child in accordance with the instructions on your chosen treatment.

Important Links & Forms

- [Electronic form for planned student absences](#) (for absences of more than 2 days)
- [EY Parent and Student Handbook](#)
- Sign up [Form](#) Voluntary Spit Test & [Form](#) to upload for test results

Looking Ahead

10.02.23	Parent Rep Meeting
17.02.23	Class Faschings-Party
20.-22.02.23	Fasching Holiday Programme
23.-24.02.23	Teacher Training - school closed
28.02.23	Transition to Grade 1 Parent Evening

Jan-Feb	Parent-Teacher Conferences KG2
Jan-Mar	Parent-Teacher Conferences TR
Mar-Apr	Parent Teacher Conferences KG1





Primary School

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			Bulletin	
16 Jan	17 Jan	18 Jan	19 Jan	20 Jan
G5 Step up day		G8 Bake Sale		
23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan
		G4 & G5 Parent Info	Bulletin	

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



Message from Mr Wragg

Welcome back to school, I hope everyone had a happy and relaxing winter break. We start a new calendar year, looking forward to all that 2023 has to offer. At school, the students will be starting a new unit of study and you will soon receive the unit newsletters that will describe the content, in each main subject area, including key vocabulary. Please take some time to look at this with your child and ask them about their current knowledge and understanding. The teachers are all working hard on the Semester One school reports and you will be sent these just before the break in February.

One thing to prepare for, over the next few weeks, is the changeable weather. At this time of year we have all temperatures and all types of weather, sometimes in the same week. It is absolutely essential that your children have warm clothes, including good shoes, coats, hats and gloves in school at all times. We really want to get the children out and playing, so we try to avoid having wet break times, whenever possible. Remember, there is no bad weather, just bad clothing!

Reports

Semester one reports will be published on Managebac during the afternoon of Friday, 17th February.

Students will receive a signed paper summary of their report to take home. If you would like to receive a paper copy of your child's full report please complete this [form](#) by Friday, 10th February.

Transition from grade 4 to grade 5

May we kindly remind the grade 4 parents to [fill in the document](#) for the local school authorities regarding the transition to grade 5. This needs to be done by 12th February 2023. Explanations and annexes can be found [here](#).

Parent Rep Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 1st February at 08:30** in the cafeteria. During the meeting we will be discussing the digital citizenship meeting and the form which is required for all G4 students. This meeting is open to all parents who would like to attend.

G5 to G6 step up day on 16th January

The G5 students will be given the opportunity to spend the morning with SEC teachers and get a little taste of what awaits them next year on **Monday, 16th January 2023**. This step up event will take place in period 1 and 2: 08:30 -10:00. We ask all parents to please make sure that the G5 students are at school on time. This experience takes place the week prior to the information session for G4 and G5 parents held by Dr Coppes.

G4 & G5 Parent Info on 25th January 16:00 in H03.23 (2nd floor of the SEC building)

Dr Coppes will speak with G4 & G5 parents about various aspects of the Secondary school. Specifically, we will discuss our curricular offerings and graduation pathways. This session is particularly important for those parents who may have questions about differences between, and the recognition of, the High School diploma, IGCSE's, and the IB Diploma.

From the Primary Library

We start off our new term with some lovely new books in our print and digital libraries. You can browse the book lists here: [New Books in the Library](#) and [New books in Sora](#).

→ A reminder that parents can join our digital library, Sora, by filling in this [form](#).

Digital Citizenship Information Evening for Parents on Monday, 30th January at 16:00



[Tanya](#) has been a speaker for schools for over ten years – speaking to students, staff and parents about Online Safety, Media and Digital Literacy and Healthy Lifestyles. She covers not only fundamentals such as internet safety and cyberbullying but also comparison culture, mental health, good digital citizenship, gaming addiction, and resisting the attention economy. If you wish to attend the event, please RSVP using this [Google Form](#) by Sunday, 22nd January.

Public Transport Commute Group (G4 & 5)

In order to encourage children to travel independently by Public Transportation in Grade 4 and 5, a Pilot Route in Westend/Nordend in the afternoon is being set up (with the objective to expand geographically if successful).



Once up and running, parents interested in having their child participate would be able to sign up on any given day after school (initially at 15:30 but later times could be organised based upon interest); children would meet at school and walk/scoot together to the S Bahn (Eschborn Sud) and then onto the Bus M32 (or other options depending on specific needs).

Please note that a parent volunteer would accompany the group the first few times but eventually the children would travel unattended; the responsibility therefore lies with each child individually: he/she obviously needs to know their way around but may feel more secure (and their parents too) knowing they are not alone on a large portion of the trip. Parents interested (in hearing more, in having their child participate, and/or in expressing interest in other routes) should reach out to [Clemence Schulenburg](#) (Deputy Parent Rep, 4B)

Tutoring

If you are looking for a tutor for your child please complete this [form](#). Please note that tutors are subject to availability, it is not guaranteed that we will be able to find someone to assist your child

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Managebac

Please [click here](#) for some tips on how to use Managebac.

Request for student leave of absence:

Please be sure to write a comment in ManageBac if your child is sick, late or unable to attend school. Spot checks and fines do take place at Frankfurt airport for unapproved student leave. Please ensure you submit any [requests for leave](#) to Mr Wragg, and note that most school-time requests for leave are unapproved.

Looking Ahead:

16.01.23	G5 Step Up Day
25.01.23	G4 & G5 Parent Info Evening
30.01.23	Digital Citizenship Meeting
01.02.23	Parent Rep meeting
06-07.02.23	G4 Bicycle Training
09.02.23	G4 Bicycle Training
17.02.23	Reports Issued
17.02.23	Carnival Parties
28.02.23	Transition to G1 Parent Info Session
20-22.02.23	Primary Closed For Carnival
23-24.02.23	Primary Closed For Teacher Training
15-17.03.23	G4 Bicycle Training
29.03.23	Parent Rep Meeting
03-14.04.23	Primary Closed For Spring Break
03.05.23	Parent Rep Meeting
22-24.05.23	G4 Bicycle Training
01.06.2	G2 Sleepover





Secondary School



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check the School Event Calendar regularly for details about announced events and examination dates			12 Jan	13 Jan
			- G10&12 Language Oral Mocks - Bulletin	G10&12 Language Oral Mocks
16 Jan	17 Jan	18 Jan	19 Jan	20 Jan
- G10 Mock Exams - G5 to G6 Step-up Day 1st day of the SEC Winter Sports Season	G10 Mock Exams	G10 Mock Exams	G10 Mock Exams	G10 Mock Exams
23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan
- G10 Mock Exams - G7-9, 11 Sem 1 Exams	- G10 Mock Exams - G7-9, 11 Sem 1 Exams	- G10 Mock Exams - G7-9, 11 Sem 1 Exams 16:00 SEC Info Evening for G4 & 5 Families in H03.23	- G10 Mock Exams - G7-9, 11 Sem 1 Exams - Bulletin 16:00 IB Information Evening for G9-10 Families	- G7-9, 11 Sem 1 Exams - Last day of Semester I

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



Message from Dr. Coppes

Welcome back to everyone from what we hope was a restful and relaxing winter vacation! During a short getaway, the Coppes family attempted a three-day digital detox. If I'm honest, it was a lot more difficult than I had imagined to stay away from all screened devices. In the end, it was a fantastic thing for the whole family. Speaking of the notion of digital detox, we have a guest speaker coming to meet with students in grades 4 - 12 throughout the school days on the 30th and 31st of January. She will also give a presentation on the 30th just for our parent community. Please see more detailed information below.

We look forward to an amazing 2023!

Exams Schedule

- 16th - 26th January : [Grade 10 IGCSE Mock Exams](#)
- 23rd - 27th January : [Grade 7, 8, 9 and 11 Semester 1 Exams](#)
- 26th January - 1st February : [Grade 6-9 Winter MAP Maths Test](#)

From our SOS Department

As we are approaching the exams week, which will commence on the 16th of January 2023, it would be beneficial to [support all students in their review efforts and study practice](#), at home.

Interesting article: the importance of physical activity for your teens's mental health

This [article](#) highlights research on the importance of physical activity and PE for your child's mental health and well-being.



From the IB Corner

- [Grade 9 and 10 - IB information evening](#) → Please note that the IB Diploma information evening will take place on Thursday, **26th January 2023 at 16:00 in the Commons.**
- Grade 9 and 10 - High School diploma evening** → On the **7th of February** a similar evening will happen specifically to introduce the High School Diploma, at **16:00 in H02.12 (History room)**
- If you are looking for a Physics or Math tutor, do not hesitate to [contact Seibin](#). Seibin is a strong IB student taking Science and Math at a Higher level. She is patient and an excellent tutor.

Semester II SEC Clubs

Club sign-ups are OPEN! Students can sign up for semester II clubs from Wednesday, 11th January until Friday, 3rd February. Semester II clubs will start on Monday, 30th January, the first week of Semester II. Students have access to the sign-up form through the slides shared with them on Wednesday.

Digital Citizenship Information Evening for Parents on Monday, 30th January at 16:00



[Tanya](#) has been a speaker for schools for over ten years – speaking to students, staff and parents about Online Safety, Media and Digital Literacy and Healthy Lifestyles. She covers not only fundamentals such as internet safety and cyberbullying but also comparison culture, mental health, good digital citizenship, gaming addiction, and resisting the attention economy. Tanya is the author of three books on our complicated relationship with technology:

‘My Brain Has Too Many Tabs

Open’, ‘Off’ and ‘Stop Staring at Screens’ are all out now.

If you wish to attend the event, please RSVP using this [Google Form](#) by Sunday, 22nd January. We hope to see you there!

Parent Rep Meeting on 8th February

The next Secondary Parent Representatives Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th February. Please let your class parent representative know if there are any issues which you would like to be discussed.

Secondary Sports

The Secondary School Winter sport season runs from the week **beginning Monday January 16th until the week ending Friday 31st March 2023.**

Sports and teams include:

- Grade 6 - 8 Girls Basketball
- Grade 6 - 8 Boys Basketball
- Grade 9 - 12 Boys Basketball
- Grade 6 - 12 Cricket
- Grade 6 - 12 Cheerleading
- **NEW** Grade 6 - 12 Competitive Badminton

GO FOXES!

English Reading Suggestions

The Secondary English teachers and Ms Foust, our librarian, have been working together on a [*suggested reading list](#) per grade level. With the exception of a few books that we're waiting to arrive, we have all these books in our school library. Happy reading!

(Mostly compiled from YALSA 2021 best books for young adults and award winners from established young adult literary prizes. Descriptions are from publishers/Follett catalogue.)

Looking Ahead

16.01.23 G5 to G6 step up day

16-27.01.23 G10 Mock Exams

18.01.2023 SEC Assembly

23-27.01.23 G7-9, 11 Sem I Exams

25.01.23 16:00 SEC Info Evening for G4-5 Parents

26.01-01.02.23 G6-9 Winter MAP Maths Test

26.01.23 16:00-18:00 IB Info Evening @ Commons

27.01.23 Last day of Sem I

30.01.23 16:00 Digital citizenship Info Evening

30.-31.01.23 Digital Citizenship Workshop for students

07.02.23 High School Diploma Info Evening

08.02.23 SEC Parent Rep Meeting

15.02.23 SEC Joint Assembly

17.02.23 Sem I Reports Published





School Website: www.m-school.de

Login for the Parent Zone (password: inspiration20)

!! ManageBac Parent Guide: Please have a look [here](#) to get the basic guidelines for using ManageBac.

ManageBac Login: [Attendance System](#) and [Messages to Parents](#)

Parent & Student Handbook:

[General](#) Handbook / [EY](#) Handbook / [PRI](#) Handbook / [SEC](#) Handbook

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

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](#).

Infectious Diseases: Please see this useful [website](#) about infectious diseases. You can download the information in other languages as well. English is definitely included.

Some workshops that might be interesting: They are mostly in German, but maybe you can still find something that is fitting for you. Please have a look [here](#). There is also one called “[Starke Eltern, starke Kinder](#)” (0-10 year olds).