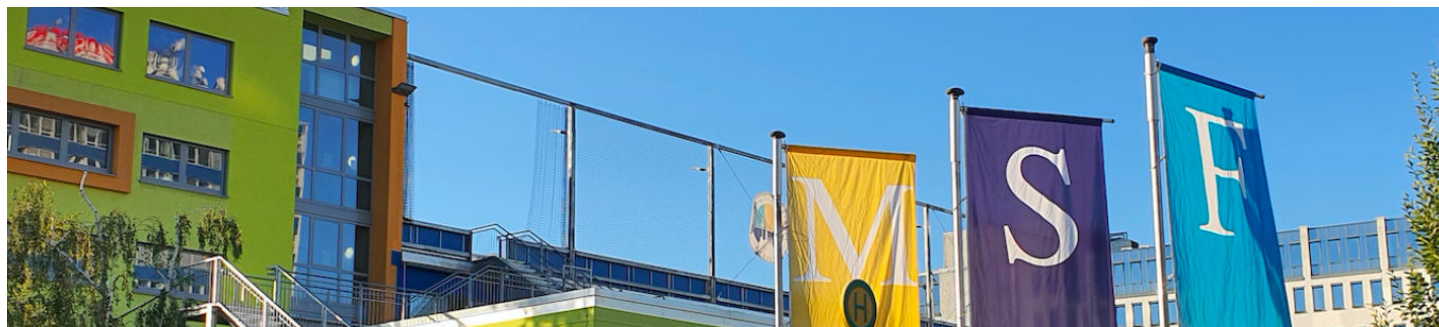


05th October 2023



Whole School Announcements

General Information

Strategic Plan - What's Next?

Thank you to all of you who were able to contribute in some way to the strategic planning process thus far. Our community has been actively engaged in completing the survey, attending listening sessions and participating in the strategic planning retreat. In the upcoming weeks, we will share feedback with you on where we are now in the process after all this stakeholder input. Thank you for your engagement and participation. We're excited to share the results with you shortly.

11.10.2023: International Day Volunteer Coffee Morning with SLT

In appreciation of all our International Day volunteers, SLT invites you to a 'volunteer thank you' coffee morning on Wednesday, 11th October in the cafeteria from 08:45 - 09:45. If you volunteered in any way, whether with your time, donations, running events, selling tickets or more, we invite you to come along for coffee. [Kindly RSVP and let us know if you can make it.](#)

Autumn Break Camps

Outdoor Kids camps for 6 - 10 year olds - on MSF campus!

Camp opening hours: 09:00 - 16:00. Please register here:

First Week: 16th - 20th October

[Gymnastic Camp](#)

[Football Camp](#)

Second Week: 23rd - 27th October

[Sports Camp](#)

Autumn Break Camps

Stagecoach Holiday Musical Camp for 6 - 10 year olds - on MSF campus!

Age: kids and teens

When: 23rd until 27th October

Time: 09:30 - 15:30 (morning care 08:30 optional)

Performance Time: Friday, 27th October at 14:30

Costs: €235 for MSF Students (€285 regular price), includes Lunch and Video/Photos.

Who can attend our Musical holiday Workshop ?

Our holiday workshops are open to all kids and teens. Your child does not need previous dancing, singing or acting ability and does not need to have attended one of our term-time Stagecoach schools. No auditions are required – just a willingness to give it a go! The lessons are held in German although some English is spoken. From the second they arrive your child will start making friends, having fun and learning some great new skills! During their time at Stagecoach we guarantee you'll see an increase in your child's confidence, social awareness and fitness.

Send an Email to Mrs. Raissa Kayser frankfurtwest@stagecoach.de or call her Mobile: +49 (0) 15140062706

Autumn Holidays Robotics, Engineering and Coding Camp

Power Kids Coding at MSF

Robotics camp is a fantastic opportunity to increase children's interest in technology, introduce them to the world of engineering, and develop their skills in STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) fields

Age: 6-10

Dates: 16th until 27th October

Time: 09:00 - 15:00

Costs: €320 includes Lunch per week or € 600 for two weeks

[Registration here.](#)

Donation needed for the Ukrainian refugees living in Frankfurt

The Prolisok Donation Centre is a private organisation dedicated to supporting Ukrainian refugees living in Frankfurt. The centre is always very grateful with the arrival of new donations, and the centre is conveniently located just around the corner from MSF (Heerstrasse 305). As the winter months approach, winter clothing donations are particularly appreciated. More information can be found [HERE](#). The centre's opening hours are as follows: Tue 14:00 -17:00 / Fri: 14-17:00 / Sat: 10:00-17:00 / Sun: Closed

CAS project - Christmas In A Shoebox

As Christmas is known as "The Season Of Giving", we would like to raise donations of gifts and essentials, which will be packed into shoeboxes and given to people in need, in Frankfurt, to make their Christmas a memorable one!

All donations are gratefully accepted, and much appreciated items would be: hygiene products, dry foods, simple health & medical products, toys, or cash. "Christmas In A Shoebox" donation boxes can be found at the entrance to primary & secondary building, inside secondary office, and outside secondary library. If you would like to donate cash, please scan the [PayPal QR code](#).



Babysitter Club

Please find [here](#) some more information about the babysitter club being offered by the Grade 11 CAS students .



Events

Wednesday, 11th October

G4 & G5 Touch Rugby Tournament

- Where: 1880 Rugby Club
- Time: 9:00 am – 14:30pm



Grade 11 Bake Sale

- Where: MSF Cafeteria
- Time: 15:00 – 16:00 pm



G9-12 Boys Soccer Away Game at FISO

- Where: FISO (Frankfurt International School Oberursel)
- Departure Time From MSF: 16:00
- Return Time From Destination: 18:30 pm



Thursday, 12th October

G6-8 Boys Soccer Teams Away Game at FISW

- Where: FISW (Frankfurt International School Wiesbaden)
- Departure Time From MSF: 14:30 pm
- Return Time From Destination: 17:15 pm

STAY UPDATED:





Early Years

Early Years

Primary School

Secondary School

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			Bulletin TR Parent Feedback meetings	TR Parent Feedback meetings
09 October TR Parent Feedback meetings	10 October TR Parent Feedback meetings	11 October G 11 Bake Sale TR Parent Feedback meetings	12 October TR Parent Feedback meetings	13 October TR Parent Feedback meetings
Early Years Autumn Holiday Programme (for registered children)				
30 October	31 October	01 November	02 November	03 November
KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings	Halloween Class Parties KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings	Connect with MSF (entrance into Gr 1) KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings	Bulletin KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings	KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings

Message from Ms Rippinger



These past several weeks of our Early Years have gone by very quickly and the Autumn Holiday Programme is just around the corner. After our Holiday Programme we have several festivities taking place until the Winter Holiday(s), such as Halloween, Saint Martins Parade, our first EY assembly and our Winter Show. Another thing we are looking forward to is voting for our Early Years student council. Two students of each class will be invited to become a member of our EY Student Council and thus take part in important decisions that we take as a division. They will meet on a monthly basis with myself and other important stakeholders, depending on the topics the children bring forward. Last year, for example, they gave feedback on planning and reviving our outdoor mud kitchen, as well as the children gave feedback on the lunch menu and our snack calendar. One of the many opportunities for students to experience student agency is through our student council.

Detailed Autumn Holiday Programme Letter

Please read through [this letter](#) concerning the organisational details, such as which staff are present and in which room(s) the Holiday Programme is taking place. You need to register your child to attend the Holiday Programme. The link(s) for registering can be found below. The form is accessible until 6th October.

- [KGF/L](#)
- [KGB/T](#)
- [TR](#)

PYP Parent Workshop

Thank you to those of you who joined us on Wednesday for the Introduction to PYP workshop with Ms. Hand and Mr. Wragg. We appreciate you inquiring into the curriculum with us! Please find a link [here](#) to the presentation.

Staffing Update:

We have Rimia Mekonnen joining our Early Years team in the role of a floater on 16th October 2023. She has a degree in "Kindheitspädagogik" (childhood pedagogy). Please join me in welcoming her warmly to our team.

EY Student Photos:

From 7th until 10th November we have our Early Years Student Photos taking place. Ms Anastasia Schmid is our photographer, as in previous years. Please refer below on which day your child will have their photo taken:

- Tuesday 7th November: KG Ladybirds, KG Frogs & Tr Bumblebees
- Wednesday 8th November: KG Butterflies, TR Fireflies
- Thursday 9th November: KG Turtles, TR Dragonflies

Book Week: Extreme Reading Photograph Competition

Book Week will be taking place this year from 13th-16th November. More details will follow in our next Bulletin. Until then you can find [details](#) to an upcoming competition for Book Week 2023.

Crafting Lanterns for Saint Martin's Parade

In the Early Years the children will be crafting their lanterns for the Saint Martin's Parade in the classroom with their teachers. These lanterns can then be picked up from the classroom on the day of the parade (8th November). Please provide your child/ren with a labelled lantern stick and batteries to be able to use their lanterns for this event.

Halloween Class Parties:

On 31st October we will be celebrating Halloween in the Early Years. All children are welcome to come dressed up on this day. Teachers will reach out to you or the parent rep(s) concerning classroom decoration etc.

EY Parent Rep Meeting

Thank you for participating in the first parent rep meeting this Wednesday. Our next parent rep meeting will be taking place on 10th November, 08:45-09:30. The location will be confirmed. If you have any agenda items please email [Frau Rippinger](#) prior to the meeting.

Reminder: Kindergarten New Families Feedback Meetings

From 30th October until 10th November all new Kindergarten families are welcomed to attend a feedback meeting with your child's teacher(s). This meeting is a feedback of how the settling in period is progressing, their social interaction and you can raise any questions you might have in this conversation. Please use the links below to sign up for a suitable time:

- [KG Ladybirds](#) with Ms Anna Reddig, Ms Brenda Ket, Mr Fabian Gödel & Ms Marzena Kaczinski
- [KG Butterflies](#) with Ms Anja Degirmenci, Ms Sandra Voss & Ms Anastasia Politi

- [KG Turtles](#) with Ms Anja Brünler, Ms Lauren Alvarez, Mr Fabian Goedel, Ms Tanja Schreiner & Ms Kerry Wragg
- [KG Frogs](#) with Ms Ivona Orgler, Ms Duygu Eichner, Ms Florin Madanhire & Ms Maria Riggio

Important Links & Forms

- [Electronic form for planned student absences](#) (for absences of more than 2 days)
- [EY Parent and Student Handbook](#)

Looking Ahead

30.10.-10.11.23	KG phase 1 parent feedback meetings
07.-09.11.23	EY Student Photo Session
08.11.23	Saint Martins Parade
10.11.23	EY Parent Rep Meeting
13.11-16.11.23	Book Week
17.11.23	Teacher Training Day (EY closed)
05.12.23	Early Years Winter Show (16:00-17:00)





Primary School

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		G11 Bake Sale G4 & G5 Rugby Tournament		
Primary School Closed 16th- 27th October				
30 October	31 October	01 November	02 November	03 November
	Halloween Class Parties		• Bulletin	

Message from Mr Wragg

It is amazing that this is the last bulletin before the October break. How the time has flown by since the start of the school year. We have already done so much and there are a lot of things coming up after the break. Halloween celebrations are the Tuesday after we come back, so remember to help your child dress up. Parent teacher meetings and student-led conferences will start from the end of October and then the winter shows will be here before we know it in December. Please keep a close eye on all the upcoming bulletins for times and dates.

PYP Parent Workshop

Thank you to those of you who joined us on Wednesday for the Introduction to PYP workshop with Ms Hand and Mr Wragg. We appreciate you inquiring into the curriculum with us! Please find a link [here](#) to the presentation.

Parents on the playground

As Grade 1 & 2 have pick-up on the playground at the end of the day, it is a wonderful opportunity to do a quick check-in with the class teacher, say hello and pass on information.

In the mornings we recommend that parents leave their children to play, rather than wait with them. There are always teachers on duty to care for them and students

can be quite self conscious and self restrained if parents are watching them play. The 10 mins before we start the day provide the students with a chance to use some morning energy up and say hello to their friends, so they are ready to settle down and concentrate when the bell goes at 08:30.

German Integration Lesson

At the start of this year we introduced a new initiative, called the German Integration Lesson. The students, in the past, had 6 German lesson times per week, over 5 days, so one double lesson. The feedback from teachers and students was that the double lesson was too long to really use effectively for language learning. We decided this year to change one of the German lessons into a time when German would be taught to the whole class, side by side with English. So, using a similar model to the Early Years, we have now changed the double German lesson to a single German lesson, so the students still have levelled German lessons every day, and replaced the missing lesson with a whole class unit lesson during which English and German is used simultaneously.

Our choice of name: 'German Integration Lesson' seems to have confused some people who interpreted this to be a lesson about how to integrate into life in Germany. So we have now changed the name of this to the 'Dual Language Lesson', which is a more precise description.

German on Seesaw

A reminder that you have the possibility to see the progress of your child in German, through Seesaw. During each Unit we post some activities the students are doing in the class. At the end of each Unit the summative assessment is also posted to Seesaw. Please login (you will have received guidance on how to do this at the start of the year) and look for the German folder.

Class Parent Rep Meeting

Please [click here](#) to view the minutes from last week's meeting. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15th November.

Notes from the Primary Athletics Director.

On 11th October Grade 4 & 5 students will be travelling to 1880 rugby club to compete in a Rugby Tournament against several other schools in the area. This was a voluntary sign up, and anyone of all ability levels, both boys and girls were encouraged to join. We have a strong team of 10 who have already had their first training session and look ready to compete in 2 weeks! I look forward to reporting back on our success later in the month.

Our second inter-school competition will be a Cross Country meet held on 1st November at ISF. This will be an after school event and those students currently training in the Grade 3-5 Cross Country Club will be competing. More information regarding signup will be sent directly via email.

Looking forward to competing in more interschool competitions throughout the school year.

Head Lice

We seem to be facing a growth in head lice cases in the school at the moment. Please check your children regularly for lice, and inform us if you find them.

Primary School Library Volunteers Needed

Thanks to those of you who joined us for our Library Coffee Morning this past Wednesday! As was discussed at this meeting, the Primary School Library is in need of volunteers. If you were unable to attend the Coffee Morning, it's not too late to sign-up to volunteer. All skills and talents are needed to assist with duties such as back-office tasks, book processing, student support, library displays, reading events, and even jobs you can do from home. We hope you'll consider joining our team! If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Chris Kreie, Primary School Librarian.

kreie@msf.education

Parent-Teacher Meetings

We are pleased to announce that parent meetings will be held as follows:

- G1 30th October - 3rd November
- G2 & G3 6th- 10th November
- G4 & G5 will hold Student Led Conferences, also on the week of 6th November.

German P-T conferences will be held on 20th & 21st November.

Teachers will be sending out invitations.

Autumn Break

We would like to remind all families that Primary will be closed from 16th- 27th October.

Welcome to the Early Years and Primary Library

Please [click on the link](#) to find out details of how to access resources from the EY and Primary Library.

Extreme Reading Photograph Competition

Please find the [details](#) to an upcoming competition for Book Week 2023.

Outdoor Play

Please make sure your child has a **rainproof jacket** as students will play outside unless the rain is very heavy.

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.

Managebac

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

Looking Ahead:

06.10.23	G1 Family Restaurant
11.10.23	G4 & G5 Rugby Tournament
16-27.10.23	Autumn Break
31.10.23	Halloween Class Parties
08.11.23	St Martin's Celebration
13-16.11.23	Book Week
15.11.23	Parent Rep Meeting
17.11.23	MSF Closed For Teacher Training
06.12.23	G3 & G4 Winter Show
07.12.23	G1 & G2 Winter Show
13.12.23	G5 Winter Show
15.12.23	MF Closes at 13:00 (no ASC)
18.12-05.01.24	Winter Holidays
08.01.24	MSF Reopens After Winter Break



Secondary School



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			• Bulletin • G9-12 Boys Soccer Away Game vs. ISF	
9 October	10 October	11 October	12 October	13 October
SEC Spirit Week				
		• SEC Assembly • G11 Bake Sale • G9-12 Boys Soccer Away Game vs FISO	• 16:00 High School Diploma Info Evening • G6-8 Boys Soccer Away Game vs FISW	
Secondary School Closed from 16 th - 27 th October				
30 October	31 October	01 November	02 November	03 November
G11 CAS Trip to Copenhagen (30.10 - 03.11.2023)				
	Halloween Dress-up		• Bulletin	

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

Looking Ahead: Semester I Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thurs, 16.11.2023 in a NEW format

With our growing student numbers, we are finding it difficult to properly serve all students and their parents during our Parent/Teacher Conferences. This year, we are going to trial a new approach. From 8:30 - 10:00, we will hold an open house to any parent who would like to speak with their child's teachers in the Sports Hall on a first come, first served basis. From 10:30 until 4:45, we will hold slightly longer meetings with parents on an individual basis depending on particular student needs, whether they be academic, behavioural, or social-emotional. These sessions will be on an invite only basis and will be targeted for those students who need additional support. Invitations will be sent roughly one week prior to the PTC's.

High School Diploma Information Session on Thurs, 12.10.2023 at 16:00

On Thursday, 12th October, at 16:00, a presentation on the High School Diploma option at MSF will be delivered. This information night is for any students, parents or guardians who would like information on the High School Diploma that is awarded at MSF and how it can be used for university or post

high school plans. Parents and guardians are especially encouraged to join the meeting, if they are wondering:

- What if my child does not want to choose the IB diploma path?
- What else does the MSF Secondary School offer?
- Can my child get into university without the IB diploma?

Upcoming G11 CAS Trip to Copenhagen (30.10 - 03.11.2023)

Please find below the information letter from Mr Kerr and the proposed itinerary for the upcoming CAS trip:

- [Parent and Student Letter ii](#) & [Proposed Itinerary](#)

Spirit Week will be held the week of October 9-13

- Monday: Grade level colour (6= orange; 7= red; 8= blue; 9= green; 10= purple; 11= white; 12= black)
- Tuesday: Twin Day
- Wednesday: Advisory Day (theme TBD)
- Thursday: PJ Day
- Friday: Movie/book character

From the IB Corner

Last week, we had the privilege of hosting Lanterna for a series of information sessions designed to benefit our high school students.

- Grade 10 - [Understanding the Transition: Preparing for High School](#)
- Grade 11 - [Strategies for Success: Navigating the Challenges of IB1](#)
- Grade 12 - [A Guide to the last year of High School](#)
- Parents - [How to Support Your Child Through the High School Journey](#)

Lanterna is known for providing exceptional revision courses and academic support, and they offer a wealth of free resources on their website that can be beneficial for both students and parents. We encourage you to explore these resources to help your child succeed academically.

IB exam schedule: [FINAL schedule, May 2024](#)

IB and Artificial intelligence: [AI in teaching and assessing](#)

IB math results at MSF: In IB exams (May 2023), the world math average was 4.43 points over 7, and the MSF average was 5.42 over 7.

Minutes from the SEC Parent Reps Meeting on Fri, 29.09.2023

Please click [HERE](#) to view the minutes from the first SEC parent reps meeting with Dr Coppes and Ms Dodd on Friday, 29.09.2023. The next SEC Parent Reps Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14.11.2023. Please let [your representative](#) know any issues which you would like to be discussed on your behalf.

From the ALN Coordinator

Please [click here](#) to view the letter from Ms Eleni Armaou, the SEC Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Coordinator, about New Modes of Learning and AI Technology in education.

Mid-term Academic Warnings on Fri, 10.11.2023

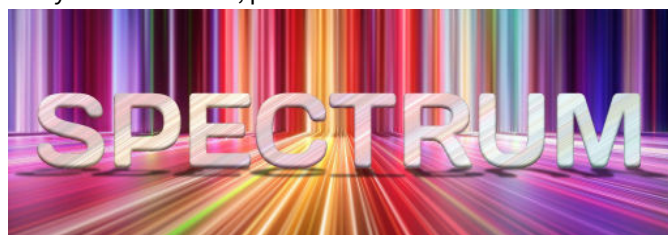
As per the [SEC Student and Parent Handbook](#), mid-term academic warnings for the first semester will be issued via ManageBac on Friday, 10.11.2023 for any students whose academic performance is of concern. This includes:

- subjects in which a student's grade is below a "C" (Grades 6-10) or below a 4 (Grades 11 - 12)
- subjects in which a student's grade has dropped significantly.

Kindly note that Managebac's default labelling of this type of notification is called a *behaviour note*. To be clear, these are academic warnings and should not be confused with any type of behavioural concern.

"The Spectrum" @MSF Sports Hall, Wed, 29.11.2023, 6pm

Following on from last year's highly successful concert we would like to announce the return of the SEC creative arts concert - an evening of music, drama and art. Everyone is welcome, parents and students!



From the Athletics Director

The first Autumn / Fall sport season for SEC students is underway, and runs **until Friday, 1st December 2023**.

Grade 6 - 8 Soccer teams travelled to ISF last week to play 2 matches. Our Grade 7-8 team played first and put in a really impressive effort to come away with a 3-1 victory! Special shout out to Emil in Grade 8 for a great hat-trick! Next up was our younger Grade 6-7 team who had a fantastic game that ended in a 1-1 draw. Well done to all players!

The following are some of our scheduled fixtures:

G6-8 Boys Soccer

- **AWAY** Thursday, 12th October vs. FISW (at Frankfurt International School Wiesbaden)
- **AWAY** TOURNAMENT - Thursday, 9th November at FISW

G9-12 Boys Soccer

- **AWAY** Thursday, 05th October vs. ISF (at International School Frankfurt)
- **AWAY** Wednesday, 11th October vs. FISO (at Frankfurt International School Oberursel).
- Additional fixtures to be confirmed.

G9-12 Boys and Girls Volleyball

- **HOME** Wednesday, 08th November vs. ISF (at MSF)
- Additional AWAY fixtures to be confirmed.

G6-12 Cross Country

- Fixtures to be confirmed.

GO FOXES !

Looking Ahead

05.10.23	G9-12 Boys Soccer Away Game vs. ISF
11.10.23	SEC Assembly
11.10.23	G9-12 Boys Soccer Away Game vs FISO
12.10.23	G6-8 Boys Soccer Away Game vs FISW
12.10.23	16:00 High School Diploma & Opportunities - Information Evening
16-27.10.23	Autumn Break
30.10 - 03.11.23	CAS Trip to Copenhagen, Denmark

01.11.23	G10 Extended Advisory: IGCSE Preparation
09.11.23	G6-8 Boys Soccer Tournament at FISW
10.11.23	Mid-term Academic Warnings
14.11.23	SEC Parent Reps Meeting
15.11.23	G10 Bake Sale
15.11.23	G10 Parents IGCSE Prep Info Evening
16.11.23	Sem 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences
17.11.23	MSF Closed For Teacher Training
17.-19.11.23	SEC Basketball Tournament in Valencia, Spain
21.11.23	Gap Year Info Evening for G11&12 Families
29.11.2023	SEC Assembly
29.11.2023	"The Spectrum" - Creative Arts Concert



Regarding MSF

- **School Website:** www.m-school.de
- **Login for the Parent Zone** (password: inspiration20)

- **Managebac Guide:** Please [click here](#) for some tips on how to use 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](#)

Other information

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).

Car Pooling



We want to start with something new: We want to ask parents (who are interested in car pooling) to connect with each other via an interactive map. Parents will receive a link and can add their location, if interested. This is to avoid the data protection restrictions. → Please have a look at [this guide](#). (We had to move from ethermap to google map, sorry)