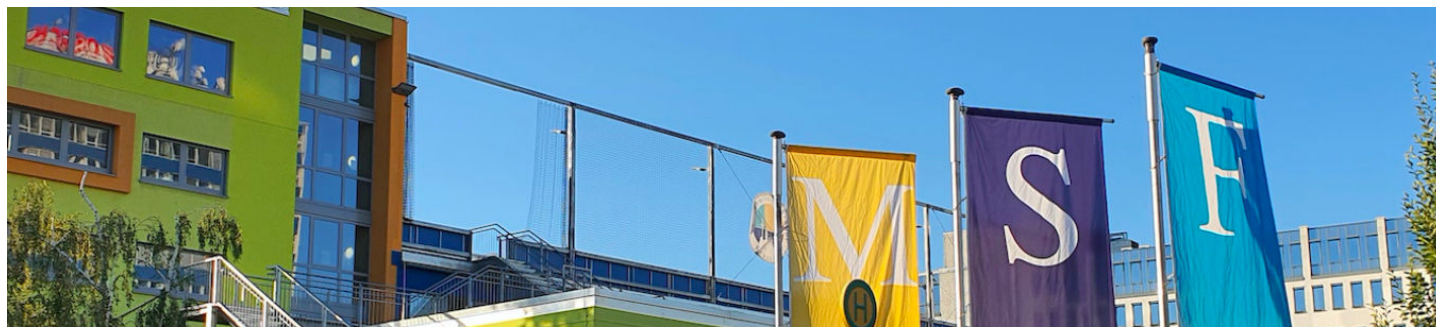


02nd November 2023



Whole School Announcements

General Information

School Evaluation Visit 04-08.12.23

For the past year, MSF has been preparing for a synchronised evaluation visit by our 3 accrediting bodies, the Council of International Schools (CIS), the International Baccalaureate (IB) and New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This process takes place every 5 years and in December, we welcome back CIS, IB and NEASC to MSF. This 11-member team of educators and school directors from across Europe will spend the week meeting with teachers, staff, students and parents to review our policies, procedures, curriculum and practices, and ensure that these are in line with the values and expectations of the 3 accrediting bodies. More information will be shared closer to the visit.

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. Following the strategic planning retreat in October, Triangle Associates will return to MSF in November to work with the steering committee to further develop the strategic priorities highlighted in the various feedback sessions. In the next bulletin, we will share feedback with you on where we are in the process. Thank you for your engagement and participation.

Celebrating success of your child

If your child has won a prize at a competition or had any other important achievement, please do share it with us by sending a photo and a 2-3 sentences comment. We would like to celebrate at school and publish the photo on our social media! Please send the information to marketing@m-school.de

Coming Soon: Parent ID cards

In the upcoming weeks we will be introducing parent ID cards for use when accessing the campus. A detailed information letter will be sent to all families with instructions for signing up.

School Calendar 2023-2025

The 2024-2025 school calendar is available on our website.

Safety Drills

In preparation for the evaluation visit in December, when we will be required to run one of our emergency drills for the visiting team, we will practise all of our emergency drills before the visit. This includes fire drill, lockdown drill and evacuation drill. Given the sensitivity of some of these drills, we will announce the date and time of the lockdown and evacuation drill beforehand to staff, students and parents. Should your child be particularly anxious about any of these drills, we ask you to please inform the school counsellors so that we can support your child during the drill.

NEXT DRILL: EVACUATION DRILL

SEC Tuesday 7.11.23 @ 13:00

EY & PRI Friday 10.11.23 @ 11:00

Crisis in the Middle East: Fundraising

Numerous families within our school community have direct or indirect ties to the region, so it is essential that we approach them with empathy, understanding, and sensitivity. We hereby express our heart-felt empathy and support for all of them and for all victims in Israel and Gaza!

This [article](#) from the Red Cross gives a helpful update as to what is happening and how you can help all those affected. If you would prefer to donate money through the school please do so to our MSF bank account clearly marking the money transfer as “donation for Red Cross Israel/Gaza” and we will forward the funds accordingly.

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: 14:00-17:00 / Sat: 10:00-17:00.

Lost and Found

We would like to point out that many lost items of clothing and other items can be found in the Lost and Found area in the sports hall next to the changing room. If your child is missing something, please check the Lost and Found area before the winter break. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity after this time.



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](#).



Events

Dear MSF Students, Families and Staff,

We are delighted to invite you to join us for the traditional Saint Martin's Procession on Wednesday 8th November 2023. Please RSVP [HERE](#) BEFORE NOON ON Friday, 3rd November. We are also in need of volunteers to hand out tokens, assist on the parade route, pass out Weckmänner, and to help at the party at Possmann's. Additionally, we are in urgent need of parent volunteers to assist on the parade route and at Possmann's after the parade. Please click [HERE](#) to volunteer for the event. Thank you in advance for your support!

The Saint Martin's Day 2023 Committee



STAY UPDATED:



Early Years



Primary School



Secondary School



Early Years



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check the School Event Calendar regularly for details about announced events and examination dates			02 November	03 November
			Bulletin KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings	KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings
06 November	07 November	08 November	09 November	10 November
KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings	KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings EY Student Photos (KGL, KGF, TRB)	KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings EY Student Photos (KGB, TRF) Saint Martin's Parade G4 & 5 Bake Sale	KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings EY Student Photos (TRD, KGT, EY Parent Reps)	KG Ph1 Parent Feedback Meetings EY Parent Rep Meeting EY Student Council Meeting EY & PRI Evacuation Drill
13 November	14 November	15 November	16 November	17 November
Book Week	Book Week	Book Week G 10 Bake Sale	Book Week Bulletin TR Street Security Training with Parent Workshop	EY Closed - Teacher Training Day



Message from Ms Rippering & Ms Henkel

The beautiful season of autumn has arrived. It is a season that can be seen as dark and rainy but it can also be viewed as one that we can enjoy with all our senses.

Children are observing the leaves changing their colours and eventually falling off the trees. They will be collecting leaves, chestnuts and acorns and crafting with them. We will all be tasting the seasonal spices and food including the traditional St Martin Weckmann at our annual St Martin's celebration organised by our parents reps - more information below.

The outdoors will offer opportunities to jump into puddles and explore the season actively - remember that there is no bad weather here in Germany and to provide comfortable and warm clothing for your child.

Last but not least, rainy days may also offer opportunities to further develop the love to read and listen to stories, here or at your homes. While the 75th Frankfurt Book Fair has come to an end, our children will be diving into our Book Week starting 13th November - watch out for more details.

Saint Martin's Parade

On Wednesday, 8th November, MSF Parent Reps have organised our traditional St. Martin's parade including a bake sale, a play by Primary students and our lantern parade ending at Possmann's with warm drinks and a "Weckmann" for registered children. Please see the [communication](#) from our parent reps for more details.

2023/2024 Calendar Update

Please be aware that changes have been made to the closing days in December 2023 in order to reflect the new regulations for closing days in Kindergartens in Hessen. Please find attached the [updated calendar](#).

Registration for Winter Holiday Programme

Please use the links below to register your child/ren for the Winter Holiday Programme. Due to planning staffing, lunches and activities it is essential that families enrol their child for the Holiday Programme. The form is accessible until 7th December 2023. More details will follow closer to the Programme.

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

Taster Session Musikschule Nagel

Musikschule Nagel visited all our EY classes for 30 minutes on Wednesday and Friday. All Early Years children had the opportunity to enjoy a taster session and will bring home a flyer for parents. If you are interested in registering your child, please complete the registration form and send it directly to Melanie Nagel and her team.

Reminder EY Student Photos:

From 7th - 9th November, all Early Years Students have the opportunity to have an individual photo as well as a group photo taken by our cooperation photographer Ms Anastasia Schmid, as in previous years. Please see 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

Parents will receive a QR code for direct access to the photos.

If parents do not want their child to be part of the class / group photo, they should reach out to their child's teacher prior to the day. The group photo will be used for the MSF Yearbook.

Winter Show - SAVE THE DATE

All Early Years children will be presenting at our annual Winter Show, this year on Tuesday, 5th December, from 16:00-17:00. Parents are cordially invited to enjoy the show. More information will be shared with families soon!

Important Links & Forms

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

Looking Ahead

05.12.23	EY Winter Show (16:00-17:00)
15.12.23	EY closes at 13:00
18.-21.12.23	EY Winter Holiday Programme
21.12.23	EY closes at 13:00
22.12-01.01.24	EY closed
02.-05-01.24	EY Winter Holiday Programme

Book Week

We are very excited about the upcoming Book Week. In this [document](#) our Early Years Librarian Mrs Wragg has created an overview of the events to look forward to!

Teacher Training Day

On 17th November our Early Years division will be closed for teacher training as indicated on the school calendar. There will be no child care provided.

REGISTRATION TR Street Security Training & Parent Workshop 16th November

All Transition children will be participating in Street Safety Training on 16th November 2023 and 16th January 2024 with Police Officer Lechner & Police Officer Junker from the Frankfurt police in order to learn to safely cross the roads to and from school. Parents are invited to attend the Parent Workshop (in German) on 16th November from 8:00-9:00 in the Secondary Commons in order to best support their children with their street safety and better understand the programme. Please register [here](#) if you are able to attend.





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			Bulletin	G1 P-T Conferences
06 November	07 November	08 November	09 November	10 November
G2-G5 P-T Conferences	G2-G5 P-T Conferences	G2-G5 P-T Conferences St Martin's Day Grade 4 & 5 Saint Martin Bake Sale	G2-G5 P-T Conferences	G2-G5 P-T Conferences
13 November	14 November	15 November	16 November	17 November
Book Week	Book Week	Parent Rep Meeting Book Week	Bulletin Book Week	MSF Closed For Teacher Training

Message from Mr Wragg

I would like to welcome everyone back to school after what was, hopefully, a relaxing and fun break for all. Now the clocks have changed and we head into November it is important to remember that Winter is coming and Autumn is certainly here. I was on duty in the playground on Monday morning and it was raining and cold. A number of students did not have warm or waterproof coats and many had very thin summer shoes on. Whilst we understand that some students do not like to wear heavy clothing, it is very important to stay warm and dry to avoid illness at this time of year. The students really need their time outside at break and lunch time, so please send them with clothing that allows them to do this safely, whatever the weather.

There are some exciting events coming up during the next two weeks, including St Martin's and Book Week. Additionally, we have our parent meetings and student led conferences taking place, so please make sure you sign up and attend, as it is so important for your children to see that you are interested in their learning experience.

Parent Rep Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15th November.

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.

Lost Jacket

Please inform the main office if you have found this jacket.



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.

Book Week

At MSF Primary we love books, listening to stories and reading, and we are excited to share our plans for our upcoming Book Week celebrations with you. Book Week will take place from 13th-16th November. Take a look at the following links to learn about all the fun activities we'll be doing during Book Week and how you and your family can get involved!

- [Activities](#)
- [G1 & G2 Parent Letter](#)
- [Extreme Reading Competition](#)

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:

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check the School Event Calendar regularly for details about announced events and examination dates			02 November	03 November
			● G11 CAS Trip ● Bulletin	● G11 CAS Trip
6 November	7 November	8 November	9 November	10 November
		● G9-12 Boys & Girls Volleyball Away Match vs. ISF	● G6-8 Boys Soccer AWAY Tournament at FISW	● Mid-term Academic Warnings
13 November	14 November	15 November	16 November	17 November
● CIS University Fair	● SEC Parent Rep Meeting @ Cafeteria	● G10 Parents IGCSE Prep Evening @ Commons	● Sem 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences (no classes) ● Bulletin	● MSF Closed for Teacher Training

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

Sem I Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thurs, 16.11.2023 in a **NEW** format

In order to better support our growing school community, we are going to trial a new approach to Semester 1 SEC Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please click [HERE](#) to view further information!

Sem I Exam Protocol for Grades 7 & 8

As a school, we have decided to prioritise the safeguarding of instructional time. As such, we will no longer be shutting down the instructional week for a week-long exam session at the end of each semester. Rather, any final summative assessment in a given course will be scheduled during the last few weeks of the semester. We will ensure that students do not have more than one on a given day. This way, we will be able to continue with valuable lesson time throughout the entire semester.

CIS International University Fair in Frankfurt In cooperation with the IB on 13.11.2023

The CIS International University Fair will take place on Monday, 13 November 2023 at Frankfurt International School Oberursel Campus, from 10:30 - 12:30. G10 - 12 students have been already informed about this event in their University Guidance Counselling session and Ms Oelkers encouraged them to attend the event. More information can be found [HERE](#). Please note that the students have to pre-register for the event using the QR code in the above-mentioned poster and they must bring an ID card (passport or a student ID card, etc.) on the day of the event.

G10 Parents IGCSE Preparation Evening on Wed, 15.11.2023 at 16:30 in the Commons

The G10 IGCSE exams Prep Evening will take place from **16:30** on Wed, 15th November in the Student Commons. During this event, MSF will provide important information regarding the impending IGCSE exams.

Gap Year Information Evening for G11&12 Families on Tues, 21.11.2023 at 16:00 in the Commons

Embarking on a Gap Year can be a transformative and life-changing experience, offering unique opportunities for personal growth and exploration. Are you curious about Gap Years and wondering if it's the right choice for your child? Join us at our Gap Year Information Session to get answers to your questions and explore the possibilities. We will talk about positives and negatives, finances, and how to organise a useful and fulfilling year.

From the Counselors' Corner

Wellness Wednesdays are back in full swing! Each Wednesday during lunch, the school counsellors host a mini-activity outside the cafeteria to help students learn about the eight dimensions of wellness and discover ways to practise self-care.

In November, we'll focus on **emotional wellness**. You can use the [NIH's Emotional Wellness Toolkit](#) as a resource to continue the conversation at home and explore emotional wellbeing strategies that work well for your family!

In your corner,

Ms. Steppacher & Ms. Patel

From the ALN Coordinator

Ms Armaou, the SEC ALN Coordinator, encourages our parents to read [this article published by Harvard Graduate School of Education](#), which provides excellent tips for talking with teens about social media and thinking traps.

CAS Trip to Copenhagen (G11)

Thank you to Mr Kerr, Ms Dodd and Ms Rougé for organising (Mr Kerr) and chaperoning an exciting and eye-opening CAS trip to Copenhagen! CAS Trip updates and photos will also be uploaded to [this Google Folder](#).

G10 Important Dates after the IGCSE

10th - 14th June 2024: Grade 10 Workshop on Campus
17th - 28th June 2024: Grade 10 Work Experience
1st - 5th July 2024: IB Bootcamp
8th - 11th July 2024: IB Taster Week

From the IB Corner

Grade 9 & 11 Semester 1 Exam: 22nd Jan - 2nd Feb 2024

Class of 2024 IA Calendar: [Link](#)

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

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

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

SEC Parent Reps Meeting on Tues, 14.11.2023

The next SEC Parent Reps Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14.11.2023 in the cafeteria. Please let [your representative](#) know of any issues which you would like for them to discuss on your behalf. For your information, the minutes from the last meeting on 29th September can be found [HERE](#).

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 FIS Wiesbaden just before the October Holiday to play 2 matches.

Our Grade 7-8 team put in another really impressive effort to come away with an 8-2 victory! Our younger Grade 6 team also had a fantastic game that ended in an 11-1 Win. Well done to all players!

The following are some of our scheduled fixtures:

G6-8 Boys Soccer

- **AWAY** TOURNAMENT - Thursday, 9th November at FISW

G9-12 Boys and Girls Volleyball

- **AWAY** TOURNAMENT - Saturday, 4th November at ISF
- **AWAY** Wednesday, 08th November vs. ISF (at ISF)
- Additional fixtures to be confirmed.

G6-8 Cross Country

- **AWAY** Wednesday, 01st November at ISF
- Additional fixtures to be confirmed.

GO FOXES !

Looking Ahead

04.11.23	G9-12 Volleyball Tournament at ISF
08.11.23	G9-12 Volleyball Fixture at ISF
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
21.11.23	Gap Year Info Evening for G11&12 Families
29.11.2023	SEC Assembly
29.11.2023	"The Spectrum"



General Information

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)