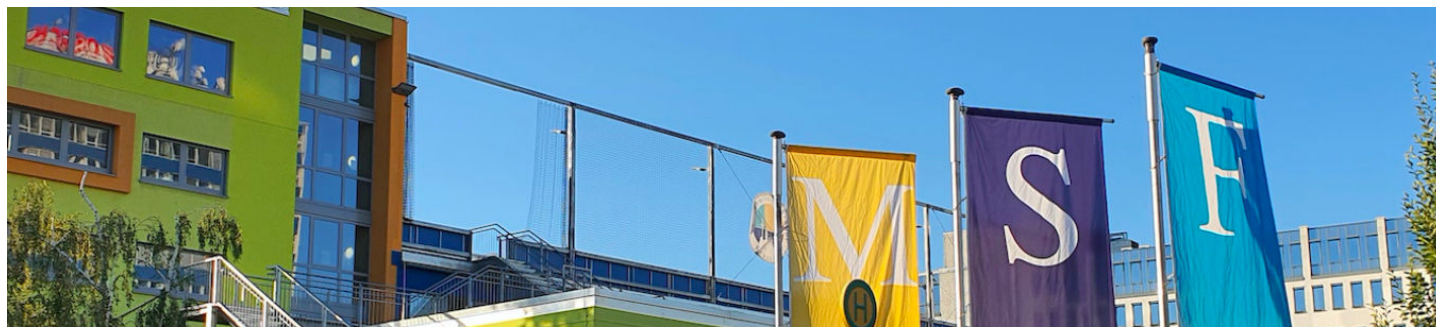


16th November 2023



Whole School Announcements

General Information

Save the Date: Meet the visiting evaluators

There will be a parent meeting scheduled with the visiting team for Wednesday 6th December, 08:30 - 10:00. If you would like to attend, [please sign up here](#).

Information from the nurse

The wave of flu and colds is in full swing and many students and staff are sick at the moment. We can all help control the spread of infectious diseases through early recognition and action. A sick student could contaminate staff and students, and this is particularly dangerous for our immuno-compromised and pregnant community members. Therefore, it is the parents responsibility to keep a sick child or a child who appears to become sick at home. Please report all cases of infectious diseases directly to our school office, as this will help us to monitor conditions and prevent the spread of illnesses. [Here](#) you'll find a list of the most common notifiable diseases and more information about them. Any student suspected of having an infectious disease must be seen by a doctor, as only the doctor can properly diagnose illnesses.

As a quick guide, you should not send your child to school if any of the following symptoms are present:

- **Temperature above 38°C**
- **Acute cold, sore throat or persistent cough**
- **Vomiting, nausea or severe abdominal pain**
- **Diarrhoea**
- **Red inflamed or discharging eyes**
- **Suspected and untreated head lice**
- **Acute skin rashes or eruptions**
- **Other symptoms of acute illness**

Please remember, your child should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school after illness. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Safety Drills: Next Drill

NEXT DRILL: FIRE DRILL
Whole School Wednesday 22.11.23 @ 09:50

So far, all drills were safely and effectively carried out. During the evaluation visit, we are usually required to conduct another unannounced drill for the visiting team. Our students are well prepared and know what to do in the event of an emergency.

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.

Information on carpooling for parents

Parents are still looking for carpools. If you are interested in connecting with each other via an interactive map, please take a look at [this guide](#). We would appreciate it if you sign up. Parents will receive a link and can add their location, if interested.

School Calendar 2023-2025

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

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

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](#).

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.

Are these your glasses? The office is looking after them - they were in the Lost & Found.



Events

**Enjoy an evening of music, drama and art at the MSF Sports Hall on Wednesday 29.11.2023 at 6pm.
Everyone is welcome, parents and students!**



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			16 November	17 November
			Bulletin TR Street Security Training & Parent Workshop	MSF Closed For Teacher Training - EY Closed Bug Busting Day (Saturday, 18 November)
20 November	21 November	22 November	23 November	24 November
		Fire Drill		
27 November	28 November	29 November	30 November	01 December
	EY Student Photos (KGL/KGF/TRB)	EY Student Photos (KGB/TRF)	Bulletin EY Student Photos (TRD/KGT/ EY Parent Reps)	

Message from Ms Rippinger & Ms Henkel



As many of you are aware, the EY and early Primary classes have recently experienced a higher number of reported cases of head lice. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent representatives for their support with the parent-initiated head - lice checkup and those parents affected by it for their ongoing support. From personal experience we know that this is not the most enjoyable task and often affects the whole family.

Head lice, however, are one of the common illnesses in community facilities. They thrive in this season and love clean, warm hair and cosy hats. In order to proactively prevent further spreading, we would like to bring back an initiative to EY that we have been successfully implementing in the past: the so-called "Bug Busting Day".

On one day per month from November until February, we ask **ALL EY FAMILIES** to check their child's heads carefully at home, using a nit comb. Everyone will check and - if nits/lice have been found- treat children's heads on the same day and report any cases to the school. Children are allowed to return after the treatment and must receive a second treatment, usually after 7-10 days.

More information on the "Bug Busting" idea can be found [here](#) (external link). You can buy a good nit comb at the pharmacy. Our first Bug Busting Day is **Saturday, 18th November 2023**. Please **only report** to us cases where you find head lice or nits as we must report each case to the Frankfurt Health Department. Thank you for your support!

Date Change - EY Student Photos

- Tuesday 28th November: KG Ladybirds, KG Frogs & TR Bumblebees
- Wednesday 29th November: KG Butterflies, TR Fireflies
- Thursday 30th November: KG Turtles, TR Dragonflies & EY Parent Representatives

Reminder Teacher Training Day - 17.11.2023

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.

EY Parent Rep Meeting Minutes

The Early Years Parent Rep Meeting took place last Friday. The meeting minutes can be found [here](#). Please read through them carefully.

EY Round Table on Identity & Gender Equality

During our Parent Rep Meeting, members of our community have expressed an interest to hold a roundtable to discuss and brainstorm how both families and educators can address identity and gender equality in a positive, empowering and age appropriate manner for our young learners.

If you may be interested in participating in this roundtable, kindly fill in this [form](#) to express interest in attending and sharing when you would be available to meet. All parents and educators are very welcome to participate.

Early Years Winter Show 2023

On **Tuesday, 5th December, 16:00-17:00**, all children will be performing on stage during our annual Early Years Winter Show. Children will remain at school until the show commences at 16:00 and all parents are invited to attend. Parents must pick up their child/ren after the performance and will be invited to enjoy some snacks, drinks and a chat with the other parents straight after the show. More details will follow closer to the day!

Reminder 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](#). Changes to closing days and times are already visible below under "Looking Ahead".

Reminder 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](#)

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)
06.12.23	St Nikolaus Visit
15.12.23	EY closes at 13:00
18.-21.12.23	EY Winter Holiday Programme
21.12.23	EY closes at 13:00 - no Emergency Care
22.12-01.01.24	EY closed
02.-05.01.24	EY Winter Holiday Programme





Primary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check the School Event Calendar regularly for details about announced events and examination dates			16 November	17 November
			• Bulletin	MSF Closed For Teacher Training
20 November	21 November	22 November	23 November	24 November
German P-T Conferences	German P-T Conferences			
27 November	28 November	29 November	30 November	01 December
	Deadline to sign up for winter show ASC	G9 Bake Sale	• Bulletin	

Message from Mr Wragg

Should children be allowed to play-fight in the playground? This question has come up a lot this year from both parents and teachers. Currently we have a rule that students can not play games including hitting, kicking or pushing. As a school, we want to mitigate the risk of injury as much as we can whilst also giving the students the freedom to develop their body sense, conflict resolution strategies and physical stamina. Rules that are too restrictive around rough play cause delays in student growth, both physical and emotional, leading to larger problems in the teenage years and early adulthood. At MSF we make every effort to strike a balance between giving students the freedom to move and be creative with their game play and staying safe from harm. This involves careful supervision in the playground and stepping in when students go too far. It also involves empowering the student with the language of consent. This is the knowledge and vocabulary that allows students to say “Yes, I am happy to play that game. I am comfortable with how we are playing. It is fun. I give my permission for you to play like that with me” and “No, stop, I do not want to play like that. I take my permission away if this is how the game will be” and to respect others when they withdraw permission. You can really help at home by having conversations about the language of consent and how this is a powerful life skill/tool.

Reminder Teacher Training Day - 17.11.2023

On 17th November MSF will be closed for teacher training as indicated on the school calendar. There will be no child care provided on this day.

Winter Shows

Please [click here](#) to view a letter from Ms Sibbitt regarding the upcoming winter shows. The sign up forms for ASC can also be found in the letter.

Italian Class

Italian courses at MSF have been a great success, and will continue this academic year if there are a minimum of 7 participants. Please click on this [link](#) for further information and the registration form. Once the form is complete, please send it to Dr Alessandra Riva (alessandra.riva@cgil-bildungswerk.de). Lessons will take place on Tuesdays from 15:30 to 17:00. At the discretion of the teacher, the participants might be divided into two groups according to the levels or ages of the children.

Head Lice & Fevers

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.

We would like to remind everyone that any child with a fever is not allowed to come to school. Even if medicine can reduce the fever, there is still an underlying illness that can easily be passed on. There is a lot of flu and colds going around at this time of year and we really need to try to keep everyone healthy.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

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

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

Teachers will be sending out invitations.

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:

17.11.23	MSF Closed For Teacher Training
20-21.11.23	German P-T Conferences
29.11.23	G9 Bake Sale
06.12.23	G3 & G4 Winter Show
06.12.23	Parent Rep Meeting
06.12.23	St Nik's
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			16 November	17 November
			• Bulletin • SEC Sem 1 PTC (no classes)	• MSF Closed For Teacher Training (No classes)
20 November	21 November	22 November	23 November	24 November
	• 16:00 Gap Year Info Evening for G11&12 @ Commons			
27 November	28 November	29 November	30 November	01 December
		• SEC Assembly • 18:00 - 21:00 The Spectrum Concert @ Sports Hall	• Bulletin	

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

Message from Dr Coppes

In our continuous effort to enhance school-community collaboration, we are very interested in [seeking your valuable feedback](#).

Firstly, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our recent parent/teacher conferences. Your involvement is pivotal in shaping a supportive educational environment for our students.

To ensure our new approach is effective and meets your expectations, we kindly ask you to share your experiences and suggestions. Please provide your feedback to your class representatives. Your insights are crucial in helping us refine and improve this vital aspect of our school community.

Together, let's continue to build a nurturing and dynamic learning environment for our students.

Sem I Parent-Teacher Conferences Feedback

Thank you for participating in the Sem I Parent-Teacher Conferences! Please share your feedback with us by completing this [feedback form](#).

Harvard Model Congress - Leadership Programme for G10

We are thrilled to announce an enriching partnership between our Grade 10 students and Learn with Leaders, scheduled from

June 10th to 12th. Please [click here](#) to view the letter from Mr Green, our Dean of Students, to find out more about the programme.

G10 Parents IGCSE Info Evening on 15.11.2023

Many thanks to all of our parents who attended the IGCSE Parent Information Evening hosted by our Exams Officer, Ms de Rougé on Wed, 15.11.2023! Here is the link to the [presentation](#) from the event including the information about IGCSE mocks and 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.

Proposal for SEC Trip Week 2024:

This school year, the SEC Trip Week is scheduled for the week of 13th - 17th **May** 2024

- Grade 6 will go to Camp Adventure in Walsrode
- Grade 7 will have local experiential learning day trips around Frankfurt / Hessen

- Grade 8 will go to Camp Adventure in Bavaria
- Grade 9 will have Language trips to France / Spain
- Grade 10 will sit IGCSE exams

“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 IB Corner

Grade 9 & 11 Semester 1 Exam: 22nd - 27th Jan 2024

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

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

The LP (Learner Profile) ideas for IB parents: Let's work together to empower our students to embody the ideal IB learner, well-prepared to navigate the challenges of life beyond the classroom, all while emphasising the importance of the Learner Profile. Today we will start with parents helping their child to be [COMMUNICATORS](#)

Academic Integrity: It is the cornerstone of our education, guiding us not only within the school but in all our endeavours. [Academic Integrity for IAs](#)

Minutes from the SEC Parent Reps Meeting on Tues, 14.11.2023

Please click [HERE](#) to view the minutes from the latest SEC Parent Reps Meeting with Mr Ferres, Ms Francis, Dr. Coppes and Ms Dodd on Tuesday, 14.11.2023. The next SEC Parent Reps Meeting is scheduled for The next SEC Parent Reps Meeting will take place on Friday, 8.12.2023 in the cafeteria. Please let [your representative](#) know of any issues which you would like for them to discuss on your behalf.

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.

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

G10 Important Dates after the IGCSE

10th - 12th June 2024: Harvard Model Congress - Leadership Programme

17th - 28th June.2024: Grade 10 Work Experience

1st - 5th July 2024: IB Bootcamp

8th - 11th July 2024: IB Taster Week

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 for a tournament on Thursday 9th November. We had a large squad of keen players that braved the rain to come away with a tie for second place.

Our G9-12 Boys and Girls Volleyball teams had a successful tournament with a series of wins on Saturday 4th November. They competed against schools from the German International Sport Tournaments (GISST). They then followed up their impressive playing with a closely fought game against ISF on Wednesday 8th November.

The G6-8 Cross Country runners travelled to ISF on Wednesday 1st November to come away with wins across all divisions. Both male and female runners for MSF were impressive with their fast times and great attitude!

Looking ahead to the Winter Season:

The Winter Sport Season will start immediately after the holiday period (8th Jan. 2024). Sports available will include:

- Grade 6-8 & Grade 9-12 Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Grade 6-12 Competitive Badminton (Boys and Girls)

Registration Forms will soon be sent to parents to complete.

Note: Trials for Basketball teams will likely take place between 4th-15th December. There is also a possibility for players to be selected for a proposed 'Combined International School's Team' to represent the Rhein Main region in various competitions.

GO FOXES !

Looking Ahead

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	18:00 - 21:00 SEC Assembly
29.11.2023	G9 Bake Sale & CAS Bake Sale
29.11.2023	"The Spectrum"
30.11.2023	Me-to-We Bake Sale
04.-08.12.2023	CIS/IB/NEASC Visit
07.-08.12.2023	G12 EE Viva Voce Meetings
08.12.2023	SEC Parent Reps Meeting
14.12.2023	SEC Winter Dance
11.-15.12.2023	IB/IGCSE Lang B Mock Orals
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
17.01.24	SEC Assembly
17.01.24	G8 Bake Sale
17.01.24	SEC Info Evening for G4-5 Families
25.01.24	IB Info Evening for G9-10 Families
22.-26.01.24	G9 & 11 Sem 1 Exams



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)