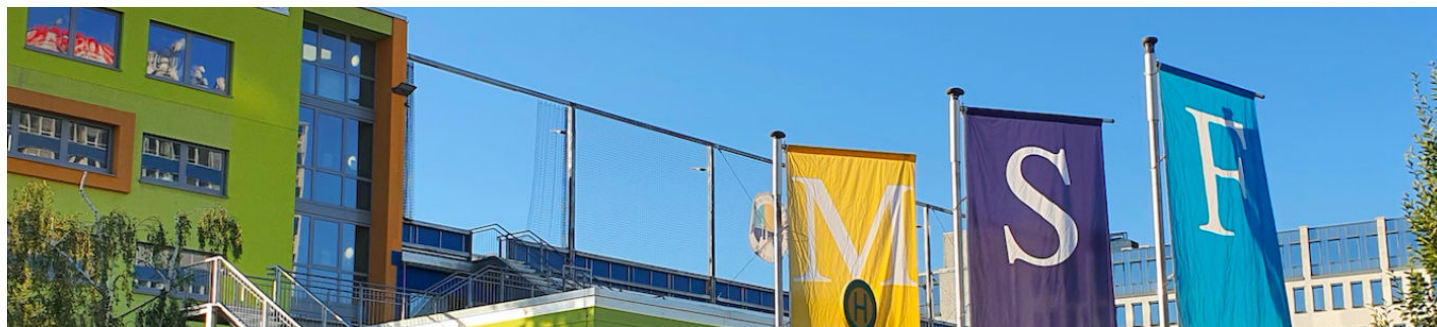


14th December 2023



Whole School Announcements

General Information

Festive Greetings

We wish all our families a wonderful break and thank you for your support and the care you all show our school and community. We wish you and your families a happy and enjoyable winter holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in January. Primary and Secondary students return on Monday 8th January 2024.



CIS, IB, NEASC visit feedback

The visiting team expressed their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the MSF community for being so transparent and welcoming during their visit last week. They gave us positive feedback during the final meetings and we expect the full report in about 6 weeks time. The team gave particular praise to our community and the very strong and positive learning community we have here at MSF, our focus and delivery of high quality learning and our commitment to student wellbeing, to name but a few. The summary report will be shared with the community and will detail commendations (what we do well), recommendations (suggested areas for us to look at moving forward) and any areas that need to be addressed.

Thank You from Head Parents

The Head Parents would like to wish you [Happy Holidays](#) and thank you for your dedication and effort throughout the year.

Foxes Winter Sports Season starts on 08.01.24

Basketball, badminton and swimming will be running this next season. See further details below. Go Foxes!

Notification of Head Lice from the school nurse

We are facing a growth in head lice cases in the school at the moment. Please find detailed information about the right treatment [here](#).

Start of the Winter Sport Season

From 08th Jan. until 15th March 2024

Sports available will include:

- Grade 6-8 & Grade 9-12 Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Grade 6-12 Competitive Badminton (Boys and Girls)
- MSF Swim Team (more details below)

GO FOXES !



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Early Years



Primary School



Secondary School



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			● Bulletin	School closes at 13:00 No Emergency Care Bug Busting Day (16 December)
18 December	19 December	20 December	21 December	22 December
			EY closes at 13:00 No Emergency Care	School closed for Winter Break
Winter Holidays				
8 January	9 January	10 January	11 January	12 January
				Bug Busting Day (13 January)
15 January	16 January	17 January	18 January	19 January
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Message from Ms Henkel



After a successful IB, CIS & NEASC visit, we are happy to share some of the wonderful feedback that we have received. They commended us on our welcoming, supporting and reflective environment we create for students, families and staff, the opportunities for student and parents voice we create in the Parent Rep Meetings and the high quality learning they have seen in all Early Years classes. A focus area would be to look at ways to reduce stress by having a reflective look at the amount of events and multiple “hats” that people wear - especially when they work across two divisions. In about six weeks, we will receive the report with specific commendations, areas for improvement as well as recommendations from the teams which we will share with all stakeholders. Together, we will then create an action plan that is tied into our school’s strategic plan and will drive our further development.

I would like to express a big thank you to our Early Years team and students for their beautiful performances at the Winter Show. Videos and photos have been posted on Storypark by our teachers! Please enjoy!

Wishing you a restful break, memorable times with family and friends and a good and healthy start to the year 2024!

Ms Rippinger & Ms Henkel on behalf of the Early Years Team!

Staffing Update:

Tomorrow, we bid farewell to Mr Halder. From 15th January, 2024, Ms Carmen Fenech will take over his role in the Fireflies class and work alongside Ms Batan. Ms Fenech is an experienced Early Years teacher joining us from St. Paul’s Bay Primary School in Malta.

Ms Rippinger will be taking over from Ms Ivona in the Kindergarten Frogs class in January. She will work alongside Ms Eichner, Ms Florin & Ms Homburg. As you know, Ms Orgler will be taking over from Ms Rippinger as Early Years Deputy Leader and can be found in the EY office from January onwards.

Last but not least, we welcome back Ms Paola Gattano. She is a Social Worker, has gained experience with children at MSF and other social institutions in Germany and abroad over the past years. Ms Gattano comes to us with a special passion for dancing that she will share with the children.

Transition to Primary Presentation - Save the Date

On **1st Feb** Nick Wragg, the Primary Principal will run an information event for Transition parents considering placing their children in the Primary section of MSF. We are trying to find the best time to run this meeting. Parents can choose their time preference on the form [here](#) and we will go with the majority.

Parent Rep Meeting

Please find attached the [minutes](#) of yesterday's meeting. The next meeting will be on 25th January - parent reps are gathering items as well as specific feedback on the EY photographer that you may have. Finally, we would like to add a big shout out from Ms Rippinger and I to our EY Parent Reps as well as our Head Reps - you make such a difference in being the voice of the parents! Thank you!

Bug Busting Days in December & January

Please see the dates in the calendar above and check children's heads accordingly. Parent reps have asked for an instructional [video](#) (external link) to help using this method accurately. While we cannot provide each family with a bug busting set, these are available at a reasonable price [here](#) or in some pharmacies.

Registration for Fasching Holiday Programme

The registration for the Fasching holiday Programme (12th-14th February 2024) is open. The form will be open until the 2nd of February.

- [Kindergarten Butterflies/Turtles](#)
- [Kindergarten Frogs/Ladybirds](#)
- [Transition](#)

Reminder Developmental Milestone Meetings

Please remember to sign up for your parent teacher meeting KG Phase 2 and TR if you did not yet do so.

- [Kindergarten Turtles](#) with Mr Gödel, Ms Brünler, Ms Wragg, Ms Alvarez
- [Kindergarten Butterflies](#) with Ms Voss, Ms Politi
- [Kindergarten Frogs](#) with Ms Orgler, Ms Eichner, Ms Madanhire
- [Kindergarten Ladybirds](#) with Ms Kaczinski, Ms Reddig, Ms Keti, Mr Gödel
- [Transition Bumblebees](#) with Ms Shami, Ms Boeff
- [Transition Dragonflies](#) with Ms Heimlich-Kik, Ms Gjuzi
- [Transition Fireflies](#) with Ms Batan, Ms Fenech

Reminder Early Closing Days

Please remember that Early Years closes on the **15th & 21st of December** at **13:00**, there will be no emergency care provided.

Early Years Photos

Our Early Years photographer Anastasia Schmidt has informed us that the children's photos are online and can be purchased by using the QR code on the card received from Ms Schmid on the photo day.

Important Links & Forms

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

Looking Ahead

25.01.23	Parent Rep Meeting
01.02.23	Transition to Grade 1 Parent Evening
09.02.23	Class Faschings-Party
12.-14.02.23	Fasching Holiday Programme
15.-16.02.23	Teacher Training - school closed
07.03.23	Parent Rep Meeting
Jan-Feb	Parent-Teacher Conferences KG2
Feb-Mar	Parent-Teacher Conferences TR
Apr	Parent Teacher Conferences KG1





Primary School

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			Bulletin G5 Field Trip To English Theatre	MSF closes at 13:00 No After School Care
Winter Holidays				
8 January	9 January	10 January	11 January	12 January
MSF Reopens				
15 January	16 January	17 January	18 January	19 January
		Grade 8 Bake Sale 16:00 SEC Info Evening for G4-5 Families @ Commons		

Message from Mr Wragg

We are at the end of a very busy few weeks at the school. The students have been taking part in the winter shows, wrapping up their second units of inquiry and chatting with the IB, NEASC & CIS visitors, who recently came to the school. These have all been so successful. The shows were amazing and demonstrated the talent, creativity and resilience of our students. It is always challenging to get on stage in front of a big crowd of people and your children all did it with pride and confidence. The process of preparing the shows was part of the unit study for Performing Arts and German and the teachers were all very satisfied with the outcome. The school visit again highlighted the incredible strengths of our school. The community spirit, atmosphere of joy and quality of both teaching and curriculum were all commended by the team of educational experts. I feel honoured to be part of such a wonderful school community and wish you all a very happy holiday!

Dual Language Lesson

There have recently been some parent questions about the Dual Language lesson and how German instruction has slightly changed in the school, since last year. Please see the [linked letter](#) for more detail, which includes an invite to attend a workshop, focused on this topic, which will be held, at school, on February 7th.

G4 & G5 Parent Info on Wed, 17th January, 16:00 in the Commons (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.

Late Pick-up After Clubs

We would like to remind parents about the importance of being on time to collect their children from clubs. Parents who arrive late will be charged a late fee.

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.

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:

15.12.23	MSF Closes at 13:00 (no ASC)
18.12-05.01.24	Winter Holidays
08.01.24	MSF Reopens After Winter Break
17.01.24	G8 Bake Sale
12. - 14.02.24	Carnival Break
15 - 16.02.24	MSF closed for Teacher Training





Secondary School

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			• Bulletin	• MSF closes at 13:00
Winter Holidays				
8 January	9 January	10 January	11 January	12 January
• MSF Reopens • First day of Winter Sports Season				
15 January	16 January	17 January	18 January	19 January
		16:00 SEC Info Evening for G4-5 Families @ Commons		

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

Message from Dr Coppes

As we approach the winter holiday, it's time to pause, reflect, and look forward to a well-deserved break. Our hallways have been buzzing with the energy of learning, growth, and countless achievements, both in and out of the classroom.

Before we embark on our three-week winter vacation, we want to express our deepest gratitude to each one of you. To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to our students' education and well-being. To our wonderful students, your enthusiasm and curiosity are the heartbeats of MSF. And to our supportive parents, your collaboration and trust make our community stronger and more vibrant.

Whether you're travelling or staying close to home, we hope these weeks bring you joy, peace, and plenty of memorable moments. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year, refreshed and ready for an exciting new term.

Happy Holidays and Warm Wishes!

G9-11 Exam schedule (22. - 26.01.2024)

Please click [HERE](#) to view the G9 and G11's Semester 1 Exam Schedule.

As shared with you previously, in order to safeguard the instructional time, G7 & 8 Students will have their final summative assessment in a given course during the last few

weeks of the semester (22nd Jan - 2nd Feb 2024). We will ensure that students do not have more than one on a given day.

For G10 Families: Important Dates after the IGCSE

Please note that our standard mandatory attendance applies to all of the following programs as they are part of the academic year.

- 10th-12th June 2024: [Harvard Model Congress - Leadership Programme](#) on MSF campus (please make note of a 425 Euro program fee).
- 13th - 14th June 2024: IB Boot Camp
- 17th - 28th June 2024: Grade 10 Work Experience
- 1st - 12th July 2024: IB Induction Weeks (G10s will follow the G12 Timetable)

For G8 Families: Important Information regarding IGCSE Subject Selection

As the year carries on, we will be speaking with both students and parents regarding course selection for the IGCSE program beginning in grade 9. On Tues, 16.04.2024 at 16:00, we will host an Info evening to discuss it officially with parents. Shortly after, we will open the course selection form on a first-come, first-served basis. We will continue to announce this process as we get closer to the date.

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

From the IB Corner

Grade 9 & 11 Semester 1 Exam: 22nd - 26th Jan 2024

Grade 11 revision tips: [Link](#)

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

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

Grade 12, Where to find the best IB tutor: [Link](#)

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 carry on with parents helping their child to be **Balanced**

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](#)

Counselor's Corner

This month, the school counsellors engaged students in **intellectual wellness** during Wellness Wednesdays. Part of our activities during lunch included [sudoku puzzles](#), [crosswords](#), [creative doodling](#), and challenging students in games of Dobble and Memory Match.

Intellectual wellness is all about exercising your brain in ways that allow it to grow, including learning something new and engaging in creativity. This holiday season, continue to encourage life-long learning in fun ways -- expand and share knowledge and skills while bonding with each other through [interesting conversations](#) and family game nights!

In addition, for G10 students and families who are preparing for mocks and IGCSEs soon, check out the Revision Planning presentations ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)) shared with students in advisory the last few weeks. Review these steps together to help build a revision schedule for the upcoming months - good luck!

In your corner,
Ms. Steppacher & Ms. Patel

Minutes from the SEC Parent Reps Meeting on Fri, 8.12.2023

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 Friday, 8th December 2023.

The next SEC Parent Reps Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 6th February 2024 in the cafeteria.

From the Athletics Director

Our **Winter Sport Season** will start immediately after the holiday period, running from 08th Jan. until 15th March 2024. Sports available will include:

- Grade 6-8 & Grade 9-12 Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Grade 6-12 Competitive Badminton (Boys and Girls)
- MSF Swim Team (more details below)

Parents are required to complete the [Online Registration Form for Winter Sports](#) to sign players up.

Many fixtures have already been confirmed, including the much anticipated Middle School Basketball Tournament to be hosted once again at MSF on Wednesday 06th March!

There is a possibility for players to be selected for a proposed 'Combined International School's Team' to represent the Rhein Main region in various Basketball competitions.

MSF Swim Team: We have an exciting opportunity to enter a local swim meet. Parents are requested to complete the [MSF Swim Team Sign-Up Form](#) to register for this event.

GO FOXES !

Looking Ahead

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
22.-26.01.24	G9 & 11 Sem 1 Exams
25.01.24	IB Info Evening for G9-10 Families
06.02.24	SEC Parent Reps Meeting
07.02.24	SEC Assembly
09.02.24	End of Sem 1
12. - 14.02.24	Carnival Break
15 - 16.02.24	MSF closed for Teacher Training



General Information

Regarding MSF

- **School Website:** www.m-school.de
- **Login for the Parent Zone** (password: inspiration20)
- **School Calendar 2023-2025:** The 2024-2025 school calendar is available on our website.

- **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.

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)