

22nd February 2024



Whole School Announcements

General Information

NIGHT OF THE ARTS



Featuring the IB
Diploma exhibition

28th February, 16:00 - 19:30
MSF Secondary Building

Night of the Arts: 28.02.24

Night of the Arts is fast approaching and our student musicians and artists are all busy rehearsing and creating. It promises to be an engaging and lively afternoon/evening so please make a plan to come and join us for our annual celebration of the Arts. Showcasing the expressive creative talents of our G12 visual artists, the IB Exhibition will be hosted in the Commons from 16:30. Supporting the exhibition will be solo musicians, bands and choirs interspersed with theatrical performances; the secondary building will truly come alive and it will be an evening not to be missed. We look forward to seeing you! Please see the [letter from the Arts departments](#) with further information about the event.

Home Language Support

UPDATE: we are happy to inform you that we have an opportunity to support the following home languages: **Turkish, Ukrainian, French, Hindi, Russian reading & handwriting (Primary) and literature (Secondary)**. Thank you to those parents who have offered their support. Please fill in the [expression of interest form](#) so that we can get the ball rolling with this grassroots project. Please note, these classes are aimed at home language students, they are not currently aimed at students new to the language.

Information: car park across the street

Please note that the car park area across the street from the secondary building is under new management and there will be upcoming changes to access. This is not public parking and parents are advised not to park there.



Information from the Head Parents

[Bake Sale Container Pickup Dates](#) on 26th and 29th February

[Japanese Community Coffee Morning Invitation](#) on Friday, 23rd February 8:30am - 9:45am in the MSF Cafeteria

Events



Japan Earthquake Relief Fundraising Bake Sale hosted by the Japanese Community Tuesday 27th February 15:00-16:00 @ MSF Cafeteria



On 1st January 2024 a magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck the Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. More than 45,000 houses were damaged and more than 1000 people were injured. You can find more information about the earthquake under the following [link](#).

All proceeds will be sent to Japan's Red Cross Society.
The Japanese Community looks forward to your support!

Save the Date: [Gut Health Unleashed Information Coffee Morning](#) 12.03.24 08:45-09:45

Friends of MSF are hosting MSF parent Zsafia Pasztor, founder of the Generation Superhealth Clinic and a registered nutritional therapy practitioner. Ms Pasztor will explore the complex connections between gut health and various aspects of children's well-being. Discover how a healthy gut impacts digestion, strengthens immunity, influences mood and behaviour, supports cognitive and brain health, boosts energy levels and maintains skin health. All are welcome to attend.



Save the date : Friends of MSF Wine Tasting

MSF parents and staff are invited to our fourth wine tasting on 11th April at 19:00. This year's theme is delicious German wines and the event will take place at Winehaus am Grunenburgweg. Participation will be limited to 20 people. All oenophiles — and those aspiring to be! — are cordially invited! Information regarding how to register will follow in the coming weeks.



Spring Break Camps

Staying in Frankfurt for the Spring Break? If you would like your child(ren) to spend one or two weeks having fun and learning something new, enrol them in one of the camps below. The sports camps by our cooperation partner Outdoor Kids take place on campus at MSF from 09:00 till 16.00. Please register separately for the first week 25.03. - 28.03 (football or gymnastics) and/or for the second week 02.04.-05.04 (sports).

Outdoor Kids on MSF Campus (Age 5-10)

25.03 - 28.03. 2024

[Football camp](#)

[Gymnastics camp](#)

02.04 - 05.04.2024

[Sports camp](#)

Other Camps (off campus):

Stagecoach at Tanzschule Conexión

02.04 -05.04

[„Broadway Dreams”](#)

Train with Brain in Frankfurt-Nordend

08.04. – 12.04

[Easter Sports Camp](#)

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Early Years

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			• Bulletin	
26 February	27 February	28 February	29 February	1 March
		🍷 16:00-20:00 Night of the Arts 🎨		
4 March	5 March	6 March	7 March	8 March
Parent Workshop with Dr Blanca Schäfer	• MSF Job Information Night	🍰 Bake Sale Butterflies & Frogs 15:00-16:00 Cafeteria	• Bulletin • Parent Rep Meeting	
11 March	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March
	Friends of MSF Parent Coffee Meeting with Zsafia Pasztor			16.03.24 Bug Busting Saturday

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler



Student agency is the capacity of students to take ownership of their learning process, make choices, and act independently to achieve their educational goals. Student agency is crucial in the Early Years as it fosters a sense of ownership and independence in learning, allowing children to actively engage in their education. By empowering students to make choices and take initiative, they develop critical skills such as problem-solving, self-regulation, and decision-making, laying a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 12 states: "The views of children shall be sought in all decisions affecting them. Children shall be free to express their views and these shall be taken into account". During our recent Professional Development, teachers reflected on our structures and discussed further opportunities to empower students to feel heard, to co-decide and co-construct their learning.

We have been discussing a shift from engaging students to empowering students. For example, by giving children full ownership over their plate at lunch or respecting their decision not to participate in an activity. The discussion went even deeper and we will be updating you about the action steps we will be taking together with your children.

Dates of the Educational Parent Workshops

Based on your feedback, we will be offering a variety of workshops throughout the year. The topics and dates are:

- **04.03.24 Multilingual Language Development & the Power of Reading** (Dr. Blanca Schäfer, state-approved Speech and Language Therapist, 08:30-09:30)
- **12.03.24 Gut Health Unleashed** (Zsafia Pasztor, Registered Nutritional Therapy Practitioner & BANT Registered Nutritionist®, organised by Friends of MSF, 08:30-09:30)
- **10.04.24 Nutritious snack box ideas for fussy eaters** (Zsafia Pasztor, Registered Nutritional Therapy Practitioner & BANT Registered Nutritionist® 08:45-09:45)
- **17.05.24 The MSF Curriculum: Interactive Workshop about the Primary Years Programme** (Deidre Hand, Primary Years Programme Coordinator & Primary Teacher, time to be confirmed)
- **13.06.24 Mindfulness in our lives and mindfulness for our children** (Lauren Alvarez, Early Years Teacher & qualified Mindfulness Teacher, 08:30-09:30)

Spring Holiday Programme - Registration Open

Please sign up by using the links below.

[KG Butterflies/Turtles](#)

[KG Frogs/Ladybirds](#)

[TR Fireflies/Bumblebees/Dragonflies](#)

Parent Rep Meeting 07.03.24

Our next meeting is on 7th March. Please share any relevant item with [Ms Orgler and Ms Henkel](#) or your class reps prior to the date. For this meeting, we have invited Ms Anja Brünler to share about the KiSS Screening in Kindergarten and Ms Roth, our Inclusion Coordinator to share about her role.

Transition to Grade 1 Presentation

Thank you for joining Mr Wragg and the Primary Team for this presentation. Please find attached Mr Wragg's [presentation](#).

Night of the Arts Pick up

Next Wednesday, the school community will be celebrating the arts and we look forward to seeing many of you there! We will offer care from 08:00-17:30, as per usual, and have one favour to ask. Once you pick up your child, they should not return to class and will stay under your supervision during the event, for safety reasons. Thank you!

Reminder Developmental Milestone Meetings Kindergarten Phase 1

For families of our youngest learners (Phase1) the developmental milestone feedback meetings are taking place between the 8th April until the 3rd May. These meetings have a duration of 30 minutes and give you feedback on your child's development.

[KG Frogs](#) with Ms Eichner, Ms Madanhire, Ms Rippinger & Ms Homburg

[KG Butterflies](#) with Ms Anastasia, Ms Sandra and Ms Rimia

[KG Turtles](#) with Ms Anja, Ms Kerry, Ms Lauren & Ms Tanja

[KG Ladybirds](#) with Ms Marzena, Ms Brenda and Ms Reddig

Important Links & Forms

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

Looking Ahead

04.03.24	Multilingual Language Development & the Power of Reading (Parent Workshop)
12.03.24	Gut Health Unleashed (Parent Workshop)
21.-22.03.24	Easter Bunny Hunt
23.03.24	Earth Hour
25.03.-05.04.24	Spring Holiday Programme
11.04.24	Parent Rep Meeting
10.04.24	Nutritious snack box ideas for fussy eaters (Parent Workshop)
17.05.24	The MSF Curriculum (Parent Workshop)
23.05.24	Parent Rep Meeting
13.06.24	Mindfulness in our lives and mindfulness for our children (Parent Workshop)
Feb-Mar	Parent-Teacher Conferences TR
Apr	Parent Teacher Conferences KG1





Primary School

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			Bulletin	AGIS Primary Principals Meeting
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		🎨 16:00-20:00 Night of the Arts 🎭		
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			Bulletin	
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German Parent Meetings (All week)		Primary Parent Rep Meeting		



Message from Mr Wragg

One of our mantras at MSF is that education is a partnership. Generally we mean that it is very important to have an open dialogue and collaboration between home and school. However, this partnership extends to many other areas as well; between the sections of the school, the teaching teams and the school leadership. It also extends beyond the school gates to the partnerships we have with our accrediting organisations such as CIS, IB and NEASC (they are the groups that have recently visited us to give feedback on the quality of our services) and to the other schools in Frankfurt whom we often have sporting events with. We are also a member of AGIS (Association of German International Schools). AGIS runs various student events, conferences for teachers and professional meet-up groups, all with the goal of enhancing the quality of education offered throughout Germany. This week we are actively participating in two AGIS events; on Friday we are hosting a meeting of 20 Primary Principals from across Germany and, on Saturday, a number of our students from grades 4 and 5, are attending a Young Leaders conference in Bonn. The student conference is a new AGIS initiative that was started by MSF last year and has been picked up by a number of other schools due to its success.

Recreational Screen Time

We have recently had some parent questions about how we use screen time in the primary school. As a matter of school policy, our teachers will only use screen time, such as watching short video clips, films or playing games, as a part of the learning experience, connected to the learning objectives of the lessons. We often use video as a stimulus for discussion, or a research reference, to gather information. The students do not watch videos as a form of recreation or downtime. Additionally, we sometimes use educational games or apps with the students, which are often good fun, but they are used purposefully, in support of the learning experience, not to replace learning time or as a reward. The only time we might use games or video, as non-educational tools, is in After School Care, after 5pm, as the students are very tired and have exhausted their capacity for learning. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to email me (wragg@msf.education).

Night of the Arts (After School Care)

Please see the article in the whole school section, above. You can sign up for After School Care in the following letter, the sign up closes on Monday. Please see the [letter from the Arts departments](#) with further information about the event.

Clubs

We have recently closed the sign up for clubs for the school year, Quarter Three and Quarter Four. Our Quarter Three clubs have started this week. Most of our clubs are full, but there are one or two places left. If you have not been able to find a club for your child, please contact Frau Ennenbach (ennenbach@msf.education), she will be able to let you know where there are still spaces available.

Devices In Schools

Phones, Smartphones or Smartwatches are NOT allowed to be used in school or in after school clubs. Students can have these devices in school, but they must be kept in bags, until the students are off-campus. Anyone caught using one of these devices in school will have it confiscated and it can be picked up from the school office at the end of the school day. If you do allow, or need your child to take a communication device to school, please make sure you also reiterate this rule with them. Thank you.



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.

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:

23.02.24 - AGIS Primary Principal Meeting
24.02.24 - AGIS Young Leaders Conference Bonn
28.02.24 - Night of The Arts
11.03-15.03 - German Parent Meetings
13.03.24 - Primary Parent Rep Meeting



Secondary School

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			• Bulletin	• Sem 2 Club Sign-ups Deadline • SEC Trips Form Deadline
26 February	27 February	28 February	29 February	1 March
		🎨 16:00-20:00 Night of the Arts 🎭	• G6-8 Boys/Girls Home Game vs. FISW	
4 March	5 March	6 March	7 March	8 March
IB/IGCSE Language B Orals				
	• 18:00 MSF Job Information Night	• 14:00 MS Boys/Girls Home Tournament		
11 March	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March
Last Week of SEC Winter Sports (-15th March 2024) G10 & 12 Mock Exams (11th - 22nd March 2024)				
	• 8:45 Friends Coffee Morning: Nutrition for Children			• SEC Parent Rep Meeting

Save the Dates

- SEC Trip Week Info Evening: Thurs, 11th April
- Sem 2 SEC Parent-Teacher Conferences: Fri, 12th April
- Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony: Wed, 29th May



Night of the Arts: Wed, 28th February, 16:00-20:00



This is an open invitation to all members of the MSF community to come and join us for our annual celebration of the Arts. Showcasing the expressive creative talents of our G12 visual artists, the IB Exhibition will be hosted in the Commons from 16:30. Supporting the exhibition will be solo musicians, bands and choirs interspersed with theatrical performances; the secondary building will truly come alive and it will be an evening not to be missed. We look forward to seeing you!

G10 & 12 Mock Exams

Grade 10 and 12 students will write their mock IGCSE & IB exams between 11th - 22nd March 2024. Please find the exam schedules below:

- [Grade 10 Mock IGCSE Exams Schedule](#)
- [Grade 12 Mock IB Exams Schedule](#)

May 2024 IGCSE Exams Schedule

Please [click here](#) to view the May 2024 IGCSE Exams Schedule.

Action Required: Permission Form for SEC Trip Week 2024 (13th - 17th May)

All Secondary Parents are asked to click on the links below and submit the trip permission form by Fri, 23rd Feb 2024.

Details about each trip can be found in the form!

- [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 - and are invited to start the process of registering for the CAS Trip to Prague (Sept. 2024)

MSF Job Information Night for G10-12 Students on 5th March 2024

On 5th March 2024, from 18:30-19:30, MSF will be holding our Job Information Night for our Grade 10-12 students! We are hosting over 40 friends of MSF who have volunteered to talk with our students about their various professions. This means that students will have the opportunity to ask questions and network with professionals before they do their work experience, select internships, take gap years, and apply to universities. This is a night of invaluable opportunities for our students.

We ask that students arrive at 18:15, and plan to stay until 19:30. This year, we will have our 40 presenters in an informal setting, all in the sports hall.

Please make sure your student is ready for success on this night. We have provided them a list of attendees, and have asked them to select at least 15 people they would like to speak with, including professions they may not even be considering. We are also asking them to come with a prepared CV if possible (we will work on this in advisory), and to dress just a little bit above their normal school dress (jeans and nice shirt will do!)

Please ask your student about this opportunity and engage in conversation with them about who they would like to speak with, connect with and what they are hoping to take away from the night.

We look forward to a fun and productive night at MSF. Please message me if you have any questions!

[Kari Oelkers](#) (University Guidance Counselor)
[Momo Yano](#) & [Barbara Parys](#) (Grade 12 Student Coordinators)
[Magnus Raabe](#) (Grade 11 Student Coordinator)

G8 Transition to IGCSE Parent Information Evening on Tues, 16th April at 16:00 @ Commons

As the year progresses, we will speak with both students and parents regarding course selection for the IGCSE programme beginning in grade 9. On Tues, 16th April 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.

Minutes from the SEC Parent Reps Meeting on Tues, 6th Feb 2024

Please click [HERE](#) to view the minutes from the latest SEC Parent Reps Meeting with Dr. Coppes, Ms Dodd and Mr Kerr on Tuesday, 6th February 2024.
 The next SEC Parent Reps Meeting will take place on Friday, 15th March 2024 in the cafeteria.

From the IB Corner

Grade 10 students and parents: find the [link](#) to **the IB evening presentation**.

Grade 10 students: Bring your [IB selection form](#) **before 28th February**.

Grade 11: Extended Essay Work Week 13th-17th May

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

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

Grade 11/12, 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 [Inquirer](#)

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](#)

From the Athletics Director

Our **Winter Sport Season** runs from 08th Jan. until 15th March 2024. Available sports include:

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

Grade 6 – 8 Boys Basketball Fixtures:

Game 4 (Home)

When: Thursday 29th February 2024

Venue: Metropolitan School Sports Hall

Teams: MSF Middle School Boys vs. FIS Wiesbaden

Start Time: 17:00

Grade 6 – 8 Girls Basketball Fixtures:

Game 4 (Home)

When: Thursday 29th February 2024

Venue: Metropolitan School Sports Hall

Teams: MSF Middle School Girls vs. FIS Wiesbaden

Start Time: 17:00

Middle School Basketball Tournament (Boys and Girls):

Date: Wednesday 6th March 2024

Start Time: 14:00

Venue: Metropolitan School Sports Hall



GO FOXES !

Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Expedition Schedule

Fri, 7th June: Full Day Practical expedition for All G9s and G10-11 DofE Club Members

Wed, 3rd - Thur, 4th July: Bronze Final Expedition for G9 Students

Wed, 3rd - Fri, 5th July: Silver Final Expedition for the G10 and 11 DofE Club Members



Maths Competitions Spring 2024

Please review the schedule of [Upcoming Maths Competitions](#) with your child(ren). The schedule should be accessible to parents, but each competition's registration link in the document, however, is only accessible from the student's MSF email account.

For G10 Families: Important Dates after the IGCSE

Please note that our standard mandatory attendance applies to all of the following programmes on MSF campus (please make note of a 425 Euro programme fee).

- 13th - 14th June 2024: IB Boot Camp
- 17th - 28th June 2024: Grade 10 Work Experience
- 10th-12th June 2024: [Harvard Model Congress - Leadership Programme](#)
- 1st - 12th July 2024: IB Induction Weeks (G10s will follow the G12 Timetable) as they are part of the academic year.

Looking Ahead

28.02.24

29.02.24

05.03.24

06.03.24

11.-22.03.24

15.03.24

12.04.24

16.04.24

19.04.24

19.04.24

18.04.24

24.04-17.05.24

26.04-05.06.24

30.04.24

13.-17.05.24

29.05.24

07.06.24

10.-12.06.24

13.-14.06.24

14.06.24

17.-28.06.24

01.-12.07.24

03.-04.07.24

03.-05.07.24

MSF Night of the Arts

G6-8 Boys/Girls Home vs. FISW

MSF Job Information Night

MS Boys/Girls Home Tournament

G10 & 12 Mock Exams

SEC Parent Rep Meeting

Sem 2 SEC Parent-Teacher Conferences

G8 Transition to IGCSE Info Evening

G6 German Field Trip (

G10 & 12 Last Day of School

SEC Sports Day

IB May 2024 Exams

IGCSE May 2024 Exams

SEC Parent Rep Meeting

SEC Trips Week

G12 Graduation Ceremony

DofE Practical Expedition

G10 Harvard Model Congress on Campus

G10 IB Boot Camp on Campus

SEC Parent Rep Meeting

G10 Work Experience Weeks

G10 IB Induction Weeks

G9 Bronze Final Expedition

G10-11 DofE Club Members Silver

Expedition



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 / [FY](#) Handbook / [PRI](#) Handbook / [SEC](#) Handbook
- **School Forms:** <https://m-school.de/community/parent-zone/msf-forms-handbook/>
- **Update your contacts:** If you have changed any of your contact details (email / mobile number/home address/employer etc.), please let us know so that all our databases can be accurately updated. <https://forms.gle/9tbgMt988KT8wNnq7>

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



Information from the nurse

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.

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

Notification of Head Lice: Please find detailed information from our nurse about the right treatment [here](#).

Car Pooling



If you are interested in car pooling, you can connect with each other via an interactive map. Add your location, if interested. This is to avoid the data protection restrictions. → Please have a look at [this guide](#).