

MSF Bulletin: 7th March 2024



Whole School Announcements

General Information

Dear parents, we are constantly working on improving our communication. The look of our Bulletin has slightly changed to make it shorter and clearer. If you would like to see more/other improvements, [please fill in this form](#).

Important: Car Park Safety

To all drivers using the school car park, please be mindful of the small children that are in the space. Please drive safely along Eschborner Landstrasse and drive slowly through our parking lot using the one-way system. Poor parking and driving is a danger to your child, so we respectfully ask you to take care during these busy times.

Tick information

With the beginning of spring, ticks become active. Please find detailed information [here](#).

Gut Health Unleashed Information Coffee Morning

Friends of MSF

Tuesday, 12th March, 08:45-09:45 at MSF Cafeteria

MSF parent Zsofia Pasztor, founder of the Generation Superhealth Clinic and registered nutritional therapy practitioner 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.

Fundraiser Wine Tasting

Friends of MSF

Thursday, 11th April, 19:00 at Winehaus on Grunenburgweg

Cost: 35 €, incl. wine and snacks, registration deadline: 31st March

Parents, staff and alumni are invited to Friends' fourth wine tasting. We will taste and discuss classic wines of Germany. Space is limited to 20 persons and will be allotted according to first come first served basis.

Please sign-up by sending an email to friendsofmsf@msf.education.

Sports For Champions Activities and Fundraiser

World Champion Otilie Robinson-Shaw

Thursday, 18th April

See more: [parent letter](#).

Lost & Found

Pick Up Deadline Friday, 22nd March

Please check the bristling Lost & Found Boxes in the Cafeteria and by the Sports Hall. All not picked up items will be donated to charity after the deadline.



[School Event Calendar](#) - please check it regularly for details about announced events and dates.

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

As we welcome the blossoming season of Spring, let's infuse our days with a spirit of JOY throughout the month of March. For many of us, joy is deeply connected to memories of our childhood—the thrill of spotting daffodils pushing through the last remnants of snow or the excitement of Easter, with the Easter bunny leaving chocolate treasures in unexpected places. It's crucial to recognise the profound impact joy has on individuals, especially children. It not only shapes their emotional and social well-being but also nurtures resilience and optimism in the face of adversity. How can we all bring more joy into our lives and those around us? The Early Years team is kickstarting this by reintroducing childhood games like hopscotch and organising activities like planting flowers. Keep an eye out for bubbles and chalk fun in the playground!

Easter Bunny Hunt

Thursday, 21st & Friday, 22nd March

Thursday and Friday before Spring break, we will celebrate the tradition of Easter in our Early Years division by going on an Easter Bunny Hunt. At the end of the day, children will be sent home with a sweet treat from the Easter Bunny.

Spring Holiday Programme - Registration Still Open

Please sign up by using the links below:

[KG Butterflies/Turtles](#)

[KG Frogs/Ladybirds](#)

[TR Fireflies/Bumblebees/Dragonflies](#)

Internships & MSF Secondary Student volunteers

Currently we have both internal and external students engaged in internships or volunteering their time to support early years students. Please join us in welcoming:

Alex in TR Bumblebees,

Anna Lena in KG Butterflies,

Sneha in KG Frogs,

Jade & Caitlin - MSF Students in the Duke of Edinburgh programme - helping across all classes.

Parent Rep Meeting

Thursday, 11th April, 08:45-09:30

As always, please share items with your class reps or Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler in advance.

For the Parent Rep Meeting Minutes from Thursday, 7th March see more: [minutes](#)

Sickness Wave - Thank you for caring!

The past weeks have been intense for our team with regards to staff absences. We thank parents for keeping sick children at home and for their understanding and cooperation. We thank teachers for their flexibility in covering other classes to ensure consistency in your child's education, despite staff absence

Communication Channels

The Early Years Division sends out Parent Information via Managebac and some important and class-related information via Storypark regularly. Please ensure to carefully read these notifications as they may miss important events or information.

Important Links & Forms

[Electronic form for planned student absences](#) (for absences of more than 2 days)

[EY Parent and Student Handbook](#)



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Message from Mr Wragg

Last week I was amazed by the talent we have at MSF. We held our annual 'Night of the Arts', an event that showcases both visual and performing arts. A number of our primary students performed musical or dramatic pieces and both our Choirs (Junior and Primary) sang songs that they have been practising each week with Ms Sibit. Additionally, the sports hall and the school corridors were transformed into an art gallery, with pieces from all our students, in every grade. A huge thank you and congratulations to all our artists and performers and the staff who helped run the event. If you did not get a chance to come this year, please look out for next year's date, I can highly recommend it.

Parent Rep Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 13th March, 08:30-09:15

As always any parent is welcome to attend our next Parent Rep meeting. Please have a look at the agenda and come along if you are interested in the topics being discussed. See more: [agenda](#)

Holiday Camps

There are a number of camps available during the holiday, please sign up as soon as possible to guarantee a place.

25.03 - 28.03.24 [Football camp & Gymnastics camp](#) hosted by Outdoor Kids on MSF Campus (Age 5-10)

02.04 - 05.04.24 [Sports camp](#) hosted by Outdoor Kids on MSF Campus (Age 5-10)

02.04 - 05.04.24 [„Broadway Dreams”](#) hosted by Stagecoach at Tanzschule Conexión (off campus)

08.04. - 12.04.24 [Easter Sports Camp](#) hosted by Train with Brain in Frankfurt-Nordend (off campus)

Caring Through Action

The Student Council Caring through Action Group is collecting donations for an animal shelter in Frankfurt. They will be visiting the shelter after the April holidays to deliver the items. There are 3 donation boxes available for children to bring items to donate distributed around the school: one in Mrs Krueger's class, one in Ms Gus's room, and one in the Atrium. Children should mark their donated items with Grade level and class, we are monitoring the class that brings in the most donations.

A list of suggested items can be found on the [attached poster](#).

Parent Conferences

Over the next two weeks we will invite parents into the school to find out more about the learning experience of their children. The German team will invite you for a parent-teacher meeting, grades 1-3 will hold student-led conferences and grades 4 & 5 will arrange student, parent and teacher meetings. Please check your email for an appointment time.

Welcome New Staff

This week three new staff members have joined our Primary Team: Prajina Karmacharya joined us as the new Primary Office Administrator, Nao Yoneda joins the Grade 1 team and Bernadette del Sel is a new German teacher. We welcome them all and wish them a quick and painless settling in period.

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.



Secondary School

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Whole Secondary School

Message from Dr Coppes

Thank you sincerely to all of the parents who presented at our Job Night for your valuable contribution in making the event a huge success! Your insights and expertise not only enriched the event but also inspired our students to explore new possibilities. We are deeply grateful for your willingness to share your time and knowledge with our school community.

Action Required: Semester 2 Educational Online Resources Permission Form

In addition to the online resources introduced in Semester 1, the Secondary German & French teachers are introducing new online tools to class. **All Secondary parents** are asked to submit the permission as soon as possible.

Fill in: [permission form](#)

Welcome New Staff

Ms Angelika Gnieser has joined MSF Secondary School as a Secondary School Office Administrator.

SEC Book Week: A Mystery in the Library!

Starts on Monday, 11th March

Students will be part of a mysterious crime story! Roles include detectives, politicians, witnesses, culprits, and upright citizens. Mission is to solve the who, what, when, where, and why of the crime. Top readers and the students who solved the mystery will be rewarded during the Assembly on Wed, March 20th. Poetry Contest sponsored by MSF's English Department will also be part of Book Week.

SEC Book Week Poetry Competition

Who: All grades can submit a poem (Please submit to your English teacher)

Deadline: Friday, 15th March

Prize: Whole school first prize 30 euros book voucher and second place winner 15 euros. Winner will be announced in assembly. A winner and runner up from every grade we will celebrate with a lunch time pizza party, AND you can bring a friend!

Information Poster: [HERE](#)

Next SEC Parent Rep Meeting with Dr Coppes and Ms Dodd

Friday, 15th March, 08:40 at MSF Cafeteria

The minutes from the last parent rep meeting can be found [HERE](#).

Maths Competitions Spring 2024

Please review the schedule with your child(ren). Registration deadline for Purple Comet! Math Meet is 22nd March!

See more: [Upcoming Maths Competitions](#)

Sem II Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, 12th April, 8:30 - 16:00 at the Sports Hall

There will be **no classes** on this day. This semester, we will hold an open house Parent-Teacher Conference in the Sports Hall **on a first come, first served basis**. No prior booking is required. Each meeting will last approximately 3 minutes unless a slightly longer meeting is requested by the teacher. All SEC families are invited during the allocated time slots as below:

Family Name A - G: 8:30 - 10:30

Family Name H - N: 11:00 - 13:00

Family Name O - Z: 14:00 - 16:00

Drug Alcohol Education Service (DAES) Workshop & Parent Information Evening (DAES) from the UK

Wednesday, 16th April, 16:00 - 17:00 at SEC Student Commons

Workshops for all year groups from Grade 6 to Grade 12 will be conducted with an aim to provide education and awareness on drug and alcohol use.

From the Athletics Director

Middle School Basketball Tournament (Boys and Girls):

Wednesday 6th March 2024, 14:00, MSF Sports Hall

Reminder: Our Winter Sport Season ends on 15th March

The [Spring Sports Season](#) runs from 8th April until 14th June

Register before: Monday 18th March

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

Updated Date: G8 Transition to IGCSE Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, 17th April, 16:00 in the SEC Student Commons

Please note that shortly after this event, we will open the course selection form on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grade 8 Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Exams

April 22nd - 24th ([Schedule](#))

The checkpoint papers are external assessments whose results are here to inform the learning of the students.

The checkpoint reports are usually received before the Summer break.

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

Updated: G10 & 12 Mock Exams (11th - 22nd March)

- [Grade 10 Mock IGCSE Exams Schedule](#) (There has been an update in the schedule)
- [Grade 12 Mock IB Exams Schedule](#)
- G10 and G12 students will sit the IGCSE and IB Mocks from the 11th to the 22nd of March
- G10 students will sit the IGCSE exams from the 26th of April to the 5th of June
- G12 students will sit the IB exams from the 24th of April to the 17th of May

Grade 10 - CAS Trip (23rd - 27th Sep 2024 for Grade 11s)

We are very excited to announce that MSF are taking Grade 11 students (current Grade 10s) on an experiential learning CAS trip to Prague, Czech Republic! Please submit the form to sign your child up for the CAS trip and find out more about the exciting programme! The deadline for CAS trip permission form is Friday, 12th April 2024.

Fill in: [sign up form](#)

Grade 10 students: Get ready for your [IGCSE exams](#).

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

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

Grade 12: 15% off on the [Spring Course with Lanterna](#) using: MSF15. This code is active until Friday March 15th.

Grade 12: Please fill in the [Cap and Gown form](#)

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

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

May 2024 IB Exams Schedule (24th April - 17th May 2024)

To view the May 2024 IB Exams Schedule Please click [here](#).

May 2024 IGCSE Exams Schedule (26th April - 5th June 2024)

To view the May 2024 IGCSE Exams Schedule please click [here](#).

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 [open-minded](#).

Academic Integrity: It is the cornerstone of our education, guiding us not only within the school but in all our endeavours.

See more: [Academic Integrity for IA](#)



Regarding MSF

- **School Website:** www.m-school.de
- **Login for the Parent Zone** (password: inspiration20)
- **School Calendar 2023-2025:** the school calendar is available on our [website](#).
- **Managebac Guide:** for some tips on how to use Managebac please [click here](#).
- **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/>
- **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>

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. Any student suspected of having an infectious disease must be seen by a doctor, as only the doctor can properly diagnose illnesses. A list of the most common notifiable diseases and more information about them can be found [Here](#).

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.

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

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 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.

See more: [expression of interest form](#)

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](#).



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