

MSF Bulletin: 11th April 2024

Whole School Announcements

General Information

Important: Car Park Safety



Please **DO NOT** drop off your child in the red or orange zones, these spots are dangerous and cause a traffic backlog. Please use the green zones to drop your child off.

Sports For Champions Activities and Fundraiser

18th April, Thursday

The World Champion and 4x Freestyle Kayaking British Champion, Otilie Robinson-Shaw to host inspirational workshops. She will discuss challenges on the road to success, with resilience, nutrition, diet, and dedication forming key topics. See more: [parent letter](#).

Girls' and Boys' Day Grades 5-10

25th April, Thursday

Since 2002 this day has given girls the opportunity to dabble in a typically male dominated occupation and boys in a typically female dominated profession. The students are exempted from lessons on that day (authorisation form below necessary). See more: [general information](#), [search engine girls places](#), [search engine boys places](#), [application for exemption](#)

Filming at MSF: Your Consent Needed!

3rd May, Friday

To update our website videos filmed during corona times, we will be producing new videos. On the same day we will have a film crew from Sparkasse filming MSF. We would highly appreciate your permission to film your child(ren) in order to illustrate school life and learning activities as they are today. Please [fill in the form](#) before the 1st of May!

Community Forum: MSF Pinboard on Facebook

If you would like to share/request information relevant to the MSF community - for example about renting, selling or buying an apartment, a bicycle, home accessories, or about searching/offering tutoring etc, please use our closed group on Facebook. [Join the group](#)

Friends of MSF invites you to join their team!

Would you like to meet new members of our wonderful MSF community? Do you enjoy organising events with a great group of friends? Would you like to work closely with MSF's Senior Leadership Team? If yes, please contact friendsofmsf@msf.education for further details!



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

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

We hope that you had a great Spring break! Looking at the calendar, we cannot believe it is mid-April already. As some of you may know, April marks Autism Awareness Month. We would like to use this as an opportunity to come together to deepen our understanding of autism and embrace our shared responsibility in fostering an inclusive environment.

Autism, with its diverse spectrum, presents unique challenges and strengths for individuals. By cultivating awareness, empathy, and acceptance, we create a supportive atmosphere where every member of our community feels valued and understood. As educators, parents, and students, we hold the power to shape attitudes and behaviours.

Our Early Years education and philosophy promotes acceptance and celebrates neurodiversity by encouraging open conversations, fostering friendships and embracing differences. Below you will find an invitation to attend a workshop led jointly by MSF staff members and parents with a focus on neurodiversity and autism. We strongly recommend that many of us join this discussion as only together can we build a community where every individual feels empowered, respected, and fully included.

Next Parent Workshop “Neurodiversity Round Table”, Online (Tiffany Gibson & Maike Boeff)

30th April, Tuesday, 19:30

What does it mean to be neurodivergent? Our children think and learn differently. Let's embrace their super powers! Open discussion for interested parents. More information including the invitation links will be shared in the next Bulletin.

Taking Action in our local Community: Frankfurt Clean-up Day for Kindergartens (“Sauberhafter Kindertag”)

07th May, Tuesday, during the school day

Each year, our Early Years division participates in the local community event “Sauberhafter Kindertag”. On this day, all Kitas in Hessen collect garbage in their local environment to deepen your child's understanding of responsibility for their community as well as our earth by taking action. A parent letter including data protection information can be found [here](#).

Bridge Day Registration

10th May 2024

Please register your child for this bridge day for food orders and staff planning. The kindergarten closes at 15:30 on this day.

[Kindergarten Frogs & Ladybirds](#)

[Kindergarten Butterflies & Turtles](#)

[Transition](#)

Thank you & Handout: Parent Workshop “Nutritious snack box ideas for fussy eaters”

Thank you to Ms Zsolia Pasztor for presenting about this very important topic, sharing her vast knowledge and experiences and providing useful and eye-opening information to all workshop attendees. Ms Pasztor will kindly prepare a small handout for all families which will be shared in one of the next bulletins.

Student Led Conferences (SLC)

We are excited to invite families to our annual Early Years student led conferences in May and June! Student led conferences are a great way to promote student agency and leadership skills. The class teachers are there to facilitate the process but the students become the real teachers, leading their parents through some of the activities or projects that they have been doing in class. Sign up links will be sent in the next bulletin.

Important Links & Forms

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

[EY Parent and Student Handbook](#)



Primary School

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

Message from Mr Wragg

Welcome back everyone and Eid Mubarak to our community members who are celebrating this week. We are at a very exciting time of the year in Primary when the Grade 5 Exhibition process starts. For those new to the school, our Grade 5 students demonstrate their learning, accumulated during their years in primary school, by carrying out an independent research project. They have six weeks in total to form an idea, research information, take action and finally present their findings in both written reports and face to face presentations. So far the students have developed their ideas and formed groups with other students who have similar interests. We have a number of topics ranging from 'food waste' to 'internet safety' to 'dress codes' and many more. It promises to be a very interesting journey and I hope some of you are able to come and see the final presentations at the end of May.

Bicycle Training

The car park will be closed from 8.45am till 12.10pm on the below dates, please do not park there if you need to stay at school for any reason. The space will be used by the police to make a practice bike course.

24th, 25th and 26th April 2024

14th, 15th and 16th May 2024

1st, 2nd and 3rd July 2024

Residential Trips

The grade 2-5 teams are in the final stages of arranging the residential trips and if you have not received a letter yet, you will be sent one very soon. Please save the dates:

Grade 2: Sleepover Field Trip, at MSF : 23rd - 24th May 2024

Grade 3: Residential Trip to Büdingen: 12th-14th June 2024

Grade 4: Residential Trip to Jugendherberge Herrenwies: 21st-24th May 2024

Grade 5: Sport-, Natur- und Erlebniscamp Edersee, Sportjugend Hessen im Landessportbund Hessen e.V. : 3rd-7th June 2024

Interschool Athletics Events

April 16th Grade 4-5 Basketball Competition against ISF

April 23rd Grade 4 Football tournament at European School in Bad Vilbel

May 8th Grade 3-5 Touch Rugby Tournament at 1880 Rugby Club in Frankfurt

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.

Important Links and Forms

[Primary Students Leave of Absence form](#)

[Parent and Student Handbook](#)



Secondary School

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

Whole Secondary School

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](#)

Adjustment to School Lunch Payments for Grade 10s and 12s

As every year the direct debit for Grade 10 will pause from May to July and for Grade 12 it ends with the last debit on the 1st of April. If G10 and G12 students want to have lunch on special days during this adjustment period, they can buy the lunch passes in the main office.

Sem II Parent-Teacher Conferences

12th April, Friday, 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

Maths Competitions Spring 2024 / 8th - 11th Purple Comet! Math Meet

15th April Junior Mathematical Challenge

Please review the schedule with your child(ren). Registration deadline for Junior Mathematical Challenge [here!](#)

See more: [Upcoming Maths Competitions](#)

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

16th April, Tuesday, 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 abuse.

SEC Sports Day

18th April, Thursday

We will be joined by World Champion and 4x Freestyle Kayaking British Champion, Otilie Robinson-Shaw. Students should come to school in their 'Grade level colours' for the day. More details will be shared in PE lessons.

From the Athletics Director

Spring Sports Season

8th April - 14th June

All sport practices have started. Those that missed the deadline for registration should contact Mr. Kerr (kerr@msf.education)

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

Girls' Adventures in Math

12th - 19th April

As part of the Maths Competitions Spring 2024 girls G3 - G8 can participate in the Girls' Adventures in Math competition in teams. Read more [here](#) or email Mr. Smith (msmith@msf.education) for more information!

Updated: G8 Transition to IGCSE Parent Information Evening

17th April, Wednesday, 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

22nd - 24th April

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.

See more: [schedule](#)

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

Updated: G10 & 12 Exams (26th April - 5th June)

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)

MSF is taking Grade 11 students (current Grade 10s) on an experiential learning CAS trip to Prague, Czech Republic!

Fill in the registration form before 12th April: [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

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

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

To view the MSF 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](#).

Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony Online RSVP Form

Deadline: 21th April, Sunday

RSVP Form to reserve your seats [here](#).

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](#)

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 [thinker](#).



General Information

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](#).

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