

MSF Bulletin: 16th May 2024

Whole School Announcements

General Information

Article: Balancing work and family

This article from the [Harvard Business Review](#) shares tips on how to organise busy family lives and “the logistical challenges of making every week happen — from kid pickup and dropoff and sports practice to meal planning and doctor’s appointments. The main difficulties lie in managing the firehose of information, coping with decision fatigue, and dealing with surprises like an illness or a forgotten event.” A helpful [planner](#) is included in the article.

Reminder: Friends of MSF Annual membership meeting

Today, 16th May, 19:00, Secondary library

We look forward to sharing our plans, projects and accomplishments with you!

MSF Head Parents need your help!

[Staff Appreciation Dinner, Volunteers Needed on 18th June, Tuesday, at MSF](#)

[Materials Needed for Staff Appreciation Craft Project](#)

[Interest in MSF Parent Leadership](#)

[Bake Sale Container Pick-Up Event 24th May, Friday, between 8:00 - 16:30, at Secondary Entry Hall](#)

[Volunteers Needed to Display MSF Merchandise at Events, 29th May, Wednesday, 15.30-16.30, during Secondary Graduation](#)

Friends of MSF & Head Parents Reps Coffee Morning

7th June, Friday, 8:45, rooftop

All parents and alumni are invited. It’s a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Save the date: Friends of MSF summer party

13th June, Thursday, 17:30-19:45, rooftop

Parents, staff, alumni and alumni parents are invited to this **adults only event**, a fundraiser for Friends of MSF’s school projects.

MSF’s Babysitter Club is ready to help, in case please contact: [Amelie Petznick](#) or [Jad Khaddour](#).

Summer Camps

There are various camps to keep your child(ren) entertained during the summer break. Due to the construction works at MSF they will all take place outside campus.

[Speakeasy German Camp](#)

[Speakeasy English Camp](#)

[Outdoor Kids Frankfurt](#)

[Stagecoach](#) (special offer: 50 € discount for all MSF students)

Work experience during summer break as of Grade 8/9

Students from 15 years of age have the opportunity to dabble in different companies and occupations and gather hands-on experience in one week. After registering and creating a profile, the professional fields your child is interested in can be chosen and an individual week of traineeship will be planned automatically for you.

[More information](#)



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

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

This week, we have been discussing the use of technological devices on campus and the importance of a reflective and targeted use of technology, specifically in Early Childhood. In 2019 the World Health Organisation recommended a maximum of 60 minutes of screen time a day for children 3-4, less being better. But not only do we need to carefully monitor our children's screen time, current research suggests that the smartphone use in front of our children can lead to a "broken connection" between parents and their children. While a short-term interruption of attention seems quite harmless, the long-term effects of repeated phone use are not yet known. In conclusion, parents should be aware of their own phone use in the company of their children. See a heartwarming video about the topic of parent-child connection [here](#) (external link, thank you Ms Batan for sharing it).

Excursion to the Dentist

Today 16th May, Thursday (Transition) & 23rd May, Thursday (Kindergarten)

All Early Years children will be going on their annual excursion to our partner dentist Dr. Hassenrück-Schmidt as part of our health promoting measures.

Parent Workshop: Primary Years Programme by Ms Deidre Hand

17th May, Friday

Our Primary Years Programme Coordinator, Ms Deirdre Hand, invites all Early Years parents to an interactive workshop with a focus on our curriculum in the Early Years. Please register through the related Storypark post.

Early Years Closed due to Public Holidays & Bridge Day

20th May "Pfingstmontag", 30th May "Fronleichnam" & 31st May Bridge Day

Parent Rep Meeting

Next meeting: 23rd May, Thursday

In our final parent rep meeting of the year, we will focus the meeting on planning forward with regards to events, schedule and opening hours. We will also share the news about the upcoming construction. Please email your parent reps should you have any feedback about the year and other matters that you would like to address.

Thank you "Neurodiversity Round Table"

Thank you to all attendees for their openness, curiosity and the engaged discussions. As discussed, we will provide further opportunities for families, staff and external experts to come together, share and support each other.

Reminder: Please register for your child's Student Led Conference

The links have been shared in the last [bulletin](#).

Action Required: [Registration Letter](#) for Schultüte Crafting for TR Children entering Grade 1

Class Mixing for 2023/24

For mixing TR students into Grade 1, teachers are using their observations and have asked students to give them 1-3 names of good friends for Grade 1. Parents who were not able to attend the Parent Teacher Conference to share their thoughts about class mixing from Transition to Grade 1 and wish to do so, should please reach out to the teachers by Monday 20th May.

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

At this time of year, we plan for the Grade 4 Parent talk, detailed below. It is always an interesting conversation as we discuss trends in education, the cultural influences on parenting styles and what is popular in the world of 10/11 year olds. We also reflect on the group that we currently have and their cognitive, social and emotional development since the start of the year. It is amazing how much students grow and change in just one school year, something I am sure visiting relatives comment on as they encounter grandchildren or nieces and nephews intermittently. One part of our talk never changes and is applicable across the age groups in school, but particularly important as our children get older and that is the importance of listening. In fact, it is more than listening, it is listening and genuinely respecting and valuing the opinions of the little people sitting in the back of the car or at the dinner table. Developing an environment in which your children feel heard and know they can explore ideas and theories, without harsh judgement or ridicule, is critical at this stage. You certainly want to embed that culture before they hit the teens and often really need to talk to someone, working through a problem or seeking help or advice.

Review: Touch Rugby Tournament at 1880 Rugby Club in Frankfurt

A mixed Grade 3-5 team went to the 1880 club on 1st May to play a touch rugby tournament against teams from schools across Frankfurt. Our team was placed in a Grade 5-6 group, but this did not phase them and they went on to win two out of four matches, finishing joint second in their group. We were really proud of how the team worked together and organised themselves. Credit to their club coaches as our team was certainly the best drilled and knowledgeable about the rules.

Review: Basketball Match MSF vs. ISF

It was an exciting Inter School Basketball Competition for our Grade 3, 4 and 5 Teams with ISF on 14th May. It was special for many of our students since it was their first competition. One of our teams won and one lost, but everyone enjoyed the event. Thanks to all the supporters on the balcony.

Annual Grade 4 Parent Adolescence Talk

21st May, Tuesday, 08.30-09.30, 4C classroom

The focus is on the changes that take place during adolescence and what to prepare for heading into grade 5 and towards secondary school age. This session is run by our school counsellors, who are experts in child development and have regular interactions with students looking for both social and emotional support. We will address a number of topics including emotional and physical changes and the influence of technology on development. The meeting will finish just in time for you to wave goodbye to the kids, as they head off on the bus to their residential trip, at 9.30am.

Next Parents Rep Meeting

12th June, 8.30am Wednesday

[Parents Rep Meeting minutes](#) from 7th May

Student Leave Requests

For any kind of student leave request/information apart from medical, please email Primary Principal Mr. [Nick Wragg](#) or Primary Office Administrator Ms. [Prajina Karmacharya](#).

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.

16th May 2024

1st, 2nd and 3rd July 2024

Important Links and Forms

[Primary Students Leave of Absence form](#)

[Parent and Student Handbook](#)

Tutoring: If you are looking for a tutor for your child please complete this [form](#).



Secondary School

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

Whole Secondary School

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](#)

[Minutes](#) of 30th April SEC Parent Rep Meeting with Dr Coppes, Mrs Dodd and Mrs Oelkers

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

Grade 8 Bake & Fresh Flower Sale

22nd May, Wednesday, 15:00-16:00, cafeteria

Come by and enjoy some cake or treat yourself with a fragrant bouquet!

Grade 8 - Selection form IGCSE subjects

24th May - 29th of May

Students have been given the [IGCSE Subjects Selection Form](#) on the 24th of April.

The forms are not to be returned before the 24th of May!!

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

Grade 10 & 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 12 Graduation Ceremony

28th May & 29th May

Programme of the Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony:

Tuesday, 28th May:

11:30 am: Students meet with Parent Reps

1:00 pm: Graduates pick up their gown and cap

2:00 pm: Technical rehearsal without an audience (walking, seating, and musicians)

3:45 pm: Fun assembly for students and teachers (optional for students)

4:30 pm: Rehearsal ends; graduates take their gown and cap home

Wednesday, 29th May:

11:00 am: Meet in front of Alte Oper for professional photos (With caps and gowns)

1:00 pm: Photo session ends; students split up to eat

2:30 pm: Meet in MSF cafeteria

3:10 pm: Primary playground parade

3:30 pm: Parade ends, meet back in the cafeteria

4:00 pm: Last checks

4:30 pm: Graduation ceremony starts (IB teachers' presence required)

6:00 pm onwards: Cake and drinks at Possmann's

IB Subjects Introduction (TOK, EE and CAS)

10th - 12th June

Grade 10 IB Bootcamp on Campus

13th - 14th June

Grade 10 Work Experience (10 days)

17th - 28th June

There will be no school during this time. The forms to register for the work experience can be found on [ManageBac](#).

Grade 10 IB Induction Weeks

1st -12th July 2024

Students will have the opportunity to start classes in the IB options they have chosen.

Grade 9 Bronze and Grade 10 Silver Final Expedition

G10 Silver Award: 3rd - 5th July, G9 Bronze Award: 3rd - 4th July

The G9 and G10 students will go on an adventurous expedition for the final requirement to receive the Duke of Edinburgh award.

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!

Late registrations for this trip should complete this [sign up form](#)

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

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

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

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 a [risk-taker](#).



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](#).