

MSF Bulletin: 20th June 2024



Whole School Announcements

General Information

MSF Values

Through the strategic planning process, we have also refreshed our school values based on your feedback. We are proud to share our updated school values with you. At MSF, we value:

Community. We are diverse, inclusive and kind. We promote global-mindedness, collaboration, and a sense of belonging in a family-style environment.

Courage. We are brave, confident and resilient. We stand up for what is right, take responsibility and overcome challenges.

Curiosity. We are inquisitive, adaptable and innovative. We explore new ideas and acquire the skills and knowledge to shape the world of tomorrow.

New Travel Routes - Thank you

Thank you for your support with the new traffic routes, it seems to have gone mostly smoothly thus far. We are happy for any feedback you may have through our email address construction@msf.education.

Reminder: No Parking In Front Of The White Line Of The New Car Park/Playground Area

Please DO NOT park in any parking space with the sign reserved. We need the reserved parkings for the taxi buses, staff members and visitors. For drop off and pick up please use the back of the area behind the white line during the communicated time slots.

Zebra Crossing

Please use the zebra crossing when leaving the school building and crossing the road at the end of the day. Our students copy the adults around them, including unsafe behaviours like crossing the road at other places - this is dangerous as it is harder to see our shorter students in amongst the cars than it is to see a fully grown adult.

Do you have a spare half an hour every other week? Crossing Guard Volunteers wanted

Do you have half an hour to donate to crossing guard volunteering? We are happy to add parents and older students to our pool of trained crossing guards to help with morning or afternoon shifts (30 minutes). MSF will provide you with training and all the information you need. The form is open to staff, parents and older SEC students (14+).

[Sign up here.](#)

Safely Digital Parent Initiative Coffee Morning

28th June, Friday, 08:30, Cafeteria

Join the roundtable of MSF parents concerned about the prevention of screen dependency and the digital safety of their children. Sharing views, discussing strategies, and building parent alliances is the purpose of the meeting.

PRI Drama Production

3rd July, Wednesday 17:00 and 4th July, Thursday 17:00, Sports Hall

The Primary Musical Club is proud to present Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr! This magical show is sure to delight audiences of all ages. This year, there will be two opportunities to see this wonderful show, 3rd and 4th July at 17:00. Tickets for the show are on sale now. There is a sales table outside the main school office from 3.30 and 4pm each day. Students can buy tickets independently, but they must be accompanied by an adult to the show. Students and parents from all divisions of the school are welcome to buy tickets and come and enjoy the show.

See the poster [here](#).

Yearbook Orders - Extended Deadline

Until 28th June, Friday

There are still yearbooks available! They will be handed out on Tuesday 2nd July 2024. The yearbooks for EY students will be handed to the EY class teachers and parents can pick it up with the class teacher of each group. The yearbooks for the Primary students will also be handed out to each class teacher and students can collect them in the classroom. Secondary students can collect the yearbook at the main office.

Order [here](#).

Strategic Planning Update

We are happy to share with you the results of all your contributions and feedback over the past year. Please see the latest update to the [strategic priorities here](#).

MSF Kindness Challenge

The Transition Fireflies class are excited to launch a kindness challenge for the entire school! They have planned various activities for everyone to participate in. Please submit photo evidence via email to the Fireflies teachers (batan@msf.education, fenech@msf.education) by 5th July to take part. Additionally, the Fireflies have designed their own kindness shirt available for purchase. Proceeds will be donated to Greenpeace, a cause chosen by the Fireflies themselves. Let's spread kindness together!

[Spread Kindness Activities Poster](#)

[MSF Kindness T-shirt](#)

Kids, Smartphones & Social Media

Many of us on campus are reading The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt. Why it's worth reading...Haidt delves into the rise of anxiety among young people and its impact on learning. This book offers insights into creating a supportive and resilient school environment that addresses the emotional needs of our students. A parent resource worth watching is shared by Haidt.

Watch the [video](#) by [Catherine Price](#).

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Online Courses For Adults

Lauren Alvarez, one of our teachers, is a qualified Mindfulness instructor who is specifically trained to teach the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Course for adults. She is running two online courses in September.

Registration details and more information: [flyer](#)

International Day 2024: Postponed

Due to construction, ID 2024 will be postponed to Spring 2025. We look forward to celebrating with you then, as well as at the many community events throughout the year.

[Here are just a few for your diaries.](#)

Engage & Lead Parent Coffee Morning

3rd July, Wednesday, 08:40-09:45, Cafeteria

The Head Parents are pleased to invite you to a casual coffee morning to explore opportunities for leadership and parent involvement in community activities. We are looking forward to meeting you to chat about your ideas, and to discuss ways both large and small that we can support our school.

Summer Camps: now also on MSF Campus!

There are various camps to keep your child(ren) active and engaged during the summer break. On MSF Campus by Outdoor Kids:

[Football Camp \(15.07.-19.07\)](#)

[Sports Camp \(22.07.-26.07\)](#)

[Gymnastics Camp \(12.08.-16.08\)](#)

Outside of MSF Campus:

[Speakeasy German or English Camp](#)

[Stagecoach](#) (50 € discount for MSF students)

[Art Camp](#) 15-19th July (5% discount for MSF students)

[Strikefit](#)

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

Thank you for helping ensure a safe and smooth school arrival. Staff members have been managing traffic, and as discussed at our last parent meeting, we now seek community support. Some staff have trained as "Verkehrshelfer" (Traffic Helper). If you are available in the mornings or afternoons, please sign up at the front office or in the general section of this bulletin to help, and consider training to become a traffic guard.

This week, we met with Dr. Elizabeth Schroeder to discuss sex education in early years and primary school. The school will work closely with her and parents to develop an age-appropriate sex education programme from KG to G12. There will be a staff-parent working group invitation for Early Years in 2024-25, along with staff training to teach this crucial part of our curriculum.

Lastly, we have summarised the EY end-of-year events into one overview - see below. Please remember to complete the parent survey by the end of June to help us create a year-long event planner for parents and staff: [Parent Events Survey](#)

End of the Year Events [Overview](#)

Events Changes - Transition

Each year, we review our events, valuing all TR activities while monitoring the pressure on our children and staff. This year, the TR graduation will be held in individual classrooms, with parents invited, and all children will receive an end-of-Early Years gift. The Transition Sleepover, originally part of the holiday program, will not be offered this year.

Schultüte Crafting - Transition Parents

25th June, Tuesday, 09:00-11:00 & 27th June, Thursday, 13:00-15:00, Secondary Commons

Parent Reps - Thank you Lunch

26th June, Wednesday, 12:00-14:00

The final EY Parent Reps meeting of the year will be a Parent Reps 'Thank You Lunch'. We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all our Parents Reps for your ongoing feedback and support throughout this academic year. It has been greatly appreciated!

Step up Day

28th June, Friday

KG2 and TR students will be visiting a TR or Grade 1 classroom, meet some teachers and get an idea of what to expect next year. From a parental point of view, there is nothing additional to prepare, except an extra dose of excitement with breakfast! More information, including drop off points and times, can be read in this [Letter to Parents](#).

EY Sports Day - Information & Call for Parent volunteers

10th July, Wednesday

Parent volunteers to support with supervision of activities would be greatly appreciated!

[Information Letter](#)

Reminder: Registration Summer Holiday Programme - Action Required

Please find attached the holiday programme registration links:

[KG Frogs & Ladybirds](#)

[KG Butterflies & Turtles](#)

[Transition](#)

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

This month the school has been celebrating diversity and acceptance. Our teachers have been reading stories that highlight themes of love, acceptance, and the diverse nature of families. These stories help the children recognise that (MSF) families come in many forms, each one special and important in its own way. It is important to recognise that students of this age equate the feeling of love to how they feel about their family and their friends, which is age appropriate. Shared stories have been carefully selected by our team. Following the guidance of the Hesse government and IB, we critically revisit these resources each year.

Our teaching approaches are centred on inclusivity and understanding, and founded in our school code of conduct and anti-discrimination policy which states that “the School promotes and supports an educational environment free of discrimination, harassment, abuse or mobbing against members of its staff, students or students’ parents, guardians and family members, based on race, colour, ancestry, national origin, gender, age, sexual preference, religious background, handicap, neuro-diversity, political affiliation, and social or professional status”. We believe that by exposing children to a variety of perspectives and backgrounds, we are helping them develop empathy, respect, and a sense of global citizenship. This foundation is crucial in combating microaggressions and promoting a more just and equitable society.

As educators and parents, we share the responsibility of guiding our children to become compassionate and open-minded individuals. Together, we can help them understand that our differences make us unique and that every person deserves to be treated with kindness and respect.

Parents Rep Thank you Lunch

26th June, Wednesday, 12:00-14:00

The final Parent Reps meeting of the year will actually be a Parent Reps ‘Thank You Lunch’. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our Parents Reps, for your support and hard work throughout this academic year.

Coffee Information Morning for Grade 5 Parents (Transition to Grade 6)

27th June, Thursday, 08:40-10:00, Cafeteria

All Grade 5 parents are cordially invited to the Transition to G6 Coffee Morning with Dr Coppes, Secondary School Principal. In order to join this informative session please register by 23rd June 2024.

[Registration form](#)

Step-Up Morning: Transition to Grade 5

28th June, Friday, 8:15 to 10:30

We are excited to announce that this year’s Step-Up Day will take place during lesson 1 and 2 for Transition going to Grade 1 the start time will be 8:15, for Grade 1 going to Grade 2 will be the same 8:15 and for Grade 2 going to Grade 3 the start time will be 8:30. From a parental point of view, there is nothing additional to prepare, except an extra dose of excitement with breakfast!

Grade 5 Graduation - Reminder

8th July, Monday, 16:00-19:00, Sports Hall and Rooftop

We are thrilled to announce that the Grade 5 Graduation is coming up soon. The programme is scheduled to take place at the Sports Hall with reception and disco on the roof at the end.

Grade 5 Parents please [RSVP](#) by the end of today.

See: [Letter to Parents](#).

Athletics Events

Grade 3 -5 Athletics Day: Postponed

Due to the availability of buses (Euro Cup Football craziness) we unfortunately are not able to run our Athletics Day this year. It was originally planned for 27th June however this is no longer possible. Ms B is searching for alternative locations and solutions and will come back if we are able to go forward with planning.

Grade 4 Bicycle Training

Monday 1st July, Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July, 8:45 - 12:10, New School Playground

The new school playground that will usually be closed from 9am for parking, will be closed on these days from 8:45. Please make sure you have moved your car out, by this time, on those days. The space will be used by the police to make a practice bike course.

PRI Sports Day

9th July, Tuesday

The Primary Sports Day will be held at MSF from 8:30 - 12:00.

Ms B will contact Parent Reps for support with running and managing events.

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](#).

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

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Whole Secondary School

From the Athletics Director

The Autumn Sports Season will begin on Monday, 9th September 2024. Registrations will take place through a link in the next bulletin before the summer break.

Minutes of 14th June SEC Parent Rep Meeting with Dr Coppes and Ms Dodd

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

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

G7 to select Grade 8 Arts Subject

Grade 7 students need to fill out the Grade 8 Arts Subject Selection form and return it to the Secondary School Office (Ms Gnieser: gnieser@msf.education) by Tuesday, 25th June. Please find the form [here](#)

G6 to G9 Summer Party on the Rooftop

9th July, 18:00 - 22:00 - organised by the Student Council

MAP Summer 2024 (G6 - 9)

17th - 30th June

Please ensure that students bring their computers, updated and fully charged, to school every day.

See the schedule [here](#).

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

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](#).

MAP Summer 2024 (G6 - 9)

17th - 30th June

Please ensure that students bring their computers, updated and fully charged, to school every day.

See the schedule [here](#).

G9 and G11 Semester II Exams

24th to the 28th of June

See the schedule [here](#).

Grade 10 IB Weeks

1st July - 11th July

[Navigating the Transition: Grade 10 Students Step into the IB Programme](#)

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.

G6 to G9 Summer Party on the Rooftop

9th July, 18:00 - 22:00 - organised by the Student Council

From the ALN corner:

Parental participation is a powerful lever for raising achievement in schools. When parents and teachers work together to improve LEARNING the gains are significant and long-lasting.

Please see the Parents Matter [Article](#).

Ms. Eleni Armaou

Counsellors' Corner

June's Wellness Wednesdays have been focused on environmental wellness, considering not only sustainability, but also how we make the spaces we occupy pleasant places to be. Continue reflecting at home about how our actions and words can make spaces (physical and digital) clean, safe, and welcoming for all.

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 [Communicator](#).

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



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](#).