

MSF Bulletin: 14th November 2024



Whole School Announcements

General Information

School closed on Teacher Training Day

Tomorrow, 15th November, Friday

On this day MSF will be closed due to Teacher Professional Development as indicated on the school calendar. There will be no child care provided on this day.

School calendar 2025-2026

The new school calendar is online on our website.

[View calendar](#)

Flu Season - Keeping Healthy

With the cold and flu season upon us, let's all work to keep our teachers healthy. The following study (in German but translate works well), published by the Berufsverband der Kinder- und Jugendärzte*innen recommends the use of saline nasal spray to shorten the duration of a cold in younger children.

[View Study](#)

Join MSF Holiday Magic!

The festive season is upon us and our Head Parents are looking for volunteers to help decorate the school, design, build and set up the Winter Show backdrop, and bring the holiday spirit to life.

[Information Letter and Sign-Up Sheet](#)

MSF Parent Pact

MSF's parent initiative informs about their shared commitment to minimise digital distractions in the children's lives.

[Parent Pact Information](#)

Google Reviews: Switching to Trustpilot

Would you like to leave a review about MSF? Google has been blocking the reviews for our account for one year now. According to their service team it was done to protect our account from spam. As we do not know when the ban will be lifted, please use Trustpilot to share a (hopefully positive :-)) review.

[Share a public review](#)



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

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

We are delighted to introduce this year's Early Years Student Council members! This enthusiastic group of Kindergarten and Transition students has been elected to represent their peers. As members of the Student Council, they will have the chance to develop leadership skills, participate in democratic decision-making, and make meaningful contributions to school life. Through their involvement, the EY Student Council embodies our school values of *community*, *curiosity* and *courage*—building connections, sharing ideas, and stepping up to new responsibilities.

The council will meet regularly, guided by Ms Orgler and Ms Henkel, to discuss important topics and foster school spirit. We are excited to see their ideas blossom and look forward to the positive influence they will bring to our Early Years community! Meeting minutes will be shared via Storypark and displayed on the Spotlight on Board, ensuring everyone stays informed about the Council's activities. Congratulations to our new student leaders!

EY Student Council 2024-2025	TR Bumblebees Elijah & Marta	TR Dragonflies Daniel & Thorvi	TR Fireflies Samuel & Marie-Louisa
KG Ladybirds Gabriel & Friedrich	KG Frogs Marie & Ameilie	KG Butterflies Franziska & Santiago	KG Turtles Shoka & Sima

Staffing Updates

We are excited to share the news that Ms Denise from the KG Ladybirds class is expecting her second child and both she and the baby are doing well. Ms Denise will be staying home during her pregnancy. Warmest wishes to Ms Denise and her family! We welcome Ms Sukhada Bhide to our community. With over six years of experience as a preschool teacher in Mumbai, she is passionate about nurturing young learners academically, socially, and emotionally. Ms Sukhada holds a PGDECE in Early Childhood Education and a BA in Economics, and a TEFL diploma. Her dedication to inspiring curiosity and creativity in the classroom will be a wonderful addition to our team! She will be supporting the Kindergarten classes as Cross Class teacher.

Saint Martin's Parade - Thank You's

On behalf of the Early Years Division, a big thank you to our Head Parent Reps, Jutta and Aslihan, for organising another successful St. Martin's Parade. Families and children safely arrived at Possmann's, where they enjoyed delicious Weckmänner from Heidinger, along with hot apple juice and apple Glühwein generously donated by the Possmann family. Special thanks to all volunteers, helpers, and the Primary German Class for creating this year's St. Martin's video!

Reminder: Professional Development - MSF Closed

15th November, Friday, School Closed due to Teacher Professional Development

Student Photos - Check your Child's Dates

21st November, Thursday, classes: TRD, TRF, TRB, KGB / 22nd November, Friday, classes: KGL, KGT, KGF

Our cooperation photographer "Foto Wachendörfer" will be taking individual photos of students as well as class pictures. Please let your teacher know if you do not want your child to be part of the class photo. These photos will be used for internal purposes only and in this year's Yearbook.

Transition Street Safety Training & Parent Workshop

22nd November, Friday, 08:00-09:00, Secondary Commons

Frau Lechner and her team from the Frankfurt Police will share essential developmental milestones for children at the transition age, focusing on how parents can best support their child/ren in becoming safe, responsible, and attentive pedestrians.

[Sign up](#)

Next Early Years Team Meetings - Early Closure @ 15:30

25th November & 16th December, 27th January, Mondays; all dates in the

[Parent Event Overview 2024/2025](#)

Updated: [late pick up fee schedule](#)

Next EY Parent Rep Meeting

27th November, Wednesday, 08:45-09:30, Cafeteria

Reminder Winter Shows

10th December, Tuesday, 14:30

We cordially invite all parents to our annual Winter Show for Kindergarten and Transition.

[Winter Show Letter](#)

Registration for Winter Holiday Programme

Until 13th December, Friday

Please read the letter from Ms Reddig, our Holiday Programme Coordinator, and use the links below to register your child/ren for the Winter Holiday Programme.

[Information letter](#)

[KG Butterflies](#)

[KG Frogs](#)

[KG Ladybirds](#)

[KG Turtles](#)

[TR Bumblebees](#)

[TR Dragonflies](#)

[TR Fireflies](#)



Primary School

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

Message from Mr Wragg

‘Care Through Action’ is one of the goals of the Primary school. This means that we encourage the children, not just to learn something, but to do something with that new learning. This could be something very simple and personal, such as learning a more effective method for solving a mathematical problem and then applying that method to a different problem or learning about a literary device, such as metaphor, and then using this in their own writing. It can also be something profoundly important and globally significant, such as seeing another person in pain and going to help, noticing an inequity in the way a system functions and working to change this, or learning about an environmentally damaging practice and finding an alternative process. The message that we must do more than simply survive in situ is an important one. We want our students to be inspired to take action and believe that the actions that they take can truly make a positive difference to their lives, the lives of others and to our planet. We are delighted when a parent shares a story of how their child has come home and told them off for doing something harmful to the environment or asked their parent to go for a walk with them, as it is good for their health and well-being or asked to support a certain charity by doing a run or baking for a bake sale. Please keep sharing these stories with us and, when possible, do encourage your children to ‘Care Through Action’. In this bulletin you can see examples of two such actions, one by me (for which I would love your support) and one by a group of parents (that I wholeheartedly recommend you investigate and consider getting involved in).

Movember - ‘Care Through Action’

For many years now I have been taking action to support a charity called ‘Movember’. This charity started very simply, about 20 years ago, with a couple of friends sponsoring one another to grow a moustache through the month of November. They were inspired by a friend's mother who was fundraising for Breast Cancer research, they associated the moustache with the pink ribbon, but for men. They gave the money to an organisation that was researching Prostate Cancer. Since their humble beginnings the charity (their ‘Caring through Action’) has gone global and now raises over 100 million Euros annually, funding research and care for both men’s physical and mental health, saving thousands of lives every year.

The Mo growing has now diversified into hosting Mo Events or Moving for Movember. I choose the Moving option (as I already have a Mo). This year I am running 5km, every day of the month, come rain or shine. If you are interested in learning more about the charity, or supporting my action, please follow this link to my [MoSpace](#).

First Smart, Then Phone Parent Pact - ‘Care Through Action’

Below is more information about a valuable initiative that you as MSF parents can join. This is an idea that interested families make a pact (First Smart, Then Phone) for the well-being of children, encouraging a young life experience that is focused on real adventures, heart-to heart interactions and close relationships, minimising digital distractions.

[More information](#)

After School Clubs: Beginning of New Quarter

25th November, Monday

The first quarter ends on Friday, 22nd and the second quarter begins on Monday, 25th November.

Important reminder: If your child has a club and you need to take them to another appointment (so they can not go to the club on that day), you must inform either the class teacher or the school office. If you do not inform the school, we spend time searching the school for that student.

[Club List Grade 1-2](#) [Club List Grade 3-5](#)

Parent Representatives Meeting

Thank you to all Parent Reps who took time and participated in the meeting.

[Minutes](#)

Winter Shows: Ms Sibbitt informs

[Letter](#)

Student Absences and Doctor's Note

Kindly be reminded that student absences due to sickness must be reported to the school via toddle. A student who is unable to attend school due to sickness for 3 days or more needs to submit a doctor's note to the main office. If your child is going to be absent in advance, you are kindly requested to log it in the same way.

[Student absence request form](#)



Secondary School

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

Whole Secondary School

Parent ID Cards

Please register for your personal parent identification card. The first card is free of charge. Whilst you may not attend campus as much as you used to, you may attend school events, parent rep meetings or meet other parents in the school's cafeteria. This measure helps to grant a safe school environment by tracking who is moving on campus and for what purpose.

[More information and ID card registration here](#)

First Smart, Then Phone Parent Pact

Below is more information about a valuable initiative that you as MSF parents (specifically for our middle school families) can join. This is an idea that interested families make a pact (First Smart, Then Phone) for the well-being of children, encouraging a young life experience that is focused on real adventures, heart-to heart interactions and close relationships, minimising digital distractions.

[More information](#)

SEC Sem 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences

14th November, Thursday

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 - 8 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

School Closed: Teacher Training Day

15th November, Friday

Cards for Charles CAS Project

18th November, Monday - 13th December, Friday

G11 Catherine, Romila and Noam are selling Christmas cards for a Kenyan artist.

Every card you buy is a raffle entry, with the winners receiving a prize at the end of the semester! You can even buy a card anonymously for anyone else, and they will deliver it straight to them.

[Link to Buy Cards](#)

Me to We Club Secondary Bake Sale

21st November, Thursday, 15:30 – 16:30, Cafeteria

SEC Parent Reps Meeting

26th November, Thursday, 8:40 - 9:40, Cafeteria

The Spectrum - SEC Performance Evening

4th December, Wednesday, 18:00 - 20:00, Section 1 of the Sports Hall

Enticing mix of theatre and musical performances from groups and individuals across the secondary grades. Performances will be accompanied by a visual arts exhibition. G11 CAS students will be organising a bake sale during intermission. All MSF secondary students are encouraged to attend. "The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing and arithmetic. Music, dance, painting, and theatre are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment."

-William Bennett, Former US Secretary of Education

Winter party G6-G9 organised by Student Council

19th December, Thursday, 18:00 - 21.00, location tbc

Message from the Secondary Athletic Director Mr Kerr

The Secondary School Autumn sports season runs from 9th September until 22nd November 2024.

[Season Information](#)

The next (Winter Season) registrations are NOW OPEN.

[See here for sign-up details](#)

Maths Competitions 2024 - 2025

There are several maths competitions offered to MSF Secondary students throughout the year. Students do not need to be a part of the Competitive Math Club in order to participate in a maths competition.

[Schedule](#)

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

Message from the ALN Coordinator Ms Armaou

From UNESCO Child Rights Youth Foresight Report 2024: What does the future hold for children's rights? How do children and young people envision the future of their education, health, work, privacy, security, technology and the environment? Twelve Youth Foresight Fellows embarked on an intensive journey to seek answers directly from more than 800 children and young people in over 50 workshops held across 12 countries. The Fellows used foresight tools and their knowledge and skills in children's rights and advocacy to design and lead national projects. The case studies presented in this report offer valuable considerations on the future of children's rights over the next 10 to 25 years. The youth-led foresight processes present findings that include implications for the national contexts, considerations for emerging issues and recommendations by children and young people to proactively address threats and leverage opportunities.

[Child Rights Youth Foresight Report 2024](#) [Video](#)

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

G10: IGCSE info evening

21st November, Thursday, 16:00 – 17:30, Commons

G9 parents are also welcome.

Babysitting courses on campus

23rd November, Saturday

MSF is happy to be able to offer student babysitting training, in English and on campus, from [Erste Hilfe Kurs](#) for our G9-12 students. Would you like to have your child attend either a short course (weekday date TBC) or full day long course?

[Registration form](#)

G10 Bake Sale

27th November, Wednesday, 15:00 - 16:00

IB / IGCSE Language B Oral Mocks

9th December, Monday - 18th December, Wednesday

Useful Links

[Uni Guidance](#)

[Guide for IB Acknowledgment](#)

[IB late work guidelines](#)

[Academic Integrity for IA](#)



Regarding MSF

- **School Website:** www.m-school.de
- **Login for the Parent Zone** (password: *community25*)
- **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](#).
- **Toddle Guide:** [Family walkthrough on web](#), [Family app walkthrough](#), [Attendance on the app for families](#), [Attendance on the web for families](#)
- **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/9tbGt988KT8wNnq7>
- **Personal Parent ID Card:** [More information and ID card registration here](#)

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](#).

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](#).