

MSF Bulletin: 30th January 2025

Whole School Announcements

General Information

Save The Date: Night of the Arts 2025

26th February, Wednesday, 16:00-20:00

We look forward to welcoming our community to our annual Night of the Arts celebration! More information to follow.

Ready to Talk About Your Profession? MSF Job Night

12th March, Wednesday, 16:00-18:00

Our annual MSF Job Night takes place soon and we are looking for community members to share information about their profession with our G10 and 11 students. We are hoping for a broad range of careers to highlight the many different opportunities available to our students once they graduate.

To volunteer please contact [Mrs Smith](#)

Introducing MSF Academy

For years, we've been expanding the horizons of our MSF community by hosting inspiring speakers on essential and timely topics for parents—covering everything from addiction prevention and learning support to nutrition and sexual education. To make these valuable resources even more accessible and convenient, we're introducing MSF Academy—a dedicated learning hub designed to support parents across the entire Frankfurt region. Our events remain completely free for MSF parents, and you're always welcome to bring a friend at no cost! For the wider community, these sessions will be available with an entrance fee. Stay tuned for upcoming events!

[Suggest a topic/speaker](#)

Nurse Brinkmann Informs

[Winter Letter](#)

Study on self-care among mothers of children up to 13 years

Please support Early Years Transition teacher Ms Batan who is writing a thesis on the topic of self-care and its impact on the daily lives of mothers as part of her Master's programme in Clinical Psychology and Empowerment. The focus of this study is how self-care influences mothers' lives – whether in their personal well-being, their interactions with children, their ability to manage stress, or their partnerships. Your participation would greatly help to better understand and scientifically analyze this important topic.

[Survey](#)



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

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

Over the course of the next few months, we invite parents and guardians to join us for our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences, where you, your child, and their teachers come together as partners in learning. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, explore their progress, and collaboratively set goals for the future.

Aligned with our strategic pillar "*PROGRAMME*", we aim to nurture meaningful partnerships that expand learning beyond the classroom. By engaging in these conversations, you directly contribute to your child's journey of discovery, creativity, and growth. In discussion with you, we can explore how, together, we can enhance your child's academic and personal development in and outside of the classroom. In order to attend, please sign up through the Toddle message you have received by your child's teachers.

EY Parent Rep Meeting Minutes

You can find information regarding Strategic Planning, feedback about the Winter Show and Transition to Grade 1 events (e.g. Street Safety Training on 31st January). The next meeting will be held on 19th February 2025. Please read the minutes [here](#).

Primary School Presentation for Parents Considering Grade 1

For further questions regarding transitioning into Primary School, please contact our Admissions Manager [Mrs Kroll](#). Please find Mr Wragg's presentation [here](#).

Reminder: Educational Yoga by Train with Brain

There are a few spaces left - You can register through the form shared in the flyer: [Flyer MSF Yoga](#)

Book Week

10-14th February, Monday to Friday

We are excited about our upcoming book week! This year, parents are invited to come and read a story to their child's class in any language. Please find your child's class below to sign up. If a time does not work for you, please contact your child's teachers.

[Schedule of Events](#)

[KGL](#)

[KGF](#)

[KGT](#)

[KGB](#)

[TRD](#)

[TRF](#)

[TRB](#)

Night of the Arts - Whole School Community Event

26th February, Wednesday, starting @ 16:00

Join us for an evening celebrating the creative and performing arts from Kindergarten to Grade 12! Early Years children taking lessons may sign up for a stage performance if they feel comfortable. Due to the high number of performances, each child may perform one song. For questions, please contact [Ms Rippinger](#).

Please sign up [here](#).

Fasching Holiday Programme - Registration Open

3rd-5th March, Monday to Wednesday

Please sign up through the links below and carefully read the [Holiday Programme Registration Letter](#)

[KGL](#)

[KGF](#)

[KGT](#)

[KGB](#)

[TRD](#)

[TRF](#)

[TRB](#)



Primary School

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Message from Mr Wragg

At the beginning of this school year, we asked that all parents sign the school's Digital citizenship agreement and I am delighted to say that nearly all families did this. In this document we describe a responsible digital citizen as someone who behaves lawfully, protects their privacy and manages their digital reputation, thinks about how their online activities might affect self and others, does not act in a way that could cause harm, seeks advice or help if they encounter upsetting or confusing content online and takes action if they experience or are aware of others behaving irresponsibly. We also asked that parents pay attention to age restrictions on tv shows, movies, games and apps. As we start the new year I would like to remind everyone about this, as it is easy to become complacent when life is busy. One thing I have noticed myself is that trailers that pop up automatically on apps like Netflix and Prime, as you scroll over the content and quite often these trailers contain inappropriate content for young children (many of the students are playing Red Light/Green light in the playground, inspired by one such trailer). Most of these apps allow you to set up a child account, then these shows will not pop up, even as an advertisement. A couple more bits of advice that we have given before, but are worth a reminder: do not allow your children to have phones or tablets in their rooms at night, have a charging point in another spot in the house or apartment (use an alarm clock not a phone, etc), put strict limits on screen time and do not compromise, check your child's search or activity history regularly and do not be swayed by the 'but all my friends are playing/using/doing this' argument - your house, your rules!

After School Clubs- 3rd and 4th Quarter

The 2nd quarter of After School Clubs ends on 7th February 2025 and below are the dates for the 3rd and 4th quarter:

3rd Quarter: 10th February 2025 until 25th April 2025

4th Quarter: 5th May 2025 until 4th July 2025

Book Week

10th - 14th February

We are excited to announce that our Book Week will be on the week beginning 10th February 2025. We are looking forward to a week that celebrates reading! Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to read a book to their child's class, the response has been amazing. The closing date for the Wooden Spoon Book Characters (to make a display during our book week assembly of book [characters](#)) is Wednesday 5th Feb and they should be delivered to the primary library.

[Schedule of Events](#)

NEW: Robotic Courses by Robot & Friends

10th February - 4th July, Grades 1-3, 15:30-17:00

We are pleased to announce that Robot and Friends will offer Robotic Courses at MSF after school as of next quarter. The cost per child for the 16 weeks is at € 484,25.

Grades 1-2 on Thursdays

Grade 3 on Mondays

[Detailed information](#)

[Website](#)

Sign up via [email](#)

Full Copy Report Request Semester 1

14th February, Friday

Each student in Primary will receive a summarised paper copy of their semester 1 report. Your child's full report card can be viewed and downloaded from Toddle from 14th February onwards. In a bid to be more environmentally friendly, MSF no longer prints full reports for students unless requested by parents. If you would like to receive a paper copy of your child's full semester 1 school report please complete the form by Friday, 7th February. The requested paper copies will be sent home on 14th February.

Complete [the form](#)

Carnival Break Camps

4th - 7th March, 9:00-16:00

[Sports Camp by Train With Brain](#)

[Movement Camp by Outdoor Kids](#)

Night of the Arts

26th February, Wednesday 16:00- 20:00, SEC building

The Night of the Arts is a whole school event showcasing the many artistic and creative talents of our students from Early Years to our IB Diploma students. The evening will showcase performances by our Primary Choirs, *Finding Nemo Jr.*, the Dance Club, and several invited soloists. Should you wish to sign up your child for After School Care until 16:30, 21st Feb is the deadline to register [here](#).

Reporting Infectious Diseases on Toddle

We have noticed a significant increase in student absences due to cold and flu. As we approach the peak of flu season, it is crucial that we work together to keep our school community healthy and safe. We would like to thank all primary school parents for reporting infectious diseases on Toddle, please continue to report this when your doctor has confirmed an infectious illness for your child. More details can be found from our school nurse [letter](#).

Important Links and Forms

[Parent and Student Handbook](#)

[Primary Students Leave of Absence form](#)

[Field Trip Permission Slip](#)

[Tutoring Request Form](#)



Secondary School

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

Whole Secondary School

IGCSE Registration Check

Gr 10 Parents can expect an IGCSE subject registration document to be sent home with students to check next week. Please sign the document and return it to school as soon as possible.

Middle School Matters Parent Workshops

25th February, Tuesday / 25th March, Tuesday / 22nd May, Thursday / 26th June, Thursday, 08:30

Secondary will host a 4 part series based on the book Middle School Matters by Phyllis and Fagell. All Grade 5 and Secondary parents are welcome.

25th February: Values and Integrity

25th March: Social Skills

22nd May: Learning

26th June: Empowerment and resilience

Topics covered: see [overview](#)

SEC PE Shirts

[Click here for more information](#)

Message from the Secondary Athletic Director Mr Kerr

Reminder: The Secondary School Winter sports season runs from 13th January until 28th March 2025.

UPDATE: Semester 1 Report Cards

The semester 1 report cards will be issued on 14th February, Friday (date has been moved, previously 7th February).

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](#)

Managebac App Help

For those parents new to Managebac and the parent app, Mrs Francis can offer short training sessions using the app, virtually or in person. Please email francis@msf.education to arrange a time that suits you.

Student Teachers

27th January - 14th February

The trainee teachers Bas Nuyts and Tijn van der Kooi from NHL Stenden have joined the Humanities Department / History to complete the teaching practice requirements of their degree in International Teacher Education for Secondary Schools.

Find more information [here](#)

Sport Trainer Certification

Certificate in sport training from Sportjugend Hessen: Courses [here](#)

Student sports assistant courses [here](#)

Sports-themed gap year through the Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr (FSJ): [here](#).

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

G6 - 8 Class Parent Representatives Q&A with Mrs Katell Dodd dated 15th January

[Minutes](#)

G6 - 8 MAP testing

20th January, Monday - 31st January, Friday

[Schedule](#)

G7 Bake Sale

12th February, Wednesday, 15:00 - 16:00 at the Cafeteria

Message from the ALN Coordinator Ms Armaou

Adolescence is a time of great transition, from brain and body changes to how a young person relates to the world. Positive adult-child relationships and mental health support are key. Adolescence has been likened to a cocoon. Why doesn't a caterpillar become a butterfly overnight? Something essential happens during its chrysalis stage in the cocoon. So, too, is the stage of adolescence. It's a crucial time for developing cognitive, social, and emotional skills essential for well-being in adulthood. It can also be a time of confusion, anxiety, and anticipation. Understanding what to expect at different stages can help parents, guardians, and caregivers support their teens and promote healthy development. An interesting scientific read for parents:

<https://psychcentral.com/health/psychology-of-teenagers-101>

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

G9-10 Parent Rep Q&A with Katell Dodd dated 16th January

[Minutes](#)

G11-12 Parent Rep Q&A with Katell Dodd and Gap Year Information with Karen Smith and Marcel König dated 17th January

[Minutes](#)

[Gap Year Presentation](#) by University Guidance Counsellor Mrs Karen Smith

[Gap Year in Germany Presentation](#) by German teacher Mr Marcel König

[Gap Year in Germany FAQ sheet](#) by German teacher Mr Marcel König

G9 and 11 Semester 1 Exams and G12 Pamoja Exams

27th January, Monday - 31st January, Friday

[Schedule](#)

G10 Work Experience 2024/2025

9th - 20th June

For information please see [here](#).

Information on Studying in Germany

The IB Diploma offers the opportunity to continue the academic career in Germany. Enclosed you will find a range of information on recognition, study programmes in English, gap year and scholarships:

[IB Diploma Recognition](#)

[Study Programs in Germany](#)

[Gap Year in Germany](#)

[Gap Year FAQ](#)

[Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Useful Links

[Uni Guidance](#)

[Guide for IB Acknowledgment](#)

[IB late work guidelines](#)

[Academic Integrity for IA](#)



General Information

Regarding MSF

- **School Website:** www.m-school.de
- **Login for the Parent Zone** (password: *community25*)
- **School Calendar 2024-2026:** 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/9tbGmt988KT8wNnq7>
- **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](#).

Trained Babysitters

A number of students from G9-G12 are officially trained in babysitting first aid from Erste Hilfe. Contact [Mrs Francis](#) or the [babysitting club](#) for a babysitter.

Taxi Bus: new offers following survey feedback

Thank you for your feedback on the taxi bus service in the parent survey. We are pleased to introduce 2 additional companies that could offer shuttle services to MSF for you.

1. [SC Reisen](#). door to door service in 4 Zones please find [here](#) further information and a [form to express your interest](#).
2. DtoD Fahrdienst (Korean community travel firm), please contact [Mr Yang](#) if interested in this service
3. Taxibus Reich Hamburger also offers a door to door service. Please contact them [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](#).