

MSF Bulletin: 13th February 2025

Whole School Announcements

General Information

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 details and information is in this [letter](#).

Save the Date: Friends of MSF Pub Quiz

10th March, O'Reilly's Irish Pub, Am Hauptbahnhof 4, 19:00

Kindly register before 28th February by sending an email to friendsofmsf@msf.education
[Flyer](#)

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](#)

MSF Academy: Interests Survey

MSF Academy aims to support parent learning. Help us tailor the content to your needs:

[Suggest a topic/speaker for parents](#)

Mandarin Club: Can you help?

Are you able to offer an after school Mandarin club? We are looking for someone who could offer a club to mother-tongue and beginner students, as well as Primary and Secondary level.

To teach please contact [Tara Francis](#)

To apply for your child please fill in the [expression of interest form](#)

Anxious Generation Webinar

Recently, Jonathan Haidt held a virtual talk to international schools. You may be interested in hearing more from him about his book, the Anxious Generation. His presentation is 35 minutes, followed by Q&A, and is well worth the listen [here](#).



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

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

Night of the Arts is just around the corner! On 26th February, our school will come alive with music, movement, and visual art, showcasing the creative talents from Kindergarten to Grade 12. From singing and instrumental performances to dance and drawing, this event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the arts and the courage it takes to share one's creativity with an audience. In our inquiry-based arts curriculum, children explore self-expression, develop confidence, and take creative risks—whether through music, movement, or visual storytelling. Night of the Arts is a chance to see this learning in action and to recognise the hard work and passion of our young artists. The evening will begin at 16:00 with a welcome speech, followed by opportunities to mingle and enjoy the displayed artwork throughout the Secondary Commons. Performances will take place in the Secondary Library and the Sports Hall. This whole-school event is thoughtfully coordinated by our dedicated Music and Arts teachers, and we are incredibly grateful for their efforts in bringing our community together to celebrate creativity. If your child takes lessons and would like to perform, the sign-up is available below. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

Tell us what you think about... extra-curricular activities in Early Years!

Every month we ask you to give us quick feedback on a certain topic or service at MSF. In February, we ask you to evaluate our extra-curricular programme.

Please [answer these 5 questions](#)

Toddle

Please submit all excusals for absences of children via Toddle to make the administrative processes easier for the main office.

Please also remember to change the dates should your child be absent for longer than originally submitted, e.g. when a sickness or holiday is longer than planned. Any further questions regarding Toddle - please email the [office team](#).

EY Parent Rep Meeting

19th February, Wednesday, 08:45-09:30

Please email any items to your class parent representatives or Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler.

Extra-Curricular: Train with Brain Soccer Crash Course

21st February - 27th June

Please feel free to sign up your child for this great extra-curricular offer from our cooperation partner Train with Brain. [Sign up](#)

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

24th February, 31st March & 28th April, Mondays; all dates in the:

[Parent Event Overview 2024/2025](#)

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

Reminder Night of the Arts Sign up - 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. The sign up will be closing on Friday, 14th February - last chance to sign up [here](#).

Reminder 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](#)

Reminder: MSF Academy - Early Years Sex Education Curriculum

17th March @ 12:15-13:00 (online) & 28th April @ 08:45-09:45 (at MSF), Mondays

Join our online discussion on gender-sensitive education and our sex education curriculum. We'll provide an overview of German Kindergarten requirements, share insights into the MSF curriculum, and gather your input. All Early Years families are welcome! You're also invited to a follow-up onsite session to review feedback together. We look forward to your participation! Sign up [here](#).



Primary School

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

Message from Mr Wragg

This week is Book Week in MSF Primary. There have been some great activities, with a real focus on reading and the power of literature. The students have been participating in daily 'drop everything and read' sessions and on Wednesday, each class was visited by Josh Lacey, an accomplished children's author from the UK, who talked to them about his writing process and the way he develops ideas for his books. The children were inspired and he was very impressed by the insightful and intelligent questions that our students, from Grade 1-5, asked him. We have had a huge number of guest readers come into school and we would like to thank all the parents who volunteered, your children are always so proud when you do something with them in school! We have our book-swap taking place today and throughout the week we have had a Wooden Spoon Character creation activity and the results are stunning! To finish the week, all our students and teachers will be dressing up as their favourite book characters on Friday and will take part in a parade during assembly. We will also have the reveal of our Masked Readers, something that the students are very excited about. A big shout out to both our Librarians, Mrs Wragg and Ms Weaver for organising such a varied and inspiring week.

Tell us what you think about... clubs in Primary!

Every month we would like to ask for your feedback on different topics or services at MSF. In February, the focus is our extra-curricular programme.

Please take a few minutes to [answer these 5 questions](#)

Night of the Arts

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

Deadline for After School Care Sign Up: 21st February, Friday

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.

[Registration After School Care Sign Up \(until 16:30\)](#)

Carnival Break Camps

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

[Sports Camp by Train With Brain](#)

[Movement Camp by Outdoor Kids](#)

Parent Reps Meeting

Next Meeting: 12th March, Wednesday, 08:35

Thank you Parent Reps for coming to the last meeting. Here are previous [meeting minutes](#).

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

Semester 1 Report Cards will be issued

14th February, Friday

SEC Parent Rep Meeting

20th February, Thursday, 8:40 - 9:40, Cafeteria

Tell us what you think about... clubs and athletics in Secondary!

Every month we ask you to give us quick feedback on a certain topic or service at MSF. In February, we ask you to evaluate our extra-curricular programme.

Please [answer these 5 questions](#)

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

The Secondary School Winter sports season runs until 28th March 2025.

18th February, Tuesday, 14:00 - 20:00 @MSF

Middle School Basketball Tournament

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.

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

G6 Charity Bake Sale

26th February, Wednesday, 15:00 - 16:00, Cafeteria

Message from the ALN Coordinator Ms Armaou

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to address some of the biggest challenges in education today, innovate teaching and learning practices, and accelerate progress towards SDG 4. However, rapid technological developments inevitably bring multiple risks and challenges, which have so far outpaced policy debates and regulatory frameworks. UNESCO is committed to supporting Member States to harness the potential of AI technologies for achieving the Education 2030 Agenda, while ensuring that its application in educational contexts is guided by the core principles of inclusion and equity. UNESCO's mandate calls inherently for a human-centred approach to AI. It aims to shift the conversation to include AI's role in addressing current inequalities regarding access to knowledge, research and the diversity of cultural expressions and to ensure AI does not widen the technological divides within and between countries. The promise of "AI for all" must be that everyone can take advantage of the technological revolution under way and access its fruits, notably in terms of innovation and knowledge.

Read here: [UNESCO's call for a human-centred approach to AI](#)

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

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](#)
- **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](#).