

MSF Bulletin: 12th February 2026



Whole School Announcements

General Information

On Campus Safety: Please Use Your Parent ID Cards

Unfortunately, we have noticed a significant decline in the proper use of Parent ID cards. We therefore kindly but urgently ask you to wear your personal Parent ID card visibly around your neck at all times before entering the campus. For the safety of our students, we thank you for your cooperation.

Survey: Parents of Children with ADHD or Autism

Please support Early Years teacher Mrs Batan in her Master's thesis in Clinical Psychology by completing a 15-minute anonymous online survey. She is seeking parents of children with ADHD or autism (including suspected cases) to share their experiences confidentially. Participation is voluntary and anonymous. [Link to survey](#)

Friends of MSF Coffee Morning: Chinese & Korean New Year

27th February, Friday, 08:45–09:45, Cafeteria

At this Coffee Morning we will explore Chinese and Korean New Year traditions and their cultural meanings, while also highlighting 2026 as the Year of the Horse. MSF parents will offer insights into Chinese and Korean New Year customs, share personal traditions, and introduce typical symbols and celebrations connected to the holiday. Everyone is welcome — no registration required. Feel free to stop by, join the conversation, and enjoy a friendly start to the day with our community.

Friends of MSF Sushi Workshop: "Let's roll it together"

28th February, Saturday, 14:00-17:00

Parents and staff members are cordially invited to dive into the world of sushi. Learn the art of rolling, discover delicious ingredients, and most importantly, have a lot of fun! Participation fee: €30 per person, €25 for Friends Members.

Join us – we can't wait! Register [here](#)

Night of the Arts - Save the Date

11th March, Wednesday, 16:00-20:00

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

Call for Volunteers: MSF Job Information Night

15th April, Wednesday, from 16:30

We are excited to invite parents to participate in our upcoming Job Information Night. This event is a vital opportunity for our Grade 10, 11, and 12 students to explore diverse career pathways and gain firsthand insights from professionals within our own community. We are looking for parent volunteers from various professional backgrounds to speak with students about their careers. The exact starting time between 16:30 and 18:00 will be announced shortly.

If you are interested in sharing your experience and inspiring the next generation, please contact [Karen Smith](#) by 15th March.



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

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

As we move from February into March, our Early Years journey continues to celebrate the richness of identity in all its forms. From the colourful costumes of Fasching, where children express themselves through imagination and cultural tradition, to the inspiring stories of Black History Month, where we honour heritage and resilience, children begin to deepen their understanding of diversity and inclusion. As Easter time approaches, we look forward to welcoming the Easter Bunny and enjoying a joyful treasure hunt! Alongside the fun, we gently introduce themes of renewal, hope, and different beliefs, encouraging children to notice both similarities and differences in how families celebrate. Through storytelling, music, creativity, and play, we create spaces where every child's background is valued and visible. These shared moments invite children to reflect on who they are, where they come from, and how they connect with others - supporting a strong, positive sense of identity within our international community.

Reminder: Fasching Holiday Programme (for registered EY children)

16th - 18th February, Monday to Wednesday

Reminder: Teacher Training Days - MSF Closed

19th - 20th February, Thursday to Friday

Upcoming Early Years Team Meetings

23rd February, 23rd March, 27th April, 18th May, Mondays

Please be aware that parents will be charged a late pick up fee should they not pick up their child by 15:30. If parents find it difficult to make arrangements for an early pick up. Markus Heinz from Train with Brain will continue to provide after school care service from 15:30-16:30 on these days for those who need it. See his [Info Flyer](#). Registration via [email](#).

Transition Street Safety Training

27th February & 20th March, Fridays

In February, Frau Lechner and her team from the Frankfurt Police Department will visit our Transition classes to support the children in practicing street safety in preparation for Grade 1. Then, in March, the children will take part in a practical street safety assessment led by the police. Following the assessment, each child will receive a Schulwegepass (Safe Route to School Certificate), along with individualised feedback for their families.

Black History Month (led by Ms Brenda Ketu & members of the MSF Community)

2nd - 6th March, Monday-Friday

This week, our kindergarten classes are celebrating Black History Month. Through stories, art, music, and play, children are learning about different cultures, countries, and the importance of kindness, respect, and belonging. By exploring the beauty of our diversity, we help children understand that while we may look different or come from different places, we are stronger together. Celebrating Black History Month supports children in developing empathy, pride in identity, and an early appreciation for the many cultures that make up our school community. As author and activist Maya Angelou beautifully said: "We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value, no matter their color." We are proud to celebrate a month that reminds us that we are more alike than we are unlike, and that our differences make our community brighter and stronger. Anyone interested in supporting this initiative should please email [Ms Brenda](#). Ms Brenda has created this [resource bank](#) for families and educators to start age appropriate discussions about the topic.

Extra-curricular Activities: Swimming with Train with Brain

From 2nd - 16th March, Tuesdays & Thursdays, KG & TR, 15:00-16:15

[Info Flyer](#)

Next EY Parent Rep Meeting

4th March, Wednesday

Please share any items with your parent reps or Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler.

Save the Date: Night of the Arts - MSF Community Whole School Event

11th March, Wednesday, 16:00-20:00

All families cordially invited. Please see the Toddle message from Ms Rippinger & the organising team for more information!

Extra-curricular Activities: Educational Yoga with Train with Brain

From 15th April - 17th June, KG & TR, 15:15-15:45 & 16:00-16:30

[Info Flyer](#)

MSF Babysitters

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Primary School

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

Message from Mr Wragg

This weekend, in Frankfurt, on Sunday, February 15, thousands of people will gather for the grand 'Carnival' parade. The festivities kick off at 11:00 a.m. with the "Pre-Parade Party" at the Römer. The main Carnival parade then starts at 12:21 p.m. at the Westhafen (West Harbor) and proceeds through the city center to the Römerberg. There are also smaller parades happening throughout the region in villages and towns. A variety of customs and traditions are associated with Carnival celebrations in the German-speaking countries of Germany, Switzerland and Austria. They can vary considerably from country to country, but also from one small region to another. This is reflected in the various names given to these festivities occurring before Lent, which include: Fasching, Fas(t)nacht, Fassenacht, Fasnet and Fasnacht. Rooted in Catholic tradition, it is the last major celebration before the restriction of Lent.

To acknowledge this tradition, we will have a Carnival parade during assembly on Friday and students are invited to dress up. Any fancy dress is fine as long as it is not scary for the younger students, or representative of TV shows or movies that are not age appropriate. The students can come to school on Friday in their costumes.

Cafeteria Information

As we wait for our second cafeteria to open, which is now due in March, we continue to refine our lunch service and react to feedback to improve this. We have updated our salad offerings. Besides the already available pre-made salads, which include ingredients based on green salad, cucumber, tomatoes, and carrots, we have now added the option for students to choose up to four toppings from a selection of their favorites, such as cheese, tuna, olives, and corn. We have sped up our room change over and serving process, so students always have at least 10 minutes sitting down with their food. Despite some feedback about portion sizes, there are always plenty of carbohydrate options available, such as rice, pasta, or bread. We serve even more per person than the German Nutrition Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ernährung) recommendations, ensuring that students can always ask for additional servings, as needed. Finally, we have reduced the volume of the room, so communication is less strained between those serving the food and the students asking for specific things. If you would like to ask any questions about the lunch service, or make any suggestions, Ms Mailka Cade (our Catering Manager) will come to the next Primary Parent Reps meeting on February 25th at 8.40am to present information about the service and introduce the new cafeteria plans.

Semester 1 Reports

Tomorrow, 13th February

Your child's full report will be available to view and download on Toddle from 13th February at 3.40pm. To support MSF's environmental commitment, full reports are shared digitally. For families that requested paper copies, these will be sent home with students on 13th February.

Sports Camp on Campus by Outdoor Kids during Carnival Break

16th-20th February, Monday-Friday, 08:00-16:00, Sports Hall

If you wish to sign up please use this [link](#).

Sick Notes

Primary students will no longer be required to provide a sick note from a doctor for absences shorter than 5 days.

Parent Representatives Meeting

25th February, Wednesday, 08:40-09:40, Cafeteria

Kindly submit any agenda items before the next meeting via this [form](#). Please note: The parent rep meeting date in June has been changed to 17th June.

New G1-4 Swimming Course by Train with Brain

3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th March 15:30-17:30, Possmann's Swimming Pool

[Info Flyer](#)

Spring Break Camps

STEM Robotics: 30th March -3rd April 2026, 09:30-15:30

We are excited to announce that MSF is offering a STEM Robotics Camp which features a variety of engaging, hands-on projects where children can explore robotics, circuits, and engineering.

[Info Flyer Registration](#)

Outdoor Play

Please make sure your child has a rainproof jacket as students will play outside unless the rain is very heavy.

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Important Links, Forms and Reminders

Please make sure to record an excusal in Toddle, if your child is unable to attend their after school club activity.

[Parent and Student Handbook](#)

[Primary Students Leave of Absence form](#)

[Field Trip Permission Slip](#)

[Head Lice & Fever](#)

[General Data Protection Regulation Permission 2025-2026](#)

[Responsible Digital Citizenship Use Form](#)



Secondary School



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

Whole Secondary School

Message from Assistant Principal Mrs Krueger

As we conclude a successful first semester, we would like to recognise the commitment and progress shown by our students. Academic reports will be shared with students tomorrow. We encourage parents to take time to review these reports together in a supportive and constructive way. When discussing results, focusing on effort and progress rather than grades alone can help students take ownership of their learning. Where concerns arise, open and calm conversations that invite students to reflect on challenges and identify solutions are often most effective. Encouraging students to ask questions, seek support when needed, and set realistic goals for the next semester helps build confidence, resilience, and independence. Strong parent-child relationships, built on trust, encouragement, and clear expectations, play a key role in helping students move forward positively and purposefully. We wish you a pleasant Fasching break and look forward to the Semester ahead.

Secondary Office Communication

Please ensure that all communication with the Secondary Office is sent directly to **secoffice@msf.education**.

CAS and Clubs Fair

24th February, Tuesday, during Secondary Assembly

CAS students will display and present their Creativity, Activity and Service projects they have been working on so far. In addition, teachers and students who will be running Clubs in the 2nd Semester will showcase what is available to all students. We are hoping many students will sign up!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

25th February, Wednesday - **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:

08:30 – 10:30: Family Name O – Z

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00: Family Name H – N

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch provided by MSF in Staff Room

14:00 – 16:00: Family Name A – G

Frankfurt English Speaking Theatre

Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest" is happening next month at Frankfurt English Speaking Theatre. The English department highly encourages MSF families to check out the performance if they are interested. [More information](#)

From the Secondary Athletic Director Mr Kerr

Winter Sports are here!

Our Boys Basketball Teams have continued their season with WINS and are currently undefeated!

[See here for current Basketball Fixtures](#)

From the IBDP Coordinator Ms. Mann

Please find linked slides from the IBDP Information Evening, along with the course selection form and the IBDP handbook. The completed course selection form (also distributed to students) should be returned by Friday, 27th February.

[Parent Information Slides](#) [Course Selection Document](#) [IBDP Handbook](#)

Maths Competitions 2025-2026

Please review the schedule of [Upcoming Math Competitions](#).

The schedule should be accessible to parents, but each competition's registration link in the document is only accessible through the student's MSF email account.

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

Message from the ALN Coordinator Ms Armaou

ADHD Parent Workshop Series

18th February-25th March, Wednesdays, 13:00-14:00 CET

This 5-week program runs once a week, with 1-hour sessions. It supports parents in understanding their children's brains, reducing friction at home and school, and building regulation and executive functioning skills. Session overview:

Session 1 (18 Feb): Understanding the ADHD brain, common strengths and challenges, and small adjustments for smoother mornings and transitions.

Session 2 (25 Feb): Executive functioning—how to build skills and supports for transitions, homework, and challenging tasks.

Session 3 (4 Mar): Improving motivation and behavior through collaborative problem-solving and engagement strategies.

Session 4 (11 Mar): Navigating school supports, understanding EF's impact on math and writing, and academic strategies.

Session 5 (25 Mar): Group consultation focused on parent questions and current challenges.

[Sign up](#)

Grade 8 Cambridge Checkpoint Update

Following recent changes to the global Cambridge assessment calendar, we have been allocated set exam dates by Cambridge.

The English assessment will take place on **12th May**, followed by Mathematics on **19th May**, and Science on **21st May**. As these are diagnostic assessments of cumulative knowledge, preparation is an ongoing process already well underway in the classroom.

Further details explaining the purpose of G8 Checkpoints and the transition to the IGCSE programme in Grade 9 will be shared during a Parent Information Evening in Semester 2. The dates for the evening will be shared in the bulletin.

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

Cambridge IGCSE Parent Updates (G10)

The **updated** IGCSE exam timetable is available in the [Grade 10 IGCSE Handbook](#). Please delete any previously downloaded or printed copies; the change made to Cambridge IGCSE First Language English is highlighted in orange.

Curriculum inquiries can be directed to [Mr M. Smith](#).

Class of 2026

NEW - [IBDP exam dates](#) (Mock schedule and IBDP final schedule to follow in 2026)

[University Application Deadlines](#)

[IA Calendar](#)

[Mock, Graduation and Prom dates](#)

G11 - Class of 2027 Secondhand Book List

[Link](#)

Useful Links

[Uni Guidance](#)

[Guide for IB Acknowledgment](#)

[IB late work guidelines](#)

[Academic Integrity for IA](#)

[Online Chemistry Tutoring](#)

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](#)



General Information

Regarding MSF

- **School Website:** www.m-school.de
- **Login for the Parent Zone** (password: *community25*)
- **School Calendar 2025-2026:** 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](#)
- **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. Please fill in this [form](#).
- **Personal Parent ID Card:** For student safety, all parents and authorised guardians must wear a Parent ID Card to access the campus. If you forget your card, please get a visitor sticker from the office. Other family members or pick-up persons without a Parent ID Card must also have a submitted pick-up authorisation. Please [register here](#). [Parent ID Card Information Letter](#)
- **Personal and Family Information Update:** If you wish to update your current personal and family information on file please do so by filling out this [form](#).

Other Information

Information from the nurse

We can all help prevent the spread of infectious diseases through early recognition and action. Sick students put staff and peers at risk, especially those who are immuno-compromised or pregnant. Parents are responsible for keeping sick children at home and reporting infectious cases to the school office. Students suspected of having an infectious disease must be seen by a doctor for proper diagnosis. A list of common notifiable diseases and further information can be found [here](#).

Do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **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](#).

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Need help at home?

Notmütterdienst e.V. Frankfurt is a non-profit organization providing reliable, flexible support in childcare, elderly care, household help, and corporate family services tailored to individual needs. View info brochure [here](#).

Taxi Bus

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. Taxibus Reich Hamburger also offers a door to door service. Please contact them [here](#).

Events in and around Frankfurt

Interesting websites:

- [Events4family](#)
- [Visitfrankfurt](#)
- [Kindaling](#)
- [Taunus4family](#)
- [Kuckuck-Magazin](#)
- [Frankfurt mit Kids](#)
- [Kinderkultur Frankfurt](#)
- [Papageno Kids Theatre](#)
- [Detective Birthday with GPS devices in Grüneburgpark \(Grades 3–6, in German\)](#)

Important Information for all drivers

1. Parking in the MSF Car Park – Reserved Teacher Parking

Parents must not park in any signposted teacher parking spaces. These spaces are privately rented, and our staff rely on them being available for work. Cars parked in these reserved spaces will be clamped, as locating the owner causes delays for teachers and disrupts classes. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the car park safe and ensuring smooth daily operations for everyone.

2. Eschborner Landstrasse

Please do not stop in the middle of the road to let your child out on Eschborner Landstrasse - please pull into the stop and drop zone, into a parking space or make use of the MSF parking lot. Stopping in the middle of the street is dangerous and disrupts the traffic flow in the mornings. Such traffic violations may also result in a fine from the Ordnungsamt. Thank you for helping keep all our community safe in the mornings.

3. Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please never stop or park on the private property of **SEGRO Park Frankfurt City, Gaugrafenstraße 20–24**. Parking on this private property causes obstructions, damage, and increased accident risks. For the safety of all children and respectful coexistence, please avoid these areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

Crossing Guard Duty Volunteers

We welcome back our helpful crossing guard volunteers and encourage other parents to join in. It's a cheerful start to your day and you get to enjoy a coffee afterwards on MSF. Further training will be available this semester for new families, please sign up [here](#). Returning volunteers, please sign up for a slot [here](#).