

MSF Bulletin: 1st October 2026

Whole School Announcements

RAINED OFF: One Last Taste of Summer - Join Us on Friday Morning for Breakfast Instead

2nd October, Friday, 08:30-10:00, Nova cafeteria

Unfortunately, the weather has other plans for our rooftop last taste of summer wine & bites evening, so we'll need to postpone our gathering. But we'd still love the opportunity to get together! Instead, we warmly invite you to join our Parent Rep Weekly Coffee Morning on Friday morning, with a little something extra from us.

School Nurse Team

We are pleased to announce that our medical student, Kayleigh Wessels, will be receiving additional support. Ms. Amira Hassan, who has a medical license to practice in Egypt, already joined us yesterday. She will be supporting the children with all medical matters four days a week, from 8:00 to 16:00. Due to her studies, Ms. Wessels will continue to be with us one day a week. We are very pleased to have such a competent and dedicated medical team supporting the children at MSF. The Nurse's Office is located on the ground floor of the Nova building, directly by the school playground. Both can be reached at nurse@msf.education.

Our Monthly Crossing Guard Winner

Congratulations to Angela Tsikiti (G6+9), our first monthly MSF prize winner! A big thank you for volunteering for Crossing Guard Duty and helping to make the start of the school day safe, welcoming, and happy for all our children. Your support is a wonderful example of our MSF community in action!

We'd love to see even more parents get involved. Volunteering for Crossing Guard Duty is a simple but meaningful way to support our students, connect with other families, and contribute to our community. Every helping hand makes a difference! [Sign up sheet](#)

Use of Glass Containers and Bottles

Parents are kindly requested to not send in glass lunch / snack boxes or bottles. Glass items can easily be dropped, particularly by younger students, and broken glass is a safety risk to others. Many thanks for helping keep our school environment safe for everyone.

Your Voice Helps Shape MSF!

Just after the October Break, our Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey will be landing in your inbox. At MSF, Community, Courage and Curiosity are at the heart of who we are – and that means listening to one another, sharing ideas and growing together. Think of it as a little democracy in action: you share your voice, we listen and learn, and together we help make MSF even stronger. Keep an eye out after the break – we'd love to hear from you!

A few minutes. Your perspective. A stronger community.

Group Pick Up Locations from SC Reisen

SC Reisen plans to introduce group pick-up and drop-off locations across West, North, East and South Frankfurt, giving families another convenient option for the school journey. Representatives from SC Reisen will join upcoming Parent Rep meetings to share more. Why consider it? It makes the daily journey easier for families and reduces the number of individual cars travelling to school. If you haven't already, please complete the expression of interest [survey](#).

Online Workshop by Linden Teen Coaching

2nd October, 17:00-17:45

Missing deadlines, forgetting homework, tasks that feel too big: sound familiar? These aren't willpower problems, they're skills that can be developed. Join us to learn strategies that help your tween or teen break tasks down, plan ahead, and build stronger focus and follow through. Have a tip of your own? Come share it with other parents!

If you wish to attend, please register [here](#).

Parent Socials and Activities

What's coming up? Subscribe to Our Whole School Google Calendar

School events that have already been scheduled can be found on our Google calendar of events. Subscribe [here](#).

Coffee Morning: Fall Bingo Mingle

2nd October, Friday, 08:30-10:00, Nova cafeteria

Parent Coffee Mornings Every Friday

Every Friday morning, 08:30-10:00, Nova cafeteria

The Parent Rep Team and Friends of MSF warmly invite all parents to join the Neurodiversity Parent Group tomorrow. Come along to share experiences, ask questions, and build community. Teachers and educators are also warmly invited to attend. Coffee, conversation, and connection await - we look forward to meeting you. Whether you are meeting other parents for the first time, catching up with friends, or simply sitting down to enjoy a coffee, our Coffee Mornings offer a welcoming mix of informative presentations, discussion groups, informal mingling, and activities.

[October Coffee Mornings](#)

Friendsgiving Potluck Breakfast

6th November, Friday, 8:30–10:00

Friends of MSF invite all parents and staff to celebrate different Thanksgiving traditions from around the world — Chuseok, Canadian & American Thanksgiving and the German Erntedankfest. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love it if you could bring a favourite traditional treat from your culture or family to share. Please let us know what you're bringing in order to help us plan via this [sign up sheet](#).

Friends of MSF's Advent Wreath Making Workshop

21st November, Saturday, 14:00–18:00

Families and staff are warmly invited to this festive pre-Christmas afternoon. Make your own German Adventskranz or American-style door wreath, with all materials provided, and try your hand at making Springerle, a traditional German festive biscuit made with an airy anise-flavoured egg dough. Refreshments, Christmas crafts for children and on-site babysitting will also be provided, so the whole family can join in the fun. Places are limited, so please secure your spot with advance payment of €45 per family and register [here](#).



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

Message from Mrs Henkel

As we head into the Autumn holidays, we are also entering the final phase of our construction project, with the goal of completing all significant building works by the end of December/January. To ensure the safety of our students while construction takes place above Wing B of the Lumina building, we will temporarily relocate some Early Years classes over the coming months. As a first step, our three Transition classes and the Music & Mindfulness Room will move to spaces closer to the playground from October until December. During this period, the corridor leading to the Turtles and Butterflies will need to be closed. Drop-off and pick-up for these classes will therefore take place via the playground and the back of the building. Please find attached an overview of the first phase, showing the new locations for our Transition classes and the drop off for KGT and KGB.

[TR & Music/Mindfulness Room Allocation](#)

[KG Turtles & KG Butterflies Exit & Entrance](#)

In December, KG Turtles and KG Butterflies will also temporarily move to alternative classrooms. We will share further practical details with the affected families before the changes take effect. While another move naturally requires some flexibility from everyone, we are genuinely excited that this marks the final chapter of the major construction works.

From January onwards and through the summer, the remaining work will primarily focus on the interior – bringing us another big step closer to celebrating our 20th Anniversary in the new academic year with our very own MSF theatre! Thank you, as always, for your flexibility, patience and understanding throughout this process. We are all looking forward to seeing the construction come to an end – and, even more, to enjoying the wonderful result together as a community.

Autumn Holiday Programme - Registration Closed

5th - 16th October

Please carefully read the letter from our Holiday Coordinator Ms Reddig regarding the allocated spaces and teachers. This is especially important due to the above mentioned construction.

Drop Off & Afterschool Care Supervision Request

A friendly reminder that once you have picked up your child, supervision becomes your responsibility. While children may take a few minutes to finish a game or say goodbye, we kindly ask families to then leave the playground together with their child. Remaining on the playground after pick-up can make it difficult for our educators to know which children are still in their care and may lead to safety concerns. If you would like to stay and chat or you are waiting for your sibling to finish their club, please feel free to wait in the cafeteria. Thank you for helping us keep our pick-up routines safe and clear for everyone!

Early Years Team Meeting Dates 2026/27

Mondays, once per month

2026: 19 October · 23 November · 14 December

2027: 18 January · 15 February · 15 March · 19 April · 24 May · 21 June

Early Years Parent Representatives Meeting

21st October, Wednesday, 08:45-09:30, Nova cafeteria

[Protocol](#)

Pumpkin Carving Event: Registration Open - Limited Spots

28th October, Wednesday, 17:00-18:30, Nova cafeteria

Early Years Families are invited to bring their own pumpkin (BYOP ;-)) and carving tools. Together with other Early Years families enjoy an afternoon of Halloween Pumpkin Carving, scary music, drinks and pretzels. Registration is required - no walk-ins! Please sign up through this [link](#).

Parent Teacher Meetings: Gradual Entry Feedback for families new to KG & all TR families

Please register through the links below for an individual meeting with your child's teacher

[KG Butterflies](#)

[KG Frogs](#)

[KG Ladybirds](#)

[KG Turtles](#)

[TR Bumblebees](#)

[TR Dragonflies](#)

[TR Fireflies](#)

Street Safety Training in Transition

30th October, Friday – Road Safety Education (Verkehrserziehung)

27th November, Friday – School Route Safety Test (Schulwegpassprüfung)

As part of our Grade 1 preparation, our Transition students will take part in practical Street Safety Training with the Frankfurt Police to develop the skills and confidence needed to navigate roads and traffic safely. The programme combines hands-on road safety education with the Schulwegpassprüfung, supporting children in becoming increasingly safe and independent on their journey to school.

Sibling Enrolment for Kindergarten

Are you interested in registering for a kindergarten place for a sibling? We invite you to apply now! In order to begin the process or request more information, please feel free to reach out directly to our [Admissions team](#).

Save the date: St Martin's Parade (EY and Grade 1)

10th November, Tuesday

More information to follow in the next bulletin.



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

[Primary After School Clubs](#) - please check it regularly for cancelled clubs, beginning & end of quarters, recovery dates and participants

Message from the Principal Mr Wragg

This week I met with our new 'Student Ambassadors'. These are three Grade 5 students who have made the courageous decision to volunteer as representatives of the school, during open days and other events, to give tours of the school and answer questions about the school and how it works. They are part of our student leadership group which also includes sports managers, student librarians, arts advisors, junior technicians and house captains. All these roles are applied for at the beginning of the year, the candidates make speeches and are then voted for by their peers and a panel of teachers. In preparation for the ambassador roles, I asked the students what they will highlight about the school to visitors on tour. They talked about a lot of things, but all mentioned the friendly teachers, interesting units of inquiry, the 'cool' library, the nice food (some days) and how they can always find someone to go to if they have a problem.

We are currently preparing our annual parent, student and staff surveys, which will be sent out to all of you in the next bulletin after the October break. This is a great opportunity for you to share your MSF highlights and give us feedback on areas that you would like to see changed or improved. Please look out for this and take the time to participate, as every year it gives us valuable information to help to continuously improve our offerings.

Autumn Break

5th – 16th October 2026

Building Update

If you have recently been into our playground, you will have seen that on the top floor, the walls and roof of the new building, above what used to be the old primary library, are almost finished. This will be completed this week and then they will start constructing the stage and back wall of the new theatre. This is a concrete construction and will take time to build up section by section. During this time, we will move the Grade 1 classes out of their current location and into the newly reopened section. The students will start in these new classrooms on the Monday we return from the break and parents will be shown where to go. In December, they will start the final wooden construction of the rest of the theatre and this should be completed by the time we return from the winter holidays.

Parent Representatives Meeting

28th October, Wednesday, 8:40, Astra cafeteria

Please add any agenda items that you would like your class reps to discuss during this time by completing [this form](#).

Introduction to the PYP for New Parents

29th October, Thursday, 08:45, Nova cafeteria

New to the Primary Years Programme? Join Ms. Hand, our PYP Coordinator and Primary Assistant Principal, to learn how the PYP supports your child's learning through inquiry, curiosity and exploration. We'll introduce the key elements of the programme, explain what inquiry looks like in the classroom and explore ways you can support your child at home. If you're interested in attending, please let us know [here](#).

Save the Date: St Martin's Parade (Grade 1 & Early Years)

10th November, Tuesday

After-School Club Attendance/Absence

If your child cannot attend their after-school club, please **do not notify teachers verbally**.

Always submit an **excusal note in Toddle**. Thank you.

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](#)

[General Data Protection Regulation Permission 2026-2027](#) [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 the Assistant Principal Mrs Krueger

Over the past year Secondary Teachers have had the opportunity to explore the work of Matthew Savage and *The Mona Lisa Effect*, which encourages one to think carefully about the role that data and assessment play in understanding our children. While grades, tests and progress measures provide valuable information, they are only one part of the picture. *The Mona Lisa Effect* encourages us to look beyond the numbers and consider the whole child: their strengths, interests, attitude towards learning, wellbeing, relationships and individual journey. For teachers and parents, this means using assessment as a way to ask better questions and understand our children more deeply, rather than allowing a grade or result to define what a child can achieve.

This has led the Secondary Leadership team to reflect on important questions such as: How much emphasis do we place on grades and test results? Do we celebrate progress as well as outcomes? Are we noticing our children's strengths and interests alongside the areas they need to develop? And are we using assessment to open conversations rather than close them?

This thinking connects closely with our school values of Curiosity, Community and Courage. Both as teachers and parents we can show curiosity by looking beyond the data and asking what it is telling us about the individual child. We build community when teachers, parents and students work together to understand learning and wellbeing. And we demonstrate courage when we challenge our assumptions about success and recognise that every child's journey is different. As part of this ongoing work, we have a cadre of teachers who will continue to attend online workshops with Matthew Savage, providing opportunities to engage with these ideas, reflect on our current practice and consider how we can continue to use assessment and data in ways that genuinely support every child. If you are a parent who enjoys listening to podcasts I would highly recommend listening to Data Talks: A Podcast from Data in Schools - of particular interest Season 2 episode 2 / Data and Assessment with Dr Tom Guskey and Dr Dylan Wiliam.

Secondary Office Communication

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

Back to School Night dated 10th Sept 2026

[Slides](#)

Autumn Break

5th – 16th October 2026

French Native Language - Club FLAM

19th October, Monday, 15:40, H02.17

We're happy to announce that the Secondary French for (near)native speakers will start after the October break! If you have not filled in the form, it's not too late! Please contact [Ms Arbez-Carme](#) to join. A bientôt !

Sec Parent Reps Meeting with Dr Coppes

20th October, Tuesday, 08:40 - 09:40, Nova cafeteria

Resource: Parent Intro to Managebac

If you have any questions about the system, please contact [Tara Francis](#).

Please find the slides from the parent intro to Managebac [here](#).

Sec School Trips

7th-11th June 2027, Monday to Friday

Trips week is an important part of the Secondary Programme, providing students with opportunities to strengthen community and belonging, practise courage through experiences beyond the classroom and develop curiosity outside through learning in new environments. As trips week forms part of our educational programme, attendance is expected for all students. A reminder to join us for the trips-week information evening on Thursday 22nd April will be sent closer to the time. Please note that school trips incur additional costs, which will be communicated to families in advance.

Grade 6: Camping trip in Germany

Grade 7: Day trips in Frankfurt

Grade 8: Camping trip in Germany

Grade 9: Language trips - Spanish students to Valencia / French students to Lyon

Grade 10: No Trips - IGCSE exam block

Grade 11: CAS trip completed last week

Grade 12: No Trips - IB exam block

From the Secondary Athletics Director Mr. Kerr

The Autumn Sports season runs until 20th November. For any late registrations, please contact [Mr Kerr](#).

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

Message from the ALN Coordinator Ms Armaou

We're super excited to share the LINDEN Fall 2026 Parenting in Practice webinar series. These are free sessions with a multi-disciplinary team of specialists, made for the everyday questions and challenges that come with raising kids in an international school community. View the October Webinars [here](#).

MAP Schedule

19th October - 30th October

All Grade 6-10 students will write their MAP assessments during the first two weeks back after Fall break. Make-up tests fall on the last few days. If your child is absent due to illness please ask them to contact [Ms Krueger](#) to arrange their make-up test.

Instructions on setting up their devices for the testing platform will be shared on ManageBac today.

[Schedule](#)

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

Today: University Guidance Parent Evening

16:30-17:30, Commons

Grade 10 Parent Reps Needed

We are still looking for Parent Representatives for G 10A and 10B. If you are interested, please email to secoffice@msf.education.

Upcoming University Fairs & Visits

7th October, Wednesday, 17:00-19:00, SRT University Fair, International School Frankfurt

16th November, Monday, 10:00-12:30, CIS International University Fair, Frankfurt School of Finance

In Grade 11 University Guidance, students typically take a mandatory field trip to an international university fair. This year, both major fairs fall on days students do not have school. Therefore, although attendance is not *required*, it is strongly recommended. Parents and Grade 10 or 12 students interested in attending are also welcome to go. **Pre-registration is required for both fairs.**

For the SRT Fair, please register [here](#).

For the CIS Fair, please register [here](#).

G10 IGCSE Mathematics (0580) Exams for Students in Accelerated Maths Programme

8th October, Thursday, and 14th October, Wednesday, H02.10 Astra

As shared on ManageBac, please read this [letter](#).

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[Schedule](#)

G9-10 IGCSE Parent Information Evening

19th November, Thursday 17:30-18:30

Cambridge Coordinator Mr Witcomb will share important information about the IGCSE programme and the June 2027 examination series, followed by a Q and A session. This is particularly relevant for parents of G10 students. RSVP [here](#).

G11 & G12 IB Coordinator

For all IB related matters, please contact [Ms Mann](#).

G11 & G12 Textbook List

Students should purchase the required textbooks listed below. To help save on costs, you can browse through second-hand books available from our graduating Grade 12 students; please review the list and contact the student directly to arrange the purchase.

[Textbook List](#)

[Second Hand Book List](#)

G12 - Class of 2027 Assessment Calendar

[IA deadline calendar](#)

May 2027 IBP Exam Schedule

A more detailed timetable will be released before the exams.

[Exam Schedule](#)

G12 Important Dates

Including prom, last day of school , mocks and final exams!

[G12 Important Dates](#)

Useful Links

[Guide for IB Acknowledgment](#)

[IB late work guidelines](#)

[Academic Integrity for IA](#)

[Online Chemistry Tutoring](#)

International University Guidance

Work Experience Confirmation Letter ([English](#) | [German](#))

[University Application Handbook](#)

[Grades 10-12 University Guidance Course Syllabus](#)

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 scholarship

[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 2026-2027:** 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:** All forms can be found [here](#).
- **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](#).
- **Bulletin Archive:** All previous bulletins can be found in the [parent zone](#).

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/unfit for school due to lethargy & tiredness

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](#).

MSF Babysitters

We have a number of Secondary students available for babysitting opportunities - their "all about me" bios are posted in the PRI Atrium or see them [online here](#). Alternatively, you can contact [Mrs Francis](#).

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 Providers

[SC Reisen](#): door to door service in 4 Zones please find [here](#) further information and a [form to express your interest](#).
[B&B Limousinenservice](#): [Email](#) Phone: 0151- 11640016 or 0171-2911971

Events in and around Frankfurt

Interesting websites:

- [Events4family](#)
- [Visitfrankfurt](#)
- [Kindaling](#)
- [Taunus4family](#)
- [Kuckuck-Magazin](#)
- [Frankfurt mit Kids](#)
- [Kinderkultur Frankfurt](#)
- [Papageno Kids Theatre](#)



Halloween with the Animals at Kobelt Zoo! 🦉

30th & 31st October from 18:00 onwards, 1st November 12:00-17:00, Schwanheimer Bahnstr. 5 , FFM-Schwanheim
Experience a very special Halloween atmosphere with your family at Kobelt Zoo, a volunteer-run zoo filled with passion, dedication and love. It provides a safe and caring home for confiscated animals, where they can spend their retirement years in peace. For an entire month, the team works hard to build, craft, decorate and prepare everything with lots of love and attention to detail — creating a truly magical Halloween experience for visitors of all ages. Come for the Halloween magic, stay for the love.

[Website](#) [Flyer](#)

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](#).