



TERM 1 2024



NEWS LETTER

15 January 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians

The MTGS (Mother Touch Group of Schools) staff would like to welcome you back to school! Our team is geared up for a productive and fun-filled term with a number of engagement opportunities with you. Thank you for entrusting us with your precious little ones, we aim to give them another term of memorable and excellent learning experiences.

MTJS Curriculum

The school offers a rich and wide curriculum inclusive of ZIMSEC and Cambridge syllabi that run concurrently. The ZIMSEC competence based curriculum has the following subjects: Mathematics, English Language, Shona, Social Sciences, Agriculture, Science and Technology, ICT, Physical Education & Arts. The Cambridge subjects are Maths, English and Science. The school has qualified practical subject teachers and a tailor made specialization program for effective learning and to guarantee excellent results.

The library

Our school library will be commissioned on the 26th of January and we are expecting this milestone to make a remarkable difference to the learners's learning experiences. Please note that if a learner damages or loses a book, he/she will have to pay a fine of \$20 USD.

Term 1 notices

Timetables

Lessons start at 07:15hrs ending at 15:00hrs from Monday to Friday to cater for remedial lessons and the reading program.

Mondays and Fridays are assembly days and all junior learners should put on their correct complete school uniform with a blazer.

Wednesday is tracksuit day and learners should put on MTGS clean tracksuits and white sports footwear.

Clubs are on Thursday and learners should come to school in their club attire.

NB: All uniforms are available at school.

Parent Teacher Conference

This is an opportunity for a face-to-face meeting with the parents, teachers and administration. On this platform the administration will explain how school activities are conducted requirements and introduction of facilitators.

The program has been staggered. Hence, take note of your slots and dates. Kindly note that there will not be time for individual consultation, so you are encouraged to be punctual.

Date	Level/center	Time.
17/01	ECD Marimba	1-2pm
18/01	ECD Tynwald	1-2pm
18/01	Grade 1-3 Tynwald	1-2pm
19/01	Grade 4-7 Tynwald	1-2pm

Cambridge Textbooks

The learners need to purchase their own set of Cambridge textbooks. There are three sets per grade level and the total cost for the three sets is \$132 USD.

Grade (1-7) payment for the books is made at the Bursar's Office and the books are collected from the Stores Office.

Cambridge and ZIMSEC registration

Parents are encouraged to prepare for 2024 ZIMSEC registration for October – November Examinations – dates will be advised in due course.

Communication will be done to the respective classes regarding the 2024 Stage 6 Checkpoint Examinations.

Clubs

We have exciting list of clubs which include Young farmers, First Aid, Culinary Arts, Entrepreneurial skills, Girl guides, News, Robotics, Science and Engineering, Hospitality, Scripture Union – just to mention a few. It is mandatory for the students to participate in at least one club every term.

Allied Arts

This term our ECDs will be competing in the choir category. You are encouraged to make time to support them on their performance days. Dates and venues will be communicated in due course.

Sports

In a bid to improve our performance on the sporting front, MTGS has engaged a Group of Schools Sports Director, Mr. Jim. He is highly recommended with a lot of enthusiasm to elevate sports to a higher level of performance. Please ensure that your child has the correct sports attire and create time to come and support the learners as they participate in the various sporting disciplines.

We have three Houses namely Turtle Dove (gold), Eagle (navy blue) and Falcon (sky blue). Parents are encouraged to buy at the school shop and come dressed in their house colors for all Inter House events. Additionally, the school is engaging professional swimming coaches. Our aim as a school is to have every learner master this important lifesaving skill.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Term 1 sporting activities start on the 15th of January

Inter-Schools Cross Country 16 February 2024

Athletics Inter House Competitions 27 February 2024.

Golden League Athletics 6 March 2024

NAPH Athletics Meet 8 March 2024

Golden league Athletics Meet 14 March 2024

Golden League Inter Conference Athletics Meet 23 March 2024

Infants' Sports Day (ECD to Grade 2) 25 March 2024

Family Fun Day 23 March 2024

Term 1 ends 28 March 2024

NB: The Tynwald ECD support color is red and The ECD Marimba color is Green.

Civvies

These are special days for us at the school as learners express themselves through creative dressing according to the respective theme for the day. Each learner pays \$3USD for the civvies day activities and ice-cream.

Date	Dress code
25/01/24	Character day
1/03/24	Carrier day

Grandparent's day -9 February 2024

The school will not leave anyone behind to enjoy the MTGS warmth. On this special day, our grannies and grandpas are invited to come and have a feel of the 21st century learning systems.



NB: Please register their attendance on time to avoid inconveniences. Registration is free and currently in progress.

Exeat Weekend

Mid-Term break is from Friday 16 February and lessons resume on Tuesday 22 February.

Transport

School transport is available on a first come first serve basis. Parents are therefore encouraged to book for transport well in time to avoid inconveniences and to allow the school to plan on routes early for smooth operations. On that note, we would like to stress that we do not do door-to-door pickups. On booking, parents are encouraged to check for the nearest possible bus stop and the timetable.

Boarding

Boarding places are limited. Places are also on a first come first serve basis. Parents who would like their children to retain boarding vacancies for the following term are expected to notify the school a week before schools close and pay a non-refundable deposit fee of \$200 USD to secure their place. The balance should be paid by a week before schools open.

Hot lunch

The school serves hot lunch for non-boarders at a fee of \$100 USD per term; this is on a first come first serve basis as well.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

LOCAL TRIPS for 2024 and fees

Level	Destination	COST USD	Trip Date
ECD	Longchen	30	6 March 2024
GRADE 1	Haka	50	8 March 2024
GRADE 2	Stephen Margolis	60	13 March 2024
GRADE 3	G Zimbabwe	200	24-26 May
GRADE 4	Vic Falls by Air	600	14-16 June
GRADE 5	Nyanga	200	28-30 June
GRADE 6	Kariba	200	20-22 September
GRADE 7	TBA	TBA	TBA

INTERNATIONAL TOURS planned for 2024

NB: International trips are open to all students

DESTINATION COST USD DATE DEPOSIT USD

UNITED KINGDOM

-WALES/LONDON 3 200 4-14 JULY 2024 500 30/1/24

USA -TEXAS 3 500 Feb 2025 30/2/24

United Kingdom (UK) tour

The 2023 trip in pictures.

The team at the London eye. Check the performer on stage too.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

All learners should put on the correct, complete and clean uniform with neat cornrows and English Brush Cut for boys. We remind parents that our School Uniforms are available at the school. New learners should purchase the school starter pack, which includes all uniforms such as formal school attire, sports attire, MTGS bags and other necessary items. Branded satchels are compulsory. Please be advised that plastic bags are not accepted as book bags or kit bags. School hats are compulsory and necessary to protect the children from direct sunlight with serious health hazards. It is the School Policy for all learners to put on hats outside the classroom.

All learners should put on Mother Touch clean work suits on the respective practical days as stated in the timetables.

ECD DRESS CODE		Please note MONDAY number 1 All are MTGS uniforms
MONDAY	NUMBER1	
TUESDAY	Work suit, Tshirt white tennis shoes gumboots	
WEDNESDAY	Tracksuit and white t/shirt, white tennis shoe	
THURSDAY	Class colour, white t/shirt/ white tennis shoes	
FRIDAY	Number 1 uniform	

Communication

Please note that our communication is now being done through the D6 platform and emails. Please ensure the school has your correct and active email address. You may register for access to the D6 platform with the IT Department through the Reception.

Fees and Levies

We would like to thank the parents who have paid their fees on time; this allows us to run the school efficiently. Note that all fees, transport, uniforms and school related payments must be made at the bank for security reasons. Please submit your proof of payment to the school within 24 hours for receipting and record keeping.

Our banking Account details are as follows:

ZWL Details

Mother Touch Group of Schools

Bank: CBZ

Acc Number 11123814680015

Selous Branch

Nostro Details

Mother Touch Group of Schools

Bank: CBZ

Acc Number: 11123814680035

Selous Branch.

For more enquiries kindly call 0773 596 161 / 0732 596 161 / 0719 596 161 or visit our website:

www.motherschool.ac.zw.

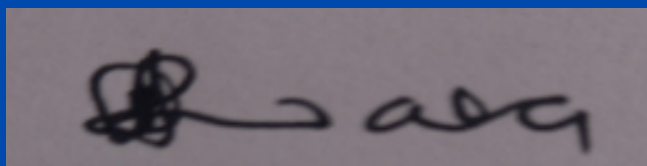
Our e-mail address:

juniorschoolbursar@motherschool.ac.zw

In conclusion, I would like to thank all parents and guardians for choosing MTJS (Mother Touch Junior School) and for your unwavering support to the school. Let us keep working together for the good of our children.

Best wishes in 2024.

R. Hwata (Mrs.)
School Head

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