



MGS ECHO **Matrix Global Schools** Weekly Newsletter

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



THIS WEEK'S TOPICS

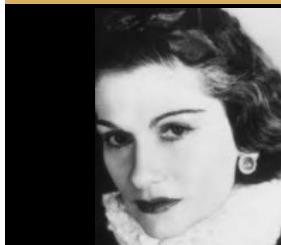
MGS Care - MGS Health/Sickbay unit

Happy Holidays MIS!

Understanding Of The World IPC Topic: All Dressed Up

Chinese Poetry Appreciation

MIS Virtual Trips



"Success is most often achieved by those who don't know that failure is inevitable".

- Gabrielle Bonheur 'Coco' Chanel

(French fashion designer and businesswoman, the founder and namesake of the Chanel brand)

According to the school calendar, the term break for all our schools is from 1st April to the 11th April 2021. However, with the latest announcement from the Ministry of Education that all secondary students in Malaysia as well as those in the private schools are allowed to return for on-site learning on the 5th April, we have had to take an earlier break from the 26th March to the 4th April and start school on the 5th April. MIS will, however, observe the planned term break.

The change of the term in MPS was caused by an external factor that is not within our control but we were able to deal with the situation with the cooperation of the students, parents and the academic staff. We all face changes every day – whether it is simply a change in weather or our schedule. The change affects us all and we have to learn to handle it. We have to accept that change is inevitable and in order to face changes we need to have a contingency plan, a so-called Plan B. We cannot be static and resist change or we will be left behind. Charles Darwin, the famous scientist, once said, "It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive but those who can best manage change."

In the last two years, the MGS community was able to adjust to changes, both in the operation and management of the school. The changes have brought about the desired result of improved performance in the public examinations, greater participation in the school activities and a general air of rigour and discipline in the teaching and learning processes. Together as a team, we have gained recognition as one of the Top 5 Private Schools in our country and together as a team, we can achieve more in the future!

Our Health Unit is busy with a few activities which are beneficial to both staff and students.

MGS CARE - MGS HEALTH UNIT

Glucometer test

Glucometer test to check sugar level is available for all staff. Regular blood sugar monitoring is the most important thing we can do to manage diabetes. We encourage our MGS staff to do this test so that they can monitor their sugar level. Based on the results of the test, feedback will be given for the necessary steps to be taken to address the issue.



Eye Test

A child's vision can change every year. Therefore it is important that every student receives a vision screening every year to identify children who have a vision problem and need to be seen by an eye care specialist / ophthalmologist. An eye examination helps detect eye problems at their earliest stage – when they are most treatable. Parents will be provided with a printed report of their child's vision screening results. We have just started with primary level. Once we have completed this level, we will proceed to test the rest of the students in MGS.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS MIS!

Wishing all MIS students and teachers a safe and happy school holidays, starting from today 2nd April 2021. We see you again on the 12th April with more exciting activities!



CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TRANSLATED

根据学校的日历，我们所有学校的学校假期是2021年4月1日至4月11日。然而，根据教育部的最新公告，马来西亚的所有中学学生以及私立学校的学生将能在4月5日返校学习，因此我们不得不从3月26日至4月4日提早休息一下，并于4月5日开始上学。虽然如此，MIS的学校假期仍旧保持不变。

MPS学校假期的更改是由我们无法控制的外部因素导致的，但是我们能够在学生，家长和学术人员的合作下应对这种情况。我们所有人每天都在面对变化-无论是天气变化还是我们的日程安排。

变化影响着所有人，我们必须学会应对。我们必须接受变革是不可避免的，为了面对变革，我们需要制定一个应急计划，即所谓的B计划。我们不能一成不变地抵制变革，否则我们将被抛在后头。著名科学家查尔斯·达尔文 (Charles Darwin) 曾经说过：“生存下来的不是最强大或最聪明的人，而是能够最好地应对变化的人。”

在过去的两年中，MGS社区能够适应学校的运营和管理方面的变化。这些变化带来了理想的结果，既提高了公开考试的成绩，更多地参与学校活动以及在教学过程中具有严格的纪律。秉持着团队精神，我们已经获得了认可，那就是全马来西亚排名前五名的学校之一。作为团队，我们可以在未来取得更大的成就！

Menurut takwim persekolahan, cuti penggal bagi seluruh kampus MGS jatuh pada 1hb hingga 11hb April. Namun begitu, berdasarkan arahan Kementerian Pendidikan yang hanya membenarkan pelajar sekolah menengah, termasuk di sekolah swasta, kembali ke sekolah pada 5hb April, kami terpaksa mempercepatkan cuti penggal kepada 26hb March hingga 4hb April, supaya semua pelajar MPS boleh kembali ke sekolah pada 5hb April. Walau bagaimanapun, pelajar-pelajar MIS masih kekal dengan jadual cuti penggal yang asal.

Pindaan penggal persekolahan MPS disebabkan oleh faktor luaran yang bukan dalam kawalan kita. Walaupun begitu, kami mampu menangani situasi ini dengan kerjasama para pelajar, ibu bapa dan kakitangan akademik. Kita berdepan dengan perubahan setiap hari - sama ada perubahan kecil seperti cuaca mahupun dalam rutin harian. Perubahan mempengaruhi kita semua dan kita harus belajar menanganinya.

Kita harus menerima hakikat bahawa perubahan tidak dapat dielakkan dan bagi menghadapinya kita perlu bersedia dengan rancangan sandaran, juga digelar sebagai 'Pelan B'. Jika kita kekal statik dan menentang arus perubahan, kita akan ketinggalan. Saintis terkenal, Charles Darwin, pernah berkata, "Yang mampu bertahan dalam kehidupan bukanlah mereka yang paling kuat mahupun yang paling pintar, tetapi yang paling responsif terhadap perubahan."

Pada dua tahun kebelakangan ini, komuniti MGS mampu untuk menyesuaikan diri dengan perubahan, di bahagian operasi mahupun pentadbiran sekolah. Penyesuaian ini telah membawa kepada peningkatan pencapaian yang diinginkan dalam peperiksaan awam, penglibatan yang lebih aktif dalam aktiviti sekolah serta kecekalan dan disiplin dalam proses pengajaran dan pembelajaran secara amnya. Bersama, kita telah mencapai pengiktirafan tersenarai antara 5 Sekolah Swasta Terbaik di Malaysia dan dengan bersama-sama juga, kita akan mencapai lebih lagi di masa akan datang!

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD IPC TOPIC : ALL DRESSED UP



The Early Years students entered into a new International Primary Curriculum topic called 'All Dressed Up'. In this unit, our kids explored their learning about clothes and costumes: why are they used, what are they made of and why are they different in various parts of the world.

In class, the children learned to identify the names of different fabrics and costumes as well as their appearance, patterns and the process of how the clothes are manufactured.



Making puppets

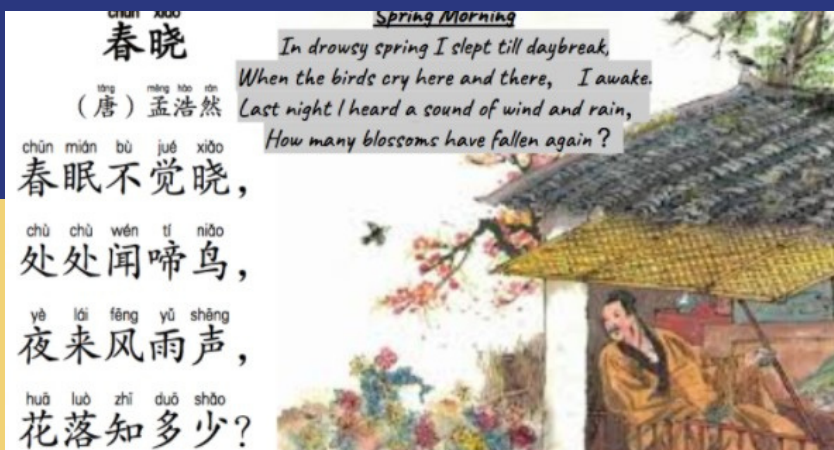


Future 'fashion designers' cutting out clothes to be used in the project



Dressing up their puppets

CHINESE POETRY APPRECIATION



The students read the poem along with the teacher before moving on to singing it with music. The good news that we were proud to share with our parents is that almost all of the students were able to sing this poem within 20 minutes!

It is easy to learn a language which is not native to us if it is carried out in an enjoyable learning environment. Our MIS Year 5 students have had a fun day learning the Chinese poem 《春晓》 (Dawn of Spring). The lesson started with students analysing the characteristics of the Chinese Poem. They learnt that this poem has four lines in total, with each consisting of five characters. Also they found out that the last words of each sentence rhyme.

This term, Matrix International School had to get creative and think out of the box with regard to our school trips, having to work within the restrictions that the MoE has placed on schools. Considering the SOPs and our students' safety, each year group was provided with a virtual event over the last two weeks of school.

The intention of providing field trips/virtual events for our students is to help contribute to the academic and/or personal development of every child, and to allow our students to relate their classroom lessons to real-life situations, and trips are often seen as having a larger impact in helping students remember information.

Despite the global pandemic that we are facing and the restrictions that are in place, all our students had a fun time participating in these informative and interesting events.

MIS VIRTUAL TRIPS



MIS Primary Virtual Trips

Year 1M did a 'virtual trip' about Malaysian culture with our speaker, Miss Tiya. She introduced 'Batik' to our Year 1. This Virtual trip is to help our young generations to gain knowledge of our Malaysian culture and showing their skills by doing batik painting and answering quizzes.



"Look how pretty my batik swan is".
- Xyrene, Year 1

Year 2 explored how old Kuala Lumpur looked like 50 years ago.



Aashman of Year 2 created a DIY 'House Picture Frame' symbolising the old houses found in Old Kuala Lumpur.

Year 3 went on a virtual trip to a Bornean rainforest in Sabah. They learned about sun bears and how they have adapted to the environment.



Year 4 experimented to see how a volcano erupts.

Nicholas of Year 4 is moving the shaker to test the stability of a mock earthquake model designed by him



Year 5 went on a virtual journey to Mars.



Year 6 designed a balloon powered jet car to learn the concept of Newton's Law of Motion, air resistance and friction.

MIS Secondary Virtual Trips

Year 7 went on a virtual trip around Malaysia. They were able to explore 143 amazing places in Malaysia. The students were surprised with all the beautiful places that they could explore in 360 degrees. All they had to do was to click into the link and start exploring. The students had the Scavenger Hunt activity in which the students were divided into groups of three and were given clues of places that they can explore using the link. They had to match the clues with its place and map the journey on A3 paper.

On Wednesday 24th March 2021, all Year 10 students attended a virtual conference talk in the MIS 2 Auditorium entitled 'Develop Holistic Success and Break Out of Your Comfort Zone.' The event focused on students' ideas about what success really means, and their understanding of the passion and motivations to break out of their comfort zones in order to achieve their level of success. The event was led by Ascendance, a social enterprise geared towards empowering today's youth to get them to figure out their purpose and passion in life. The Co-Founder & Chief Marketing Officer, Harsha Ravindran, also shared her own experiences on entrepreneurship and achieving great academic results in the IGCSEs.



Nilesh of Year 7M is finding the answers for the clues of the places in Malaysia

The Ascendance Team leading an interactive activity with the Year 10 students on finding their passions through their website

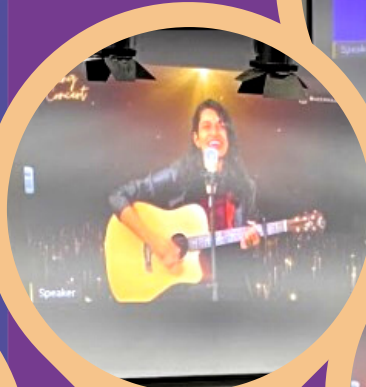
Year 8M went through solving mathematics problems, puzzles and logic problems.



Nethrah of Year 8M is trying to escape from the Minecraft Digital Room



Year 9 participated in a Virtual Space Exploration trip on the 26th of March 2021, where they learnt about the different features of space exploration and then went on to discover how astronauts live at the international space station. They watched a video on an astronaut making a tortilla in space. Later on for lunch each of our space cadets made their own tortillas with toppings from pre-packed ingredients similar to the video they watched.



A video was shared with the Year 10 students on a teenager sharing his passion for music



Miss Harsha Ravindran sharing her personal experiences with the Year 10 students on entrepreneurship and achieving all A*s for the IGCSEs

"First and foremost, I would like to thank Ms. Dalila, Ms. Sarah and Ms. Hamsa for organising such a great event for us! The organisation of the event went smoothly and it was a huge success. Personally, I think that this talk has given us the push and motivation to start planning for our future and working hard towards it in a very fun and amusing way. It also conveys that if there's a will, there is a way. In my opinion, more events like this should be organised to provide all students an out-of-classroom learning opportunity".
- Stanley Ng, Year 10M

"I would like to thank Miss Harsha for giving such an excellent talk in Matrix International School. I believe that everyone from Year 10 has learned many interesting and new things from the talk. For me, I got to know about my comfort zone and the importance of walking out of our comfort zone in order to get more new and interesting experiences. Other than that, I thought it was really interesting to watch the video recording of us showing our passions and how we can use them to help the world around us. Last but not least, I am affected by Miss Harsha's story during the sharing session of how we should step out of our comfort zone and try new things that we've never done before".
- Quek Johann, Year 10T

"I really admire the Adsendance team - they found their own passions and success at a very young age. I have learnt how to walk out of my comfort zone to reach my goals and to never be shy to try something new. Be confident, don't ever let your insecurities or shyness overwhelm you. The most important thing I have learned is that it is never too late to start planning and working on achieving your goals and getting what you want".
- Chuna Iva, Year 10M