



## THIS WEEK'S TOPICS



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## CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We are now facing a critical moment in the Covid-19 pandemic. With the increasing number of cases in Malaysia and the Omicron variant being more infectious, it is important that we be more vigilant to prevent ourselves from being exposed to infection. While we are still in the Chinese New Year mood and wish to continue to enjoy the festivities, we have to be mindful to try as far as possible to adhere to the SOP, stay within our own safe bubbles and reduce socialising physically with others while at work, at home or in public.

As Covid-19 cases are in our local community, you may find more people you know becoming positive or experiencing symptoms of the virus. For the protection of the MGS community, we kindly ask that you monitor your health and avoid coming to the school if you are experiencing symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has. Please inform the school as soon as possible if you or your child has

tested positive or is in close contact with a positive case for Covid-19 so we can take necessary action for the health and safety of everyone. We all have a duty of care to the community and the school must be vigilant to safeguard the health and safety of our MGS community to minimise disruptions to our students' learning.

While there will be concerns over the increased cases, it is also important that our learners continue to progress in their learning. Our students have been back in school for over a month. Have the concepts that were taught over the last month been mastered? If not, students will feel the pressure as lessons develop over the remainder of this term. Study wisely. Always be prepared for lessons by reading up on the topic that the teachers will be teaching. Note the areas that you do not understand or need clarification so that you can pay special attention when the lesson is taught. Discuss with your teachers or peers to gain further insight and reinforce learning by testing your knowledge and practising skills covered.

Sir Isaac Newton, a famous English mathematician and physicist, once said, "If I am anything, which I highly doubt, I have made myself so by hard work." If you are to realise your dreams and goals, hard work is fundamental to achieving them.

## The importance of international mindedness

Since you woke up this morning, how many connections have you had with different countries? If we take time to think about this question, we will be surprised with the answer. From the food we ate, the products we used, the news we read, the people we communicated with - we are living in a time when the world is becoming more interconnected and multicultural due to advancing technology and increased human mobility.

In education, we must also prepare our students for the future since they will be the leaders of our world tomorrow. Our teachers, students and parents have different nationalities, backgrounds and experiences. These add to the learning of our students allowing them to have increased exposure to new cultures and experiences and to look at topics from different perspectives. These are some of the ways that help our students work towards being 'internationally minded'.

There are various definitions of what it means to be internationally minded. However, common ideas that are shared in these definitions are understanding and respecting different cultures, embracing diversity and knowing our



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responsibilities in belonging to different communities - locally, nationally and globally. Some of the ways we encourage this in Matrix International School is through the celebration of different festivals, holding an International Day, holding fundraising events, teaching about identity and learning about local and global issues through our broad and varied curriculum.

As a school, there are many benefits to developing internationally minded students. Some of the benefits are that it develops:

- Inquisitive minds
- Compassionate and empathetic learners
- Collaborative and cooperative learners
- Greater respect and appreciation of themselves and others
- A willingness to take risks and to try new things

## CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TRANSLATED

我国现在正面临着新冠病毒流行的关键时刻。随着新冠病毒变异毒株奥密克戎（Omicron）迅速传播和感染人数的增加，大家务必提高警惕，做好防护措施。虽然我们仍沉浸在华人新年的气氛中，并希望继续享受节日氛围与活动，但我们还是必须遵守防疫标准程序，无论在家还是公共场所，都要和他人保持安全距离，呆在自己的安全活动空间。

我们的社区已有新冠确诊病例，你可能也会发现更多人确诊或是有感染症状。为了保护本院校的师生安全，我们恳请大家监控自己的健康状况。如果您在近期接触过确诊者或自己本身有新冠病毒感染症状，请避免前往学校。若你或你的孩子确诊，请你尽快通知校方，以便采取必要措施。我们都有责任维护我们校区的健康和安，校方必须时刻保持警惕，

确保集体的安全，以尽量减少对学生们学习的干扰。

同时，学生们也务必自行监督学习进展。第二学期开始了一个多月，同学们是否把近期学习到的知识掌握好了呢？如果没有，同学们一定会对接下来的学习课程感到吃力。因此，请务必认真学习，提前预习上课内容，对于不明白的部分做好标记，老师教到相关部分的时候多加留意。同学们也应该多与老师或同学们进行讨论，提高对学习内容的领悟，最后不要忘了进行自我评估和测试学习成果。

著名英国数学家和物理学家艾萨克·牛顿曾说：“若说我天生优秀，我并不认同，因为我今天的成就是努力换来的。”因此，如果想要实现梦想，努力和用功是不可或缺的。

Kita kini sedang menghadapi detik kritikal dalam pandemik Covid-19. Dengan peningkatan jumlah kes di Malaysia dan varian Omicron yang semakin menular, adalah penting untuk kita lebih berwaspada untuk mengelakkan diri kita daripada terdedah kepada jangkitan. Walaupun kita masih dalam suasana Tahun Baru Cina, dan ingin terus menikmati perayaan tersebut, kita harus berhati-hati dan cuba sebaik mungkin untuk mematuhi SOP, kekal dalam gelembung keselamatan kita sendiri dan mengurangkan pergaulan fizikal dengan orang lain sama ada di tempat kerja, di rumah atau di tempat awam.

Memandangkan kes Covid-19 terdapat dalam komuniti setempat kita, anda mungkin mendapati lebih ramai orang yang anda kenali menjadi positif atau mengalami simptom virus tersebut. Untuk perlindungan komuniti MGS, kami memohon agar anda memantau kesihatan anda dan mengelak daripada datang ke sekolah jika anda mengalami simptom atau pernah berhubung rapat dengan seseorang yang pernah mengalaminya. Sila maklumkan kepada pihak sekolah secepat mungkin jika anda atau anak anda telah diuji positif atau berhubung rapat dengan kes positif Covid-19 supaya kami boleh mengambil tindakan yang perlu untuk kesihatan dan keselamatan semua orang. Kita semua mempunyai kewajiban mengambil berat kepada masyarakat

dan pihak sekolah mesti berwaspada untuk menjaga kesihatan dan keselamatan komuniti MGS untuk kita meminimumkan gangguan kepada pembelajaran pelajar kita.

Walaupun terdapat kebimbangan mengenai peningkatan kes, adalah penting juga untuk pelajar kita terus maju dalam pembelajaran mereka. Pelajar kami telah kembali ke sekolah selama lebih sebulan. Adakah konsep yang diajar pada bulan lepas telah dikuasai? Jika tidak, pelajar akan merasakan tekanan semasa pelajaran diadakan sepanjang baki penggal ini. Belajar dengan bijak. Sentiasa bersedia untuk pelajaran dengan membaca topik yang akan diajar oleh guru. Perhatikan bidang yang anda tidak faham atau memerlukan penjelasan supaya anda boleh memberi perhatian khusus apabila pelajaran diajar. Berbincang dengan guru atau rakan sebaya anda untuk mendapatkan pandangan lanjut dan mengukuhkan pembelajaran dengan menguji pengetahuan anda dan mempraktikkan kemahiran yang diliputi.

Sir Isaac Newton, seorang ahli matematik dan fizik Inggeris yang terkenal, pernah berkata, "Jika saya mempunyai apa-apa, yang saya sangat ragu-ragu, saya telah membuat diri saya begitu berkerja keras." Jika anda ingin merealisasikan impian dan matlamat anda, kerja keras adalah asas untuk mencapainya.

## WHAT IS THIS?

The gigantic black box placed in the MPS lobby has raised curiosity among our new staff and students. What is it exactly and how does it function?

It's a 3D hologram display that can project products, objects, and animated sequences three-dimensionally and enables seemingly real objects or animations to appear to float completely freely in space. A holographic display is a type of display that utilises light diffraction to create a virtual three-dimensional image. Holographic displays are distinguished from other forms of 3D displays in that they do not require the aid of any special glasses or external equipment for a viewer to see the image.







# FUN CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT MIEY AND MIS

Matrix Early Years celebrated Chinese New Year on the 15th February 2022 (Tuesday). Children came to school dressed in their Chinese traditional attire or red clothes to go with the upbeat mood. There were many interesting hands-on activities prepared for the children.



**Mock Reunion Dinner :** This activity is to enable children of all races to experience getting together for an important meal of the year on new year's eve. This is also a great opportunity for children to learn using the chopsticks.



**Lion Dance :** This is a traditional Chinese culture of mimicking lion movements to bring good luck and fortune.

This year is the Water Tiger Year. In conjunction with this festive season, Matrix International School has gathered all the teachers and students to prepare for an amazing performance on site. Unfortunately the plan was changed to have our Chinese New Year performance from on-site to online celebration a week later. Nonetheless, students and teachers of Matrix schools re-adjusted themselves quickly and started the journey of amending their performances, as well as completing the recordings within 3 days time. Being able to successfully have our online celebration on 21st February is the product of hardwork and cooperation of everyone in Matrix.

Not only do we have the Chinese New Year performances, students have also participated in two competitions; the classroom CNY art competition and the classroom door decoration competition.



Winners for the art competition are as below:

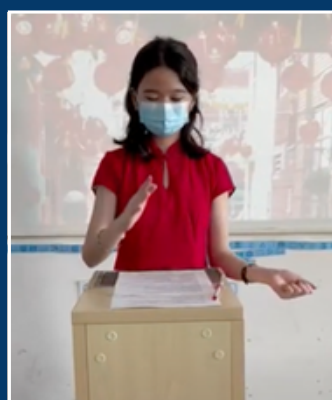
Year 1: Shin Harin  
Year 2: Arissa Amanda binti Saiful Azhari  
Year 3: Ashreyna Kaur Mallan  
Year 4: Jayden Cheok Zi Feng  
Year 5: Mahathi Adarsha Marpalli  
Year 6: Clarey Mae Sese Mendez



**Chinese Calligraphy Writing :** Children were introduced to the tradition of writing Chinese characters using black ink and Chinese brush on red papers.



**Station Games :** Children had a great time rolling oranges onto angpows, stacking oranges as well as grabbing angpows on this day! They received many goodies too!



English emcee for the event.

Clarey Mae, Year 6



Mandarin emcee for the day.

Ethan Tan, Year 3



Year 7M winners of Key Stage 3 door decoration competition.

## PENDIDIKAN ISLAM IN MPS PRIMARY

Every Friday, all Standard 4 to Standard 6 Muslim students will perform Solat Zuhur together in the Surau. A teacher will ensure students follow the SOP during prayer time. All students learned to take wudu' before praying. One student will be selected every week to lead the prayer and read doa'. Perhaps by practising prayer together, the students will be able to perform prayers consistently in their daily life.

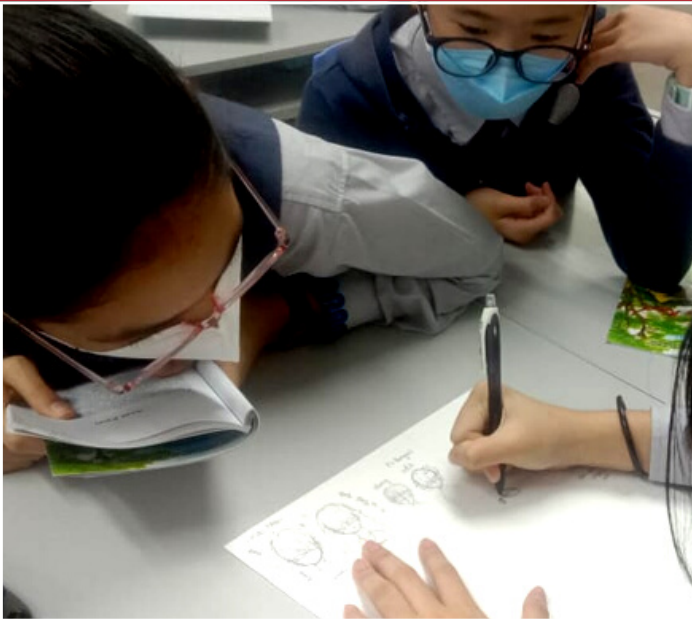
The objectives of this activity are:

- To produce students who love prayer and to be disciplined in performing prayers in congregation in the right way consistently in daily life.
- To produce students who are balanced in spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social aspects.
- To train students to be a leader (Imam) in solat.



Practising Solat Zuhur in congregation.

## CREATIVE WAY IN LEARNING BAHASA MELAYU IN MPS



### TRANSFORMASI PROSA TRADISIONAL KEPADA KOMIK

Dalam pembelajaran yang lalu pada 8 Februari 2022 hingga 9 Februari 2022, murid Tingkatan 1M telah merealisasikan impian mereka untuk menjadikan bahan prosa tradisional kepada komik mengikut daya imaginasi mereka namun masih lagi terikat dengan isi kandungan asal prosa tradisional 'Asal Padi'.

Objektif pembelajaran pada hari tersebut adalah untuk memastikan murid dapat memahami teks prosa tradisional mengikut daya kreativiti murid dan murid juga menggunakan kreativiti grafik (komik) dalam memindah bahan / karya prosa yang dikaji.

Pada akhir pembelajaran, setelah membuat bahan grafik iaitu komik mengikut kreativiti mereka, murid lebih memahami isi kandungan prosa tradisional tersebut. Syabas, kepada semua murid yang berjaya menghasilkan karya komik mereka tersendiri!



## MAXIMISING STUDENTS' POTENTIAL

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NOW

Matrix Global Schools is much more than examinations and its prestigious buildings, students are immersed into an all-inclusive education to maximise their full potential and become the very best versions of themselves.

We are actively providing opportunities for our students to realise their full potential. Acknowledging the good opportunity of our involvement in the Neptune X Open Water Swimming Competition, we sponsored Siow Shawn Young from Year 10A in taking the challenge to compete in the competition on 20th February 2022 in Putrajaya. As a first timer to this type of competition, but not foreign to winning the MSSNS competition, he actually set his mind to make a record for himself. It was quite an achievement when he secured 4th place in the 1.5 Men 14-15 years-old category. We congratulate him for his courage and wish him the very best in future competitions.



"I really appreciate this opportunity to compete with local and foreign participants." Siow Shawn Young, Year 10A