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Campus Principal's Message



The term has barely started and we are taking a break for the Chinese New Year celebrations. Nevertheless, let us embrace the spirit of the festival and immerse ourselves with joy and happiness on this auspicious occasion.

In my younger days, the Chinese New Year period used to be very hot and dry, the fields would be parched, with the grass all dried and brown. Most of the elderly people would be sitting in the verandas of the houses during the evenings, slowly waving palm leaf fans to cool themselves.

While the hot weather around Chinese New Year is not something that we would miss, we have to be conscious and concerned of the changes in the environment that are caused by our growing material needs. Invariably, these needs involve activities that cause deterioration to the environment and changes to the weather patterns. Thus, while we celebrate the joyous occasion, it is timely for us to reflect on the need for environmental sustainability and protection of our resources.

We may not wish for a hot and dry Chinese New Year,

With the rapid advancement of technology and greater access to modes of transport, the world we are living in today is more interconnected. Within education, the term 'global citizen' has been growing in importance over the past 15 years. A global citizen is defined as a person who is aware of and understands the wider world and their position in it. Therefore, schools play an important role in preparing their students for a more diverse, multicultural world that future generations will be living in. This is why MGS has selected 'Each a global citizen' as one of our four core values.

One way that we help develop this value in our students is through the school curriculum that we offer. From an early age, we help our students understand that they are a part of different communities and that we all have responsibilities within these groups we belong to. In addition, our students learn about global issues like poverty and global warming, the impact that they are having in the world that we live in and measures that need to be taken to reduce their impact on future generations. While it is important they are aware that these issues are happening around the world, they also need to understand how they are having an impact locally and nationally and how we can support those communities



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Mr. Andrew Hamilton

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but we wish for our earth to be well preserved to allow us to celebrate many more happy new years in a healthy and safe environment.

Finally, I would like to wish all those who are celebrating the festival, a Happy Chinese New Year or *Xin Nian Kuai Le*. Enjoy your family reunions, giving and receiving red packets (angpau) and relaxing during the short break. See you all back in school after the holidays on 26th January.

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who are facing challenges from them. For example, making donations to local food banks to help those who are in need to provide food to their families due to the rise in living costs.



In MGS, we also ensure that we hold events throughout the year to increase the awareness of international mindedness in our school community. For this, we will hold festivities for important celebrations in Malaysia like Deepavali, Chinese New Year and Hari Raya. In addition, we hold an annual International Day where our students have the opportunity to showcase the customs and traditions of different countries in the world.

Another way we develop global citizenship in our school community is by having a campus that offers an international and Malaysian curriculum. There are few schools that offer this so our students are given a learning experience that is hard to find elsewhere. While our students are learning through their separate curriculums, we also provide many opportunities for our MIS and MPS communities to come together to learn from each other. In MGS, we offer learning that blends the best of both worlds as East meets West.

Campus Principal's Message Translated

学期才刚刚开始，而我们却马上就要放假庆祝华人农历新年。尽管如此，让我们一起在这春节的喜庆奉上吉祥的围绕，迎新同欢乐。

犹记在我小时候，新春期间的气候都是非常炎热干燥，田地干涸，草都枯黄了。大多数的老人傍晚时候都会坐在房子的阳台上，慢慢地挥舞着蒲扇降温。虽然春节时候的炎热天气不是我所怀念的记忆，但我们必须关注我们日常一切所需会影响周遭环境的变化。我们的日常需求总会涉及破坏环境导致天气模式的无常变化。因此，

当我们在欢庆的同时，我们也应时刻反思如何爱护环境和保护资源。我们可能不希望农历新年期间天气炎热干燥，但我们希望我们的地球得到妥善的保护，以致我们有一个健康及安全的环境可以庆祝更多快乐的新年。

最后，我要祝贺所有庆祝农历新年的大家“新年快乐”。享受您与家人团聚的欢乐时光，互赠红包，并在这短暂的假期中放松身心，我们1月26日校园内再见！

Penggal baru sahaja bermula dan akan berehat seketika bagi meraikan sambutan Tahun Baru Cina. Namun begitu, marilah kita menghayati semangat perayaan dan menyelami diri dengan kegembiraan dan kemeriahan majlis yang bertuah ini.

Pada zaman muda saya, Tahun Baru Cina dahulu sangat panas dan kering, ladang akan kering, dengan rumput semuanya kering dan berwarna coklat. Kebanyakan warga emas akan duduk di beranda rumah pada waktu petang, sambil mengipas daun palma untuk menyejukkan diri.

Walaupun cuaca panas sekitar Tahun Baru Cina bukanlah sesuatu yang kita bimbangkan, kita harus sedar dan prihatin terhadap perubahan di persekitaran yang disebabkan oleh keperluan material kita yang semakin meningkat. Selalunya, keperluan ini melibatkan aktiviti yang menyebabkan kemerosotan kepada alamsekitar dan perubahan kepada

cuaca. Oleh itu, semasa kita meraikan majlis yang mengembirakan ini, sudah tiba masanya untuk kita merenung tentang keperluan untuk kelestarian alam sekitar dan perlindungan kepada sumber kita. Kita mungkin tidak mengharapkan Tahun Baru Cina yang panas dan kering, tetapi kita berharap agar bumi kita terpelihara dengan baik untuk membolehkan kita merayakan lebih banyak lagi tahun baru yang meriah dalam persekitaran yang sihat dan selamat.

Akhir kata, saya ingin mengucapkan kepada semua yang merayakan perayaan ini, Selamat Menyambut Tahun Baru Cina atau Xin Nian Kuai Le. Nikmati perjumpaan keluarga anda, memberi dan menerima paket merah (angpow) serta berehat semasa cuti singkat ini. Jumpa kembali selepas cuti pada 26 Januari.

MIS PRIMARY MUSIC - BRAIN COORDINATION AND BODY BALANCE

This term, Year 3 students focused on the topic 'solfège' where they performed the 'Curwen hand signs' from 'Do until Ti'. Students used hand signs while singing tunes. Solfège syllables were created by Guido d'Arezzo (990–1050), an Italian monk, and used within his innovative 4-line staff notation system. These syllables are especially valuable for singing since they naturally fit the human voice. Hand signs were created by an Englishman, Rev. John Spencer Curwen (1816–1880) to help his choir to sing on pitch. Hand signs give a physical placement for vocal pitches that helps with memory and singing on pitch.

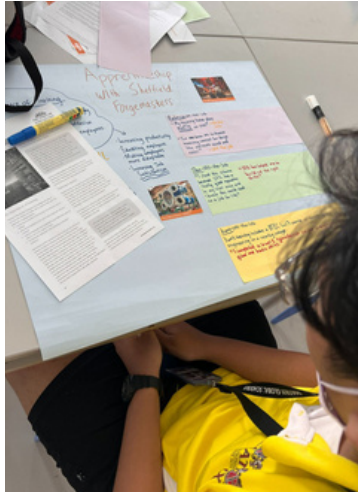
It is beneficial for students to use both hands for brain coordination and body balance as both sides of the brain are active. Using both hands also helps students model teachers without left-hand or right-hand confusion.



As the Chinese New Year (CNY) approaches, Year 4 has had the chance of learning the traditional CNY song 'Gong Xi Gong Xi' on the keyboard. The music and words of the song are by Chen Gexin (under the pen name Qing Yu). Produced in Shanghai in 1945, the song was not originally composed to celebrate CNY, but the defeat of Japan and the liberation of China at the end of the Second Sino-Japanese War.



MIS SECONDARY - 'APPRENTICESHIP WITH SHEFFIELD FORGEMASTER'



Year 10 students researching the work of Sheffield Forgemaster International Ltd. (SFIL).



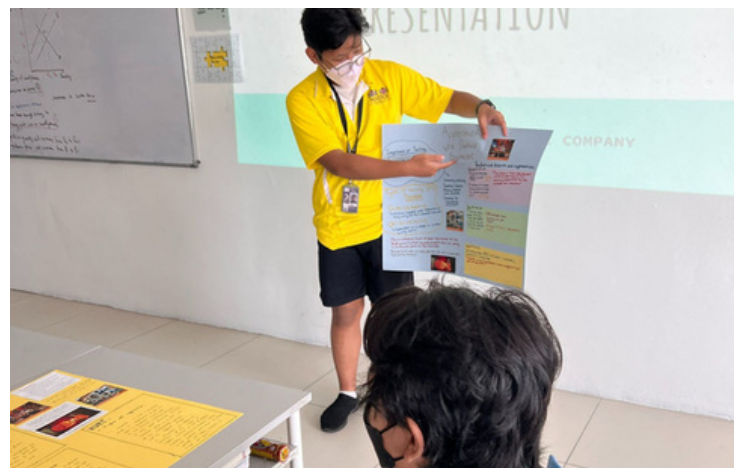
"Today I have learned the importance of training. There are different types of training such as on-the-job training and off-the-job training. I have learnt about people's experiences undertaking the training that is provided to them and how the basic skills are obtained in order to become efficient. The apprentices have a lot of benefits when working with SFIL and help other employees. The importance of safety practices can affect how business runs, especially with engineering jobs." -Jayden, Year 10M

"In this topic, I have learnt about business training using on-the-job training and off-the-job training. I have also learnt that it is important to train the employees not only for skills and experience, but for safety precautions too. The importance of training also increases the productivity of the employees and adapts them to the working environment." - Ryan, Year 10M

This week, our IGCSE students learnt about the importance of training at the workplace and its benefits to its workers. In Business Studies class, Year 10 presented about what they understood about the topic. The case study was given to students to prepare their presentations. The title is 'Apprenticeship training within the steel industry'.

Sheffield Forgemaster International Ltd. (SFIL) is a steel producer and engineering company, based in South Yorkshire with six subsidiaries, including operations in America and Europe.

SFIL invest £1 million a year in industry-leading training courses and received the Large Employer of the Year award at the 2011 National Apprenticeship Awards. SFIL is also featured as one of the top 100 apprenticeship employers in the UK.



Jayden, Year 10M, presenting his findings on how training in the workplace benefits its employees.

MIS STUDENT COUNCIL - POSITIVE IMPROVEMENT

MIS Secondary Student Council had a successful term of fundraising and bringing positive improvements to MIS Secondary.

On the 23rd of November 2022, the council hosted a highly successful Movie Night, in which the film "Spirited Away" was shown to a pleased audience of MIS students. The council organised the vote for the movie, the posters, and advertisements around the school as well as selling popcorn and soft drinks on the night. From ticket sales and food and drink sales, nearly RM1000 was raised for the local educational charity: Peace, Hope, Charity in Seremban.

Outside fundraising, the council looks after the concerns of the students in MIS and tries to bring about positive change regarding these concerns. Small changes to the canteen, cleanliness of the school and safety of students have all come about through the good work of the Student Council. Members have delivered assembly presentations as well as all members are positive role models to their peers in the secondary school.



Student Council members brainstorming ideas for fundraising.

MPS PARENT MEETING WITH CLASS TEACHERS

In MPS, Parents Meetings were held from the 5th of January 2023 until the 13th of January 2023 for primary and secondary parents. These meetings were eventful with a successful turn out from parents of different levels. We welcomed new parents and our existing parents in the meeting. The sharing done by the Deputy Head of School, Mr Prabakaran, was compact and easily understood and well received by the parents. There was an question and answer session before each meeting ended, whereby parents raised and asked good questions and gave constructive feedback to the school. Parents were also given a chance to personally meet the class teachers of their children.

We sincerely thank all parents for taking the time to meet us and to share your positive constructive feedback for the betterment of the school.



MPS PREFECTS - POSITIVE AMBIENCE

After the Orientation Day held on 29th December 2022, the MPS Pastoral Department continued the day with a team-building session having both primary and secondary prefects involved.

The main aim of the session is to bring together the probation prefects with the existing prefects. Ms. Siti also gave a short speech mainly to address the upcoming expectations for the academic year of 2023 and the further empowerment of our prefects in enforcing the school's code of conduct inside and outside the classroom.

We, from the MPS Pastoral Department, do hope and wish to see those currently on the board step up in aspects such as responsibility, vigilance and leadership. This could be achieved to reach a higher benchmark by looking at the positive and encouraging ambience of our current MPS students as a whole.



Prefectorial Board team building session for 2023.

CCA - PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. That is the core of photography. In the Photography Club, students learn composition skills to be able to take great photographs with any camera. In every CCA session, club members are introduced to a new composition skill and have a hands-on activity where they go to different locations in the school to apply their new knowledge

Then, the group as a whole will review the photos taken by everyone and give constructive feedback on what they like and how it could be improved further.

The goal of the club is to train students in the art of photography and provide opportunities for them to apply and hone them by being photographers during school events. Through this, students can get ample photography experience for their future, as well as take pride in their work by having them displayed in the MGS Yearbook and MGS Echo.

"I learned more about the basics of photography that makes my photos nicer, for example, using the 'rule of thirds'."
- Koo Keng Hin, Form 2M

"It is a fun club because I can capture more quality pictures for my friends and families." - Thivyan, Form 2A

"This club is inspiring because we could take a range of creative pictures from different perspectives." - Arundhati, F5M

"I love everything about this club because I can learn a lot about photography skills and taking pictures from different angles." - Chin Yue Jie, Year 9A