

WEEKLY MGS ECHO



Celebrating the Extraordinary

Capturing the Magic & Pride of The Greatest Showman

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We went to the night show on the 19th May. My two sons, Terence and Thaddeus, were part of the cast. My family, relatives and friends were all very proud of them for their excellent performances during 'The Greatest Showman'. I saw both my sons' 9 months of efforts, hard work & practice come to fruition on stage.

Thank you to the good team of teachers, cast, crew & the orchestra band. We acknowledge your dedication and efforts. Congratulations on a brilliant performance with impressive results!

Ms. Regina

Comments from the Audience



The show is exceptionally good - above my expectations! The kids were fantastic and the show passed by very quickly. The live band was fantastic too.

A job well done by all involved!

Mr. Kuan

The Greatest Show was 'the greatest' EVER!

Congratulations to the team!

Mr. Nantha Kumar

Ying and Yang, played by Aaron Wong & Jayden Jubang, were a crowd favourite. "Every time they stepped on stage, you knew they were going to steal the scene and chew up the scenery. You rarely get natural chemistry as perfect as that.

Mr. Ryan James Connors

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the cast, band, crew and the school community for making 'The Greatest Showman' such a special show. We are especially pleased with our parents, Mrs. Gan Pai Ling & Mrs. Raja Azferina binti Raja Azman, who volunteered to be our wonderful make-up artists, working in every show to make sure the cast and band looked their best.



Mr. Loh Ghee Juan

Campus Principal's Message

Last week, we celebrated Teachers' Day and we take the opportunity to reflect on the role of teachers. In MGS, we aspire to be a top school where the teachers are energetic, enthusiastic, ethical, disciplined, and inspirational for all the students while our students are persistent in seeking after knowledge and give their best effort in all their undertakings.

A teacher is like a farmer. A good farmer is able to create and provide the conducive environment for seeds and plants to grow, irrespective of the original situation. An example is taking the rubber seeds from Brazil to grow in England. Brazil has an equatorial and tropical climate with frequent rainfall and high temperature which is suitable for rubber seeds to grow. England has a much cooler temperate climate with a mild winter which is not suitable for cultivating rubber plants.

However, in 1876, Henry Wickham brought some rubber seeds to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew in London.

We all know 'hard work' can lead to success in one way or another. In any field, discipline, sport, hobby or academic endeavor. As a prolific singer, songwriter, dancer and bandleader, James Brown was a pivotal force in the music industry, and undoubtedly left his mark on music history. Brown began his professional music career in 1956 and rose to fame during the late 1950s and early 1960s on the strength of his thrilling live performances. He continued to score hits in every decade through to the 1980s.

He was born into extreme poverty during the Great Depression in the 1930s in America and experienced a disadvantaged and troublesome childhood. However, in his own words, he "...had the determination to go on, and my determination was to be somebody", and made no excuses.

He and his band would perform 350 nights out of the year, night after night, breaking box-office records in every major venue in America. James Brown earned the nickname "Mr. Dynamite" and title "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business."

Sometimes he was singing and dancing so hard that he would lose several pounds in one night. Once, when he collapsed during a performance, he was diagnosed with low-salt syndrome. He had actually sweated too much and had to undergo intravenous therapy. Brown also played a major role in the Civil Rights Movement.

The able gardeners there were able to create the environment for the rubber seeds to grow. Some of the saplings were brought to Kuala Kangsar, Perak, and from there it spread to the other parts of the country, making Malaya, at one stage, the biggest world producer of rubber.



A good teacher, like the farmer should be able to create the environment for every student to learn and grow to achieve their potential by reflecting and innovating their pedagogical practices. We believe every child can learn and we will not give excuses when students are not learning. We will work with the parents / guardians who know their children / wards well to create the most conducive learning path for every students. That is our commitment in MGS. Nulli Secunda!



Mr. Richard Lord

Head of MIS (Secondary)

This was a major struggle for social justice that took place mainly during the 1950s and 1960s for Black Americans to gain equal rights under the law in the United States. Despite the turbulent public life he faced, he was personally and privately known as a kind, generous man who reached out to the needy. He consistently helped under-privileged children and fed the poor. He sponsored a turkey-give-away and a book-give-away every year at Christmas. When hospitalised with pneumonia, James Brown left his hospital bed, went out in the cold rain to give out toys to needy children and died the next day on Christmas Day in 2006.

However, you need more than hard work, academic success and accolades to be a rounded, caring person. Unfortunately, James Brown's illustrious career is heavily tarnished by accounts of domestic abuse. All the strong work ethic and awards in the world can never make amends for his unacceptable behaviour and repair the damage it caused to his family and his legacy.

This example is precisely why Matrix International School, although committed to hard work and academic success, has the first of its four core values as 'Everyone Caring'. This is to ensure students have the right character and attitude, to leave school and make a positive contribution to society.

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - TRANSLATED

Pada minggu lepas kami menyambut Hari Guru dan kami mengambil peluang untuk merenung peranan guru. Di MGS, kami bercita-cita untuk menjadi sekolah terbaik di mana guru-gurunya bertenaga, bersemangat, beretika, berdisiplin, dan memberi inspirasi kepada semua pelajar manakala pelajar gigih dalam menuntut ilmu dan memberikan yang terbaik dalam semua usaha mereka.

Guru merupakan petani. Seorang petani yang baik mampu mencipta dan menyediakan persekitaran yang kondusif untuk benih dan tumbuhan berkembang, tanpa mengira keadaan asal. Contohnya mengambil benih getah dari Brazil dan menanamnya di England. Brazil mempunyai iklim khatulistiwa dan tropika dengan hujan yang kerap dan suhu tinggi yang sesuai untuk benih getah tumbuh. England mempunyai iklim sederhana yang lebih sejuk dengan musim sejuk yang sederhana yang tidak sesuai untuk penanaman pokok getah.

Walau bagaimanapun, pada tahun 1876, Henry Wickham, membawa beberapa biji getah ke Royal Botanic Gardens di Kew di London. Tukang kebun yang berkebolehan di sana dapat mewujudkan persekitaran untuk benih getah tumbuh. Sebahagian daripada anak pokok itu dibawa ke Kuala Kangsar, Perak dan dari situ ia berkembang ke kawasan lain di negara ini, menjadikan Tanah Melayu, pada satu peringkat, pengeluar getah terbesar dunia.

Seorang guru yang baik, seperti petani seharusnya dapat mewujudkan persekitaran untuk setiap pelajar belajar dan berkembang untuk mencapai potensi mereka dengan mencerminkan dan menginovasi amalan pedagogi mereka. Kami percaya setiap kanak-kanak boleh belajar dan kami tidak akan memberi alasan apabila pelajar tidak belajar. Kami akan bekerjasama dengan ibu bapa / penjaga yang mengenali anak / anak jagaan mereka dengan baik untuk mewujudkan laluan pembelajaran yang paling kondusif untuk setiap pelajar. Itulah komitmen kami di MGS. Nulli Secunda!

上周我们藉着庆祝教师节思考教师扮演的角色。我校立志成为一所最顶尖的学校，所以教师必须充满活力、热情、道德、纪律还能激发所有的学生坚持不懈地追求知识，在所有学习项目中尽最大努力。

老师就像一位农夫。一位好的农民，无论原本的环境如何，都能够创造出有利于种子和植物生长的环境。就好比将巴西的橡胶种子带到英国种植的情况。巴西属赤道热带气候，降雨频繁，气温高，适宜橡胶种子生长。英格兰属温带气候，温度凉爽得多，冬季温和，不适合种植橡胶树。

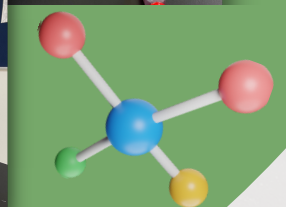
然而，在 1876 年，亨利·威克姆 (Henry Wickham) 将一些巴西橡胶种子带到了伦敦邱园(Kew)的皇家植物园。那里能干的园丁创造适合橡胶种子生长的环境。一些树苗被带到霹雳州的瓜拉江沙，并从那里传播到该国的其他地区，使马来亚一度成为世界上最大的橡胶生产国。

一位好老师就像一位农民一样，应该能够为每位学生创造学习和成长的环境。透过不断检讨和改进他们的教学法，让学生可以发挥他们的学习潜能。我们相信每个孩子都能学习，当学生拒绝学习时老师不应为自己寻找任何借口。我们将与了解孩子的监护人及家长合作，为每位学生创造最有利的学习方法，这是我们的承诺。我们是最棒的！

COLOUR MiXing

Everybody knows how much children love colours. Colours are attractive, and symbolise fun and happiness. Colour mixing is a fantastic experience for young children.

Our MIEY students took part in a colour mixing activity as part of our backyard science learning. This also incorporated learning about the arts as well. They had a great time exploring the effects of mixing colours and interacting with others on their observations.





Thanks for Helping me Bloom !



Through this activity students were able to show their art and writing skills to express their gratitude towards their mothers from the bottom of their hearts. Happy Mother's Day!

Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together - Carlos Hong



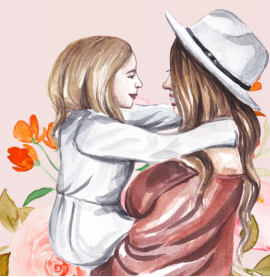
Using flowers as the main idea to represent beauty and grace, students used their creativity to decorate their cards and wrote meaningful wishes that touched the heart of their mothers.



Mother's Day is an occasion which is celebrated all over the world to express respect, honour and love towards a female, called their mother. This could be their biological / adopted mother or an older female who is influential in their lives.

Every child wants to celebrate Mother's Day in a special way. As for Std 4A, they have prepared a special flower gift.

A handmade card with a beautiful message to express the importance and significance of mothers in their life.



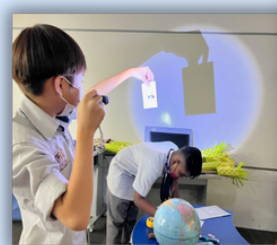
Time and Place, Earth and Space

Our Year 3 students recently started a new IPC unit called 'Time and Place, Earth and Space'. In this unit, they will be learning about the importance of the Sun to our universe, including providing light and heat, being at the centre of our solar system and helping us tell the time. They will also be looking at how the moon and the stars, which have fascinated man since the beginning of time, contribute to our understanding of time and place. What is the connection between the sun, moon and stars and how we keep time here on earth?

Both classes will need to be scientists and geographers in order to find out how the movements of these heavenly bodies in space determine the way we organise our time here on earth and how they can help us define our location on the globe. Also, they will be historians, finding out about how man explained the apparent movement of the sun and the moon in the sky and kept track of time in the past.

For the first science task, the students learned how light travels through different objects. They shone a beam of light onto a white wall or screen with 3 different objects - an opaque one, a translucent one and a transparent one - placed one at a time in the path of the beam to observe the shadows they make. The children then were given the chance to explain how shadows are formed using their understanding.

They discovered that darker, more defined shadows indicate that the light has been mostly blocked, and that lighter shadows, or shadows that contain some distortion or colour, indicating that the light has travelled through, but has been changed in the process. No shadow, or very little, indicates transparent materials that light has travelled through and been left practically unchanged.



Ryden thinks that his card is an opaque object.



Paavarasy said, "My protractor is transparent because the shadow is light."



Silver said, "We can make the shadow longer by changing the angle the light shines on the object."



Adi and Yudhistir said, "The keychain is translucent and forms a light shadow." They were surprised to see the colour of the keychain on the white wall.



Harshini and Dheyra said, "When we shone the beam of the light lower down, we can see the longest shadow of the translucent water bottle."



Kaitlynn and Lisa said, "The cardboard is an opaque object and forms a dark shadow."

Preparation for

Sports Day

Although the school production is over, it's not time to sit back as we continue with the preparation for the exciting Sports Day scheduled on 17th June 2023. The hot spell has not deterred us. Each week we will be updating two houses' activities while they practice and prepare for the event.



EINSTEIN

Preparations, dancing and more ...

For this year's Sports Day, Einsteinians are undoubtedly amped and prepared. From cheerleading to house booth decoration, we've got everything covered and are prepared to blow your mind.

Our cheerleading squad is made up of students of all ages from different classes. We're optimistic that we're able to demonstrate our abilities and dance styles! Not to be forgotten is the decoration crew, which is hard at work glamorising our Sports Day tent.



DA VINCI

Sizzling sports day preparation

There's great importance of games and sports for students. As we quickly approach MGS Annual Sports Day, our team, DA VINCI, have been putting significant effort trying to defend the championship we obtained last year.

Our cheerleading team has been practising with full effort to give an energetic performance for Sports Day! Cheerleading involves a balance of cardio exercise, resistance and flexibility. As the saying goes 'Practice Makes Perfect', our team practice usually takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The high jump is a track and field event where competitors must jump unaided over a horizontal bar placed at measured heights. Due to the weather conditions lately, our high jump competition has been carried out indoors. It was a joy to see everyone coming together to support our athletes. Every student had the chance to participate in the high jump to collect house points!



Our booth decorating team is doing a fantastic job in preparation with the decoration. Our theme of the year: CAPTAIN AMERICA!! Don't forget to bring your shield on Sports Day!

With enough grit, compassion and courage, you can achieve almost anything. Our athletes have been actively training and competing to get the best results possible, even though there are some limitations due to the weather this year. We are looking forward to the upcoming Sports Day!

