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# MGS ECHO





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### **Campus Principal's Message**

As we enter the new half-term, we look forward to some exciting school events. The first is Sports Day which we had to change twice. Initially, the heatwave was expected to last for half a month in May and we were hopeful that the restrictions would be lifted for us to resume training for the Sports Day on the new date of the 3rd June. However, that did not happen.

We are now giving ourselves a longer time, in case of any further disruptions that might be caused by the El Nino phenomenon which is associated with reduced rainfall and hazy conditions, and expected to befall us in June 2023. Since Sports Day has been postponed to 15th July, we will resume our CCA activities and only intensify training for the Sports Day nearer to the new chosen date.

Another major event is the International Day / Open Day. Last year, we had a very successful celebration of International Day and we will expand on the theme, with more countries represented and a wider variety of elements of the different cultures. The International Day is not just to celebrate cultural diversity and similarities, but an excellent opportunity to dwell deeper into the historical, cultural, geographical and economic elements of the different countries.

This is another opportunity for our students who will be organising the event, with the guidance of our teachers, to assume leadership and management roles. We also look forward to more parental involvement towards the success of the event as was done in our musical production 'The Greatest Showman'.



Matrix Global Schools proudly congratulates Jayden Louis (8A), the best junior squash player in Malaysia!

Jayden Louis won the Squash Racket Association Malaysia Rising Star National Junior Circuit 2023 (Leg 2) in Perlis.

Jayden, you have become an inspiration to all of us, proving that with passion and dedication, dreams can become a reality.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt applause to Jayden's parents, Dr. Rajandran A/L Muthoo & Ms. Julia Louis for their continuous support and encouragement throughout his journey. Hats off to them for nurturing his talent and helping him reach such great heights!

We are very proud of the sports achievements of Jayden and will continue to support him in his academic studies as well as sports development.



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## Campus Principal's Message - Translated

Kita telah memasuki separuh penggal yang baharu dan menantikan beberapa acara menarik untuk penggal ini. Yang pertama ialah Hari Sukan yang terpaksa ditunda dua kali. Pada mulanya gelombang panas dijangka berlarutan selama setengah bulan pada bulan Mei dan diharap sekatan akan ditarik balik agar latihan boleh disambung sempena Hari Sukan yang pada asalnya jatuh pada 3 Jun. Akan tetapi perkara itu tidak berlaku.

Lebih sekatan mungkin akan dihadapi disebabkan oleh fenomena El Nino yang dikaitkan dengan pengurangan hujan dan keadaan berjerebu, yang dijangka akan menimpa negara pada Jun 2023. Memandangkan Hari Sukan telah ditangguhkan sehingga 15 Julai, aktiviti CCA akan sambung semula. Sementara itu latihan untuk Hari Sukan akan dipertingkatkan lagi pada hari-hari yang hampir dengan tarikh baru yang telah ditetapkan.

Satu lagi acara besar ialah Hari Antarabangsa / Hari Terbuka. Tahun lepas, kita telah meraikan sambutan Hari Antarabangsa dengan sangat jaya dan kita akan mengembangkan tema itu, dengan lebih banyak negara dan pelbagai unsur budaya yang berbeza. Hari Antarabangsa bukan sahaja untuk meraikan kepelbagaian dan persamaan budaya tetapi memberi peluang yang sangat baik untuk mengupas lebih mendalam unsur-unsur sejarah, budaya, geografi dan ekonomi negaranegara yang berbeza.

Ini adalah satu lagi peluang untuk pelajar kami yang akan mengambil bahagian dalam acara itu untuk menyandang peranan kepimpinan dan pengurusan dengan bimbingan guru-guru mereka. Kami juga mengharapkan lebih banyak penglibatan ibu bapa untuk mencapai kejayaan seperti kejayaan yang dicapai oleh produksi muzik kita 'The Greatest Showman'.

当我们进入新的另外一半学期时,我们期待着 ·些激动人心的活动。第一个活动就是被逼更 改两次的运动会。第一次从6月3日更改至6 月 17 日。最初我们预测热浪将会在 5 月持续半 个月,我们希望教育部能取消户外活动的限制 令,以便我们能在明天 6 月 17 日顺利举行运动 会。

由于户外活动的限制令没有被解除,我们的运 动会不得不再次推迟到7月15日。我们给予自己 更长的时间,以防厄尔尼诺现象可能再次干扰 我们运动会的进行。厄尔尼诺现象与降雨量减 少和雾霾天气有关,预计将在 2023 年 6 月出 现此现象。由于运动会已经推迟,我们将恢复 我们的课外 活动,并且在临近运动会时才进行 密集训练。

另一项重大活动是国际日/开放日。去年,我们 举办了一场非常成功的国际日庆祝活动。今年 我们将扩大这项活动,让学生选择更多的国家 并加入更多不同文化的元素。国际日不仅是为 了庆祝文化的多样性和相似性,同时也是提供 给大家更深入了解不同国家的历史背景、文 化、地理和经济因素的一个绝佳机会。

这也是提供给我们学生另一个让他们在教师们 的引指导下,组织这次活动,担任领导和管理 角色的平台。我们也期待更多的家长能参与这 次的活动,<mark>就像我们成功演出音乐剧《马戏之</mark> 王》中所给予的支持与协助。



Head of MIEY

Ms. Adrinna Pierre Building Attitude and Character through Stories

We are always teaching our children something by our words and our actions. They learn from seeing, hearing and doing. They learn from us, from each other, from other adults in the community, and by themselves.

Children share the values of their parents about the most important things in life. Our priorities and principles and our examples of good behaviour can teach our children to take the high road when other roads look tempting. Besides just learning the values from us, another form of teaching values are through stories

Stories can be a very powerful teaching tool. In fact, people in stories can influence children almost as much as the real people who read with them. Therefore, reading to and with children, encouraging older children to read on their own, and talking with children about the books they read are important ways to build positive attitude and strong character. This week, I would like share a 1 minute fable which I feel has a very powerful message that we all can apply to our lives: When not to argue.

The donkey told the tiger: "The grass is blue."

The tiger replied: "No, the grass is green."

The discussion became heated and the two decided to submit the issue to the lion, king of the jungle.

Before reaching the clearing in the forest where the lion was sitting on his throne, the donkey started braying, "Your Highness, is it true that grass is blue?"

The lion replied, "True, the grass is blue."

The donkey rushed forward and continued, "The tiger disagrees with me and contradicts me and annoys me. Please punish him."

The king then declared "The tiger will be punished with 5 years of silence.

The donkey jumped for joy and went on his way, content and repeating, "The grass is blue..."

The tiger accepted his punishment, but he asked the lion: "Your majesty, why have you punished me, after all, the grass is green?" The lion replied, "You are right, the grass is green."

The tiger asked, "So why do you punish me?"

The lion replied "The punishment has nothing to do with the question of whether the grass is blue or green. The punishment is because you, a brave, intelligent creature, wasted time arguing with a donkey, and then come and bother me with a silly question."

Take a minute of your dinner/family time to share this interesting life lesson story with your children, and they will remember it for life.

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MIS CORNER







MISP Year 5 - Factors Interlocking Cube Challenges

Year 5 students have been learning to identify all the factors of numbers using interlocking cubes. This activity helped them learn all about factors practically, with the help of a selection of interlocking cubes and the challenge cards. Students needed to make models using interlocking cubes to answer simple mathematics questions from the challenge cards. This challenged students to arrange the cubes and count how many cubes they had used according to the mathematical questions. This also included mastery style and openended questions that encouraged children to explore the concept of factors.

A fun and practical learning task that encouraged children to consider how they can use resources, such as cubes, to work out; what sort of numbers have an odd number of factors, do bigger numbers always have more factors, and to investigate what are the most frequent numbers that are factors.

MPS CORNER

**MIEY CORNER** 





MISP Year 6 - Multiplying and Dividing Fractions Games

Year 6 students have been focusing on revising multiplying pairs of fractions and multiplying and dividing fractions by whole numbers. They played multiplying and dividing fraction games where they needed two players to generate and create fractional numbers using dice and they then wrote them down on a game board. Then, they needed to multiply or divide their fractions together. The player who made the greatest fraction when the two fractions were multiplied or divided got 2 points. If both players made the same-sized fraction, each player scored 1 point. The winner was the first player to reach 10 points.

This activity really engaged the students as they had to think carefully about where to position their digits to make the largest fraction. Through this activity, students had so much fun using pictorial materials, while practising calculating fractions and developing their maths skills.



### **BRAVING NEW CHALLENGES**

When I was filling out the form to select the elective subjects to study, I thought that 2023 was going to be as easy-going as 2022. Boy, was I wrong! The new subjects are so challenging. There were so many new formulas to memorise and numerous concepts to understand.

I've developed some ways to cope with this new school life. I started with pre-reading the chapters before class. To be honest, I didn't really do this in lower secondary, but this helps a lot because I have a better grasp of the concept in the topic. Other than that, I spend more time on revising the chapter to reinforce the topic I've just learned, during my free time in school and at home. Lastly, I have reduced the amount of time procrastinating and do extra revision on future or past topics.

**WOO FUNG (FORM 4M)** 



Our reception class children were involved in long and short vowel games. They were divided into small groups and were required to choose the long and short vowel cards according to their group task. Everyone actively took part and successfully chose the correct vowels. The children were able to recognise the difference between long and short vowels. Through these games, children had the opportunity to recognise and distinguish different sounds in words, enhancing their phonemic awareness which is crucial for reading and spelling. They had a fantastic time and were excitedly engaged in the activity.



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# Congratulations.

SPM CLASS OF

2022

**33.2 %** A\* ~ A- **100%** PASS

**72.2 %** A\* ~ C

Bahasa Melayu

English

Mandarin 1st Language

Visual Arts

Science

Biology

Physics

Chemistry

Islamic Studies

**Check out the video.** 

Our SPM top performer sharing tips and experiences.



AK MUN SANG VINCENT Full 9As



CHUAN YEH TONG Full 9As



TOH KHER YEE Full 9As



GOH ZI XUAN 8**As** 



KUSHALINI DHAMODARAN **7As** 



THAQIF BIN NABIL 6As



ELLENA HANNI FAIZUL **5As** 



MANAVJIT SINGH DHALIWAL **5As** 



NUR KHALISHAH FARZANA BTE KAMARUL HALIM **5A**s



FARAH DAYANA BTE MOHD AZAN **5As**