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#### MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL

Keeping our school safe is one of our basic priorities at MGS and one that we continuously look to improve. A safe learning environment helps us to create an open, comfortable, and creative space where we can focus on teaching and learning and the students have the freedom to explore, grow and develop. Many procedures around the school have been put in place to ensure the safety of both our staff and students.

This week, you would have received communication from the school regarding pick-up times and waiting areas for all students. This practice allows for **constant supervision and better management of students' whereabouts while they are on our campus**. Given these safety regulations and our school's location, we find that many students are still tempted to go to neighbouring leisure centres after school. Leaving the school premises without supervision poses risks for our students that they often neglect to consider and, thus, will not be something we will allow without written consent from a parent/guardian.

	No CCA's		CCA's	
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	3:15 - 3:45 pm	Pick up at MIS / MPS Lobby	3:15 - 3:30 pm	Prep for CCA
* Teachers on duty in lobby to send students to library	3:45 - 6:00 pm (For students not picked up by 3.45 pm)	Students sent to Library. Pick up at MIS Lobby	3:30 - 4:30 pm	CCAs
			4:30 - 4:45 pm	Pick up at MIS Lobby
			4.30 - 5.30 pm	School Team / Paid CCA Training. Pick up at MIS Lobby
			4:45 - 6:00 pm (students sent to Library)	Pick up at MIS Lobby
Wednesdays and Fridays	3:15 - 3:45 pm	Pick up at MIS / MPS Lobby.		
* Teachers on duty in lobby to send students to library	3:45 - 6:00 pm	Students sent to Library. Pick up at MIS Lobby		

Protecting our students in this day and age becomes challenging when you consider not only their physical whereabouts on campus, but also the impact that social media has on their wellbeing. The school has taken precaution against this by not allowing mobile phones to be used during school hours. Having said this, our students are still exposed to a lot of online activities after hours. We are taking various steps to educate them on internet safety, in particular issues pertaining to cyberbullying and explicit content. We need parents to support us in this effort as well by making sure appropriate use of technology is practised at home.

The precautionary measures we have put in place to monitor student movement and the use of technology also extends to our students' health. As stated in previous communication, we would like to assure all parents/guardians again that we have not only implemented a quarantine period for some, but also continue to monitor all our students health on a daily basis. Our school staff can be seen every morning at the respective reception areas where students' temperatures are taken and the students' hands are sanitized before entering the classrooms. Besides educating our students in their respective school assemblies on personal health and hygiene, we also hosted a combined MGS assembly on 19 February, where a presentation was delivered by **Dr Nadiatul Ima binti Zulkifli from the Seremban District Health Department** on the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) which ended with a very informative Q&A session.



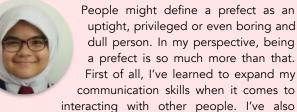
In our efforts to ensure our children's safety, we hope that all

parents/guardians will support us in this endeavour. **Constant communication between school and home** is one of the key aspects of any successful health and safety policy, and we hope that we work together to ensure that our children stay safe, healthy and happy.

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## From our Aspiring Student Leaders: HEAD PREFECTS Wan Alya Farihah, Form 5 & Saieesivasoriaa, Year 11



gained a lot of confidence to speak up in a room filled with people. Working as a prefect has taught me to voice out my thoughts and not to keep my opinions to myself. I've learned to share my views when working with others as well as exchanging ideas with them. Recently, I was appointed as Head Prefect which is definitely a newfound experience for me. Using all of the lessons I've gained for the past few years as a prefect, I'll try my best to use it in my effort to lead our students in MGS to success.

Being a leader, let alone a Head Prefect has been a great honour for me. The role requires you to be a person all students can look up to and a person students can rely upon if they were to have any problems either in school or out of school. My fellow prefects have invested their trust and belief in me and for that I am very grateful. As a prefect, I've encountered many criticisms and times when people thought less of me. However, it's important to stay strong and never let negative comments affect who you are and what you want to be.

MGS is at its strongest when we are all united and together and that means everyone in the community including staff, students, teachers, cleaners etc.

MGS Mandarin Debate Club participated in a two-day Chinese Debate Workshop organised by the Negeri Sembilan Hokkien Association in SJKC Chung Hua Port Dickson. Debaters from Chung Hua High School Seremban, Chung Hua Secondary School Port Dickson, SMK Bukit Mewah and Port Dickson High Schools also took part in this workshop.

Overall, the workshop was fun, interesting and very informative. We were taught good techniques and tactics in debating that would certainly be useful in future debate competitions. There were also practice matches for us to use the new knowledge we had learned. We hope to attend more similar workshops in future.

- Stanley Ng, Year 9 (far right)

To me, this workshop is meaningful and unforgettable. I always felt distressed with the mistakes I made in each competition, but now I realised that there is no point getting upset about past failures. What we can do is just learn from the mistakes and move on. Only when we forgive ourselves, can we be a better version of ourselves. I also realise that there is no royal road to success. If we want to be successful in the field that we are passionate about, we must keep trying and make mistakes and the failures will become the stepping stones for us to achieve our goals.

- Chong Yi Shuen, Form 5 (standing in the photo)

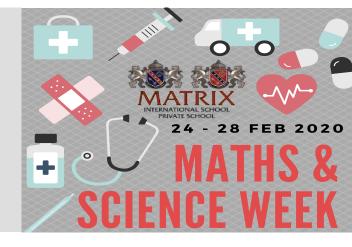
### MGS Students in Chinese Debate Workshop





#### **GET READY TO BE STEM-ed!**

Great activities and displays has been planned throughout next week in conjunction with the MPS Mathematics & Science Week. The highlight of the event is the **Mathematics & Science Fair to be held on Friday, 28 February** in the Multipurpose Hall (MPH), 4th Floor. From 9.15am to 11.00am, **MPS Parents and Guardians are most welcomed** to join the fun and support our students in their effort to showcase their learning. See you then!



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#### 张康文老师回来了!

张康文老师趁着台大博士班寒假的空档回到MGS与中 文为第一语言班的高中孩子交流。此行,张老师与大家 谈《小王子的领悟》,讲座期间亦以有趣的生活例子结 合"独一无二"、"驯服"和"孤独"等的概念。愿经过此讲 座后,孩子们都多了小王子的视野。



#### **Dari Pena Pelaiar**

Harapan saya setelah berada di Tingkatan 4 antaranya saya akan berusaha untuk lebih fokus semasa belajar terutama ketika guru mengajar di dalam bilik darjah. Hasrat saya adalah untuk memperoleh keputusan yang cemerlang dalam ujian dan peperiksaan di sekolah. Selain itu, saya ingin menjadi anak yang boleh membanggakan kedua ibu bapa saya. Oleh itu saya akan pastikan semua

kerja rumah dan tugasan lanjut yang diberikan oleh para guru sentiasa lengkap dan siap Matrix Global Schools.

dalam masa yang ditetapkan. Saya percaya bahawa apabila saya berusaha dengan bersungguh-sungguh impian saya pasti menjadi kenyataan di

> Vinoth Raj a/l Moorthy Tingkatan 4

#### **MPS Visual Art Lesson**

Art is a subject that allows for creativity and personal expression. In MPS, the Art Studio, filled with students' masterpieces, is a room that many students like to be in to expand their creativity during break time with Cikgu Aimee. This trend of providing learning beyond their lesson time is something positive that needs to be nurtured and expanded by other subject teachers in



I like art because it is the only class which I don't have to express myself in words.

- Yassheka a/p Arumugam



I like art lessons because we are taught to make colourful, lovely things. Plus, Ms Aimie is very nice and really creative! - Elise Yong



### MATRIX GLOBAL SCHOOL SPORTS DAY 2020

Matrix International Early Years celebrated its 5th Annual Sports Day, themed Olympics Water Sports. It was a grand spectacle with an umbrella drill performance, synchronised swimming followed by fun water sports activities. It was an amazing sight to see the tiny tots in their colourful T-shirts performing to the best of their ability. The children were very happy participating and more so when they see their parents also taking part in the games. Thank you parents for your warm support of your children on their special Olympics outing! You have made their Sports Day a very memorable one.





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# MATRIX GLOBAL SCHOOLS









It was the greatest sports day that I have ever experienced in my entire life! My favourite game was the "Steal the Ball".

- Trishanth a/l Sujendran, Standard 2

I enjoyed the different events that we took part in. I learned that you have to listen carefully to the instructions to do well. I also learned that I need to be more focused during the activities and not get distracted by the other competitors. Next year, I must be more attentive in the games and not lose my focus on what I need to do.

- Mahathi Adarsha Marpalli, Year 3

The sports day was an amazing event! We all had a lot of fun. My favourite was the dodge ball game.

- Dian Mak Zhi Yee, Standard 3

I really enjoyed that everyone was in their house colours (students and teachers) during Sports Day. The support that I got from my house members helped me in my race! I learned that it is not all about winning. We all aren't perfect - we just have to try our best!

- Rene Marie May Ean Kat, Year 4

## MATRIX GLOBAL SCHOOLS







Chloe Yoshi Chen Year 3



Syarifah Adelia Standard 3



Mithravaniia Standard 3

Every week, MIS PE Department will award deserving students a star based on their behaviour, effort, performance and improvement in the class. MIS Secondary winners are posted on @mgs\_sports Instagram while Primary winners will be shared in the newsletter for young students to view.

#### **Environmental Education trip to Tioman!**

This year the PE Department is running an outdoor educational trip to Tioman Island on 17 to 21 July. Outdoor education involves discovery, experimentation, learning and connecting with the natural world while incorporating curriculum links related to personal development, geography and history. Scan the QR Code for more details or contact Mr Ross Hall to sign up.



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