

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL

School closure remains as the Movement Control Order (MCO) has been extended to 28 April 2020 as announced by the Malaysian Prime Minister, YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The current situation with COVID-19 has forced us to adapt to living our life outside of the usual 'normalities' of our daily routines. Collectively, it is a trying time for students, teachers, parents and guardians alike. Students have to adapt to ways of learning that demand more intrinsic discipline than usual. Each child's focus and resilience is being pushed to the limits to enable them to remain on task, without the normal routine of the classroom. Teachers are having to adopt new teaching methodologies to engage and motivate their students to learn and work on their assignments. Meanwhile, parents and guardians are making greater sacrifices to ensure their children/wards remain in MGS, with the impact of the Movement Control Order (MCO) on a multitude of businesses and jobs.

As we continue with online learning in MGS, we are seeing the ongoing progress that our students are making in their learning. Some wonderful examples of their work can be found in the MGS Echo and also on some of our other social media platforms. We thank the staff, parents, guardians and, most importantly, the students for their efforts. We would kindly ask that parents and guardians allow their child/ward, where necessary, to complete work independently. This learning experience will allow them to develop their adaptability, enquiry, resilience and resourcefulness – skills they require to be learners for life.

We have planned for continuous learning during the MCO and are planning for extra lessons when the school commences again (hopefully from the 15th April onwards) during CCA time. Once we return to school, we will continue to implement measures for the wellbeing and development of our community. Social distancing in classrooms and in the canteen will be enhanced. As a precaution, activities that involve mass gatherings will be further tightened. In addition to conducting assemblies in individual classes, we will also postpone all CCA activities as strict social distancing is impossible for CCAs. Further details will be shared with the MGS community once the MCO has been uplifted or amended for us to return to school.

Once again, thank you to all the parents/guardians for your cooperation to supervise the study of your children/wards during the MCO. And to the students, continue to study hard for your future. This pandemic is not the first nor will it be the last. By being better prepared, you will be able to overcome any future crisis that comes.

In closing, as the famous saying goes, **'Every cloud has a silver lining.'** Although, we may face difficulties in the days to come, we will be able to get through this and better days will follow.

新型冠状病毒疫情已迫使我们的日常生活出现变化。总体而言，它促使学生、老师、家长都必须不断破旧立新。学生需适应不同的学习方式，而自律更不可或缺。走出课堂这个日常，每位孩子完成课业的集中力与韧性都被推到极致。为了推动学生的学习力与完成课业的能力，老师们更须适应与尝试不同的教学法。同时，面对行动管制令给业务和工作带来的多方面冲击，家长则需为孩子留在金群利学校作出莫大的牺牲。

自金群利学校转战线上教学，学生的持续学习与进步是显而易见的。本校校讯与社交媒体平台并不乏学生在这期间的学习成果。为此，感谢所有教职员与家长的付出，以及更重要的还有——孩子的努力。藉此，校方冀家长能予以孩子更多的独立空间完成课业。这种学习经验将让他们习得一生受用的能力，如：随机应变、探究能力、韧性、足智多谋。

本校已策划了行动管制令期间的持续学习计划，而现拟将开学后的课外活动时间转为额外的辅导课（愿能始于4月15日）。一开学，我们将以社群的利益为前提，实行相关的防疫措施，其中包括了保持社交距离与不群聚。此外，周会将会暂时转型为班会的模式，而所有的课外活动将展延。待行动管制令结束，本校将会与大家分享更进一步的详情。

再次感谢所有在行动管制令期间，与校方配合并督促孩子学习的家长。孩子们，为了你们的将来好好学习。这波疫情并非前无古人，后无来者，唯有先装备好自己，我们才有能力面对来日的任何危机。

正所谓：“守得云开见月明”，纵使们仍需面对眼前的总总难题，但我们总有跨越这些困难的时刻，而等待我们的将是更美好的未来。

Keadaan semasa berikutan pandemik COVID-19 telah memaksa kita untuk menyesuaikan diri dengan kehidupan di luar normaliti rutin harian. Ternyata, ini merupakan waktu yang mencabar bagi kesemua pelajar, guru, ibu bapa dan penjaga. Pelajar perlu menyesuaikan diri dengan cara pembelajaran yang memerlukan disiplin diri yang lebih tinggi dari rutin pembelajaran di kelas. Para guru perlu menggunakan metodologi pengajaran baru untuk terus menarik minat pelajar dan mengekalkan motivasi mereka untuk membuat tugas yang diberikan. Manakala, ibu bapa dan penjaga harus membuat pengorbanan yang lebih besar untuk memastikan anak-anak mereka kekal di MGS disebabkan oleh banyak perniagaan dan pekerjaan yang terjejas akibat Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Perkembangan para pelajar dapat dilihat dalam usaha pembelajaran atas talian yang diteruskan di MGS. Beberapa contoh tugas pelajar telah disiarkan dalam MGS Echo dan juga di platform media sosial MGS. Terima kasih diucapkan kepada kakitangan, ibu bapa, penjaga dan terutamanya para pelajar atas usaha mereka. Kami meminta jasa baik para ibu bapa dan penjaga untuk, selagi boleh, membiarkan para pelajar menyelesaikan tugas mereka sendiri. Pengalaman pembelajaran sebegini membolehkan mereka mengasah kemahiran untuk menyesuaikan diri dengan keadaan, memupuk ketekunan dan mengasah kepintaran yang merupakan antara kemahiran penting dalam pembelajaran sepanjang hayat.

Di MGS, rancangan pembelajaran berterusan telah dijadualkan sepanjang PKP. Malah, usaha untuk mengadakan pengajaran tambahan telah dirancang apabila sekolah dibuka kelak. Apabila sekolah dibuka semula, kami akan terus mengambil langkah-langkah untuk memastikan kesejahteraan komuniti MGS. Penjarakan sosial di bilik darjah dan kantin akan dipertingkatkan. Sebagai langkah berjaga-jaga, perhimpunan mingguan akan dijalankan secara berasingan di dalam bilik darjah dan aktiviti CCA akan ditunda. Maklumat lanjut akan dikongsi bersama komuniti MGS apabila sekolah di buka kelak.

Sekali lagi, ingin kami ucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada para ibu pada/penjaga di atas kerjasama yang diberikan untuk mengawasi pembelajaran anak anak di kala PKP. Kepada para pelajar pula, teruskan usaha untuk masa depan anda. Pandemik ini bukanlah yang pertama kali berlaku di dunia, dan ia bukan juga yang terakhir. Dengan persediaan diri yang baik, segala dugaan dapat ditempuhi biar apapun krisis yang melanda.

Di akhir kata, setiap ujian ada hikmahnya. Kita perlu cekal mengharungi dugaan kali ini untuk kita lebih tabah menempuhi dugaan di hari mendatang.

Keeping up with MGS Students as they LEARN FROM HOME

Form 5 students have been learning Biology with Ms Tan through Skype video call three times per week to ensure students are on track with their lessons in preparation for SPM examinations.

Students interacted well with the teacher, as well as with their peers during the lessons. They enjoy learning from home as they can have drinks & snacks while having the lessons. The lessons have been conducted at night as feedbacks from the students are the WiFi signals are stronger then.

Apart from using Skype video calls, the class are actively engaged through Google Classroom with students getting individual feedback from Ms Tan regarding their homework submitted via this portal.



From our oldest students to our youngest

Ms Julie's class in MIS Early Years did not miss out on their own experience to interact using video calls.

The class worked on their verbal skills to discuss why they had to stay at home, what MCO stood for and how it would keep them safe. Then, the children showed their completed school work that was given to them earlier.

The children felt very excited and important to be learning using this 'grown up' method. They were very happy to see their friends and even played a game of Simon Says.

The session was a way for Ms Julie to simply get in touch with the students and ease the minds that despite all these changes, their teachers are still here and life is not at a stand still.



Isolation

by Taarhann Ravi, Year 11



The process of being segregated from everyone is almost incomprehensible to me. I have never felt this amount of boredom ever. I am stuck in my room doing my online homework given by my teachers through an online classroom and the only source of entertainment I am getting is scrolling through social media.

Every morning, I hope to listen to the beautiful choir of birds singing a soothing melodic chorus which would surely brighten up my day. However, living in a place where I am surrounded by houses, I could only hear the relentless rusting noise from the engines of a lawnmower. This will never give me the boost to start my day. At least the sun would shine through my window and rays of warm pastels would flow like a river and colour every detail in my room, and in hopes of filling the world with its light.

Usually in the morning, my room would be cold but today it was not. My ceiling fan seemed to be working just fine. However, the room keeps getting warmer. Droplets of sweat started rolling down my face and, combined with other droplets, they hung under my chin like a sleeping bat. I felt like my skin was crying due to the heat but I had to stay in my room until I finished with my assignments. There was no escaping.

Everyone is behaving like there is nothing to achieve during this period of isolation; people wasting their time watching online videos, playing games and just laying on their bed all day. I feel this is the only time where we can spend quality time with our families and really focus on ourselves. For me, I have used this time to thoroughly think through the options that I am looking forward to pursuing after my examinations.

Besides that, I miss my friends. Memories of hanging out and chit-chatting with them stay in my mind. My room is filled with pictures of my friends and every time I look at the pictures, I would feel nostalgic. I would then recall all those things that we did and it would just make me smile; from crazy laughs to even the scariest moments. I always wish that these times would come again and we would all experience them together for the last time before life splits us apart.

This isolation is going to end in a few weeks time. Thinking about how long I have to suffer, makes me want to run away from my house. However, it is for the best to confine ourselves since the world is in a crisis. Up to this point, I have learned to appreciate all the little things in life and not to forget about the people who have made me happy.

MIS Primary weekly challenge on Google Classroom

MIS Primary students have been working hard at home on learning projects based around the themes of their IPC units. They receive feedback and support from their teachers on their assignments to ensure that quality learning continues.

They are also now set a weekly challenge on Google Classroom. This week's challenge has been inspired by children around the world, who are showing their support for the essential workers by creating and displaying posters with rainbows and messages of thanks and support to spread hope during the threat of COVID-19.

Many students have risen to the challenge with some colourful artwork and inspiring messages which they are now posting in their windows at home to demonstrate their gratitude for front liners in our community and across Malaysia.



Precious family time

I have been coping well with the MCO and did my duty by not going outside my house. At first, it was hard to stay inside all the time but I soon got over it as I realised this was an opportunity for me to spend more time with my beloved family and talk to my friends online.



Cooking is my main activity during this period as it helps me to try out new and creative dishes. Mashed potatoes with sausage anyone?

- Mariya Plavs'ka, Standard 5

The quest for IGCSE must go on!

These are among the masterpieces created by our artistic Year 11 student, Siow Thon Earn, who is in the process of completing her coursework for IGCSE Art.



IMBAU KEMBALI Aktiviti Membaca di MGS

Antara aktiviti pengukuhan Bahasa Melayu yang dijalankan sepanjang tahun di MPS adalah memantapkan kemahiran membaca dimana murid bukan sahaja dikehendaki untuk memahami teks yang diberi, malah mereka perlu menaakul dan menghayatinya untuk menerangkan kembali isi kandungan teks. Murid melaksanakan aktiviti tersebut secara berkumpulan dan membentangkan hasilnya pada akhir pembelajaran. Manakala guru pula bertindak sebagai fasilitator. Ini bertujuan untuk meningkatkan keyakinan murid bertutur dalam Bahasa Melayu dan memastikan bahawa murid benar-benar menghayati isi kandungan yang telah mereka baca.

Diharapkan pada waktu Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) ini, murid murid terus membaca di rumah supaya kemahiran Bahasa Melayu yang telah dipupuk di sekolah tidak pudar.

Matrix Art Prize is back!

Inspired by the very prestigious annual art award in London, the Turner Prize, the Matrix Art Prize 2020 marks the second year for this campus-wide art competition. With the aim to allow students to express their inherent creative thoughts and create artwork that has a connection to their lives, this year's challenge will be more interesting as the MGS Art Department has extended an invite to all schools in Seremban to participate.

With the theme 'Me and My Seremban', MGS students aged 10 and above are invited to take up the challenge and stand a chance to win RM350 in cash, plus the opportunity to exhibit the submitted works in the Matrix Art Gallery that will be held sometime in July 2020. To enter, simply hand in your artwork to your respective art teachers.

Art is a platform to elucidate the joys, passions and views of the world around you. So make full use of your time during this school closure and show off your artistic skills!

MATRIX ART PRIZE
2020
Creative Arts
Competition
for ALL
MGS Secondary Students

Entries Due
05 June 2020

Theme
Me & My Seremban

Contestants
Category A : Age 10 to 13 years old
Category B : Age 14 and above

Prizes
Winner x2 - RM350+Certificate
Runner up x2 - RM200+Certificate
People's Champion (Student Vote) - RM100 + Certificate
* The Winners will be announced on 1st July 2020

(artwork can be any media or subject but must have a theme of what Seremban means to you)

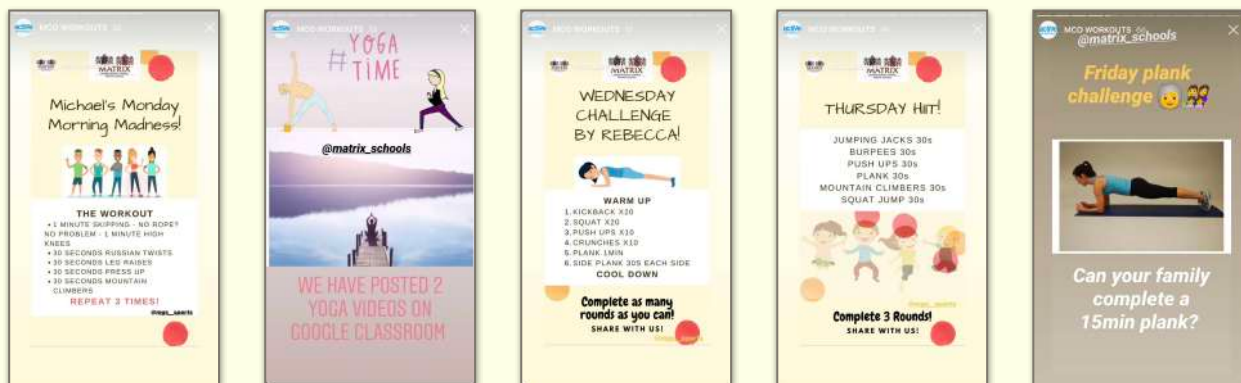
Photography Painting Drawing Sculpture

Exhibition Entries will be displayed from 22nd to 26th June

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Keep Fit with MCO Workouts by MGS Sports Leaders

Follow the MGS PE Department on Instagram @mgs_sports to keep up with their daily posting of workouts to keep a healthy mind and body. There will be HIIT (high-intensity interval training) sessions, yoga, family challenges with videos created by our Sports Leaders to lead the online workout sessions. Maintain an active MCO life with us and join in the fun!



f LIVE
Creative Activities to Inspire Teenage Minds

13 April | 10am

With Dornehl Kitching

Catch the Acting Head of MIS Secondary as she shares some ideas to inspire teens with creative activities to remain active and promote positive minds while they are staying at home during school closure.

Watch the discussion online at [Matrix Global Schools' Facebook page](#).

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