

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL

*Wishing all our Muslim students, parents and colleagues
Ramadhan Mubarak and all the blessings of the holy month.*

We are going into the fifth week of the COVID-19 Movement Control Order and the school community is adjusting to a new normality. Schools may be closed but learning is going on. At Matrix Global Schools, our online learning programme started mainly based on the Google Classrooms platform.

However, with constant feedback from students, teachers and parents/guardians, we have adjusted the learning programme by taking into consideration several factors like the age group of students, the availability of devices, internet connectivity, parental support at home as well as being mindful of not making students spend too much time online.

We have had to balance this learning with the physical and emotional wellbeing of our staff and students. So a variety of learning strategies have been used with face-to-face learning, recorded lessons and video conferencing being the favourites among students, especially the younger ones.

Although we acknowledge that this is a very trying and challenging period of time for everyone, we are happy to note that more than **95% of our students are accessing the online learning programmes**. For those who are unable or have not done so, we will continue to reach out to them to find alternative strategies to engage them so that everyone is on board. Meanwhile, the positive feedback from parents on the learning programme is most encouraging and motivating, particularly to the schools and the teachers who have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to provide the best learning for our students.

The routine of school life has been disrupted by the closure of the school. However, the values that we hold in high regard still prevail. Students need to be committed to their learning and are expected to be disciplined and responsible to hand in all assignments on time. There can be some flexibility but finally, work must still be done. By the end of April, schools will be issuing report cards based on the progress and performance of students in these weeks of online learning. For examination classes like Year 11, Std 6, Form 3 and Form 5 classes, this report, together with other school assessments available, will contribute to the forecast grades that can be used by the examination bodies, if and when needed.

We all care deeply about our school community and recognise that these are difficult times for everyone. In appreciation of your trust in our school we would like to boost the care package announced earlier. **We are issuing another 15% discount on top of the 10% announced earlier thus bringing the total discount on the new term's fees to 25%**. We hope this increased discount in the term fees will be a booster in helping you pull through these difficult times.

Education is for life and learning should never stop. With strong support from each other in our MGS community, we shall come out stronger than before. Be assured that we will continue to carry out effective innovations in our teaching methodology to meet the learning needs and styles of our students. Thank you for your support and stay strong, stay safe until we meet again.



The MGS Early Years educators believe strongly in keeping children's mental health positive in coping with this disruption to their daily routine. Although apart, the teachers came together to show this gesture of how much they are missing the students and to tell the parents that would always be there to support them.

校长寄语

行动管制令已满五周，而全校上下都在适应全新的日常。实体的校园暂关闭，但学习并未因此而止步。本校主要透过谷歌教室（Google Classroom）这个平台来实施线上教学。

通过师生与家长持续给予的反馈，本校一直在调整教学课程，其中孩子的年龄层、网线强弱、可用的电脑或电话、能从旁协助的家长、孩子上线的时间等因素都被纳入考量。

这样的学习方式还需要达到各方面的平衡。我们采用了各种教学方式，比如面对面的网络授课、提前录制的课程等。其中网课已成为最受欢迎的学习方式之一，对低年级的孩子尤是。

诚然，这是极具挑战的时刻，但我们仍喜于有95%的孩子都参与了线上教学。而那些无法参与的孩子，我们会尽可能采用其他方式让他们也能跟上大队的步伐。与此同时，家长们给予的正面反馈最让老师们感到鼓舞，毕竟老师们都想方设法地为孩子提供最好的学习经验。

打从闭校以来，原本的校园作息已被打乱，但这并无阻于我们一直以来所抱持的价值观。学生恪守本份、好好学习，其中自律并如时呈交课业是不可或缺的。纵使其中的某些状况可弹性处理，但一切终究以完成所有课业为最终目的。到了四月杪，校方将会发出有关各位学生多周以来参与线上学习的进度报告。对于考试班如国际部十一年级，私立部小学六年级、中三与中五，这份报告将会随时成为部分评估标准（若相关考试局要求）。

本校深深地希望能与金群利学校上下共克时艰。为了感谢各位所给予的信任，本校将给予额外的15%学费折扣，故这将与早前所宣布的10%折扣相加，新学期的学费将获25%折扣。

教育本就是终身学习。有了金群利学校上下这个强力后盾，我们应该变得更强大。本校希望能以有效的教学法来配合不同的学习需要与风格。愿各位安好，在我们真正到校见面之前，请好好待在家。

PESANAN PENGETUA KAMPUS

Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) telah memasuki minggu kelima dan komuniti sekolah sedang menyesuaikan diri dengan norma kehidupan baharu. Walaupun sekolah masih ditutup, pembelajaran tetap diteruskan. Di Matrix Global Schools, program pembelajaran atas talian kami telah dimulakan dengan menggunakan platform Google Classroom.

Dengan maklum balas yang berterusan dari pelajar-pelajar, para guru dan ibu bapa/penjaga, kami telah menyesuaikan cara pembelajaran ini dengan mengambil kira beberapa faktor seperti umur pelajar, ketersediaan peranti, sambungan internet, sokongan ibu bapa di rumah dan juga keperhatian agar pelajar tidak menghabiskan terlalu banyak masa di atas talian. Kami juga perlu mengimbangi cara pembelajaran ini dengan kesejahteraan fizikal dan emosi para guru dan pelajar. Oleh itu, pelbagai strategi pembelajaran telah digunakan termasuklah pembelajaran secara bersemuka, rakaman pengajaran dan persidangan video yang menjadi kegemaran di kalangan pelajar, terutama mereka yang masih kecil.

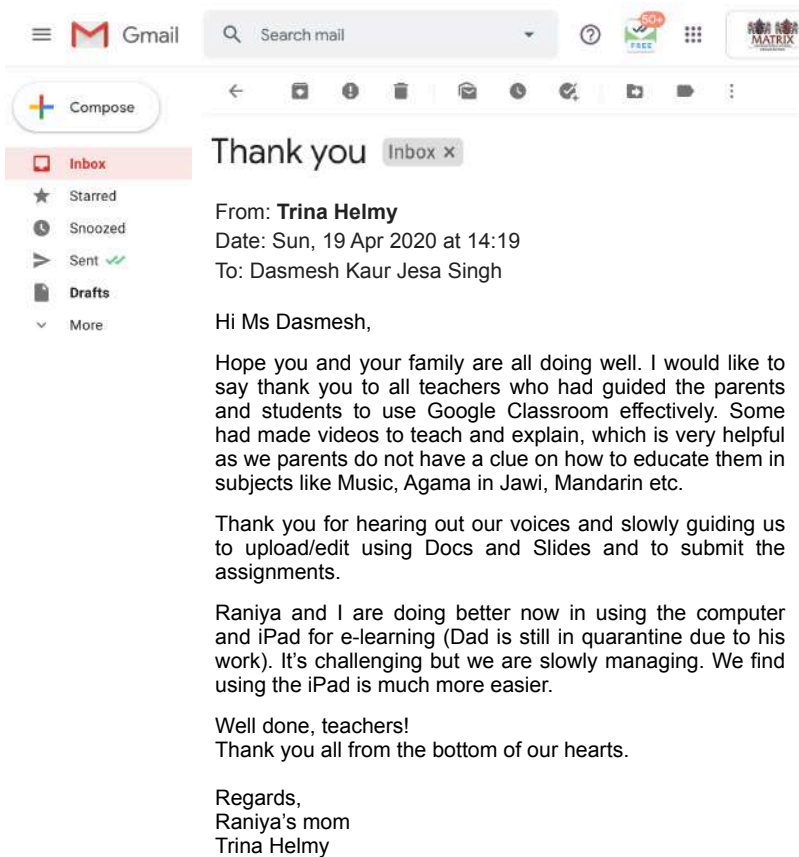
Kami sedar bahawa ini adalah tempoh masa yang sangat mencabar bagi semua. Namun, kami amat berbesar hati kerana lebih daripada 95% pelajar MGS telah mengakses program pembelajaran atas talian ini. Bagi pelajar-pelajar yang masih belum lagi berbuat demikian, kami akan terus berhubung dengan mereka untuk mencari strategi alternatif bagi memastikan tiada pelajar yang ketinggalan. Sementara itu, maklum balas positif daripada ibu bapa mengenai program pembelajaran ini adalah sangat menggembirakan dan memberi motivasi, terutama kepada guru-guru yang telah meluangkan banyak masa dan tenaga untuk memberikan pengajaran yang terbaik bagi semua pelajar.

Rutin pembelajaran telah terganggu berikutan penutupan sekolah. Namun, para pelajar perlu komited dengan pembelajaran mereka serta berdisiplin dan bertanggungjawab untuk menyerahkan semua tugas tepat pada waktunya. Walaupun terdapat kelonggaran, setiap tugas masih perlu disiapkan. Pada akhir bulan April, pihak sekolah akan mengeluarkan kad laporan berdasarkan kemajuan dan prestasi pelajar dalam pembelajaran atas talian ini. Bagi calon-calon peperiksaan di Tahun 11, Darjah 6, Tingkatan 3 dan Tingkatan 5, laporan ini, bersama dengan penilaian sekolah yang ada, akan menyumbang kepada gred ramalan yang boleh digunakan oleh badan peperiksaan jika dan bila ia diperlukan.

Bagi menghargai kepercayaan tuan/puan terhadap MGS, pihak sekolah ingin menawarkan tambahan diskaun 15% kepada 10% yang telah diumumkan sebelum ini; menjadikan jumlah potongan harga yuran baharu sebagai 25%. Kami berharap penambahan diskaun ini sedikit sebanyak dapat membantu tuan puan bagi menempuh waktu yang sukar ini.

Pendidikan adalah keperluan dalam kehidupan, maka pembelajaran tidak boleh dihentikan. Dengan sokongan yang padu daripada komuniti MGS, kita akan kekal teguh untuk menempuhi cabaran ini. Yakinlah bahawa kami akan terus menjalankan inovasi yang efektif dalam metodologi pengajaran kami untuk memenuhi keperluan dan gaya pembelajaran pelajar-pelajar. Sehingga kita bertemu kembali. Kekalkan kehidupan yang cecak dan selamat.

Parental Support and Feedback for Online Learning



We truly value the appreciation shown by Parents towards our effort to continue educating the students despite the unfortunate circumstances. The children remain the centre of our efforts and we are grateful to have such supportive parents to get through these tough times together.

Sharing is Caring

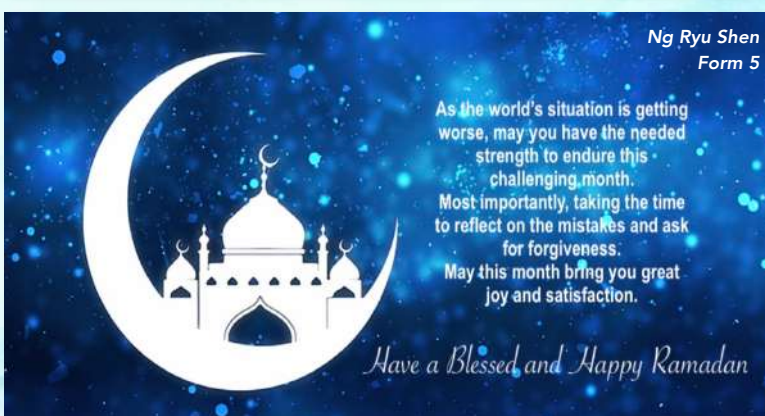
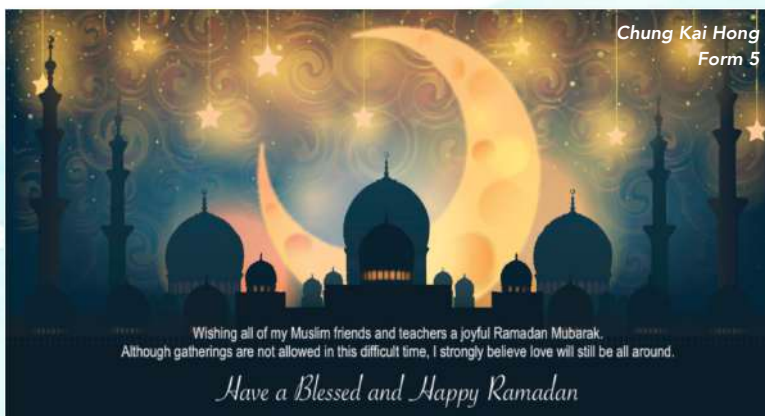
On another note, we are proud to have students who are not shy in sharing their thoughts with the world. Video is a powerful medium to get messages across and we are very well aware of students having their personal YouTube channels to share about their passion.



View this adorable video on COVID-19 prevention methods starred by brothers, Thashenth in Early Years and Trishanth in Standard 2 as shared in the MGS Facebook page. Well done in getting your message across, boys!

Well Wishes for RAMADHAN

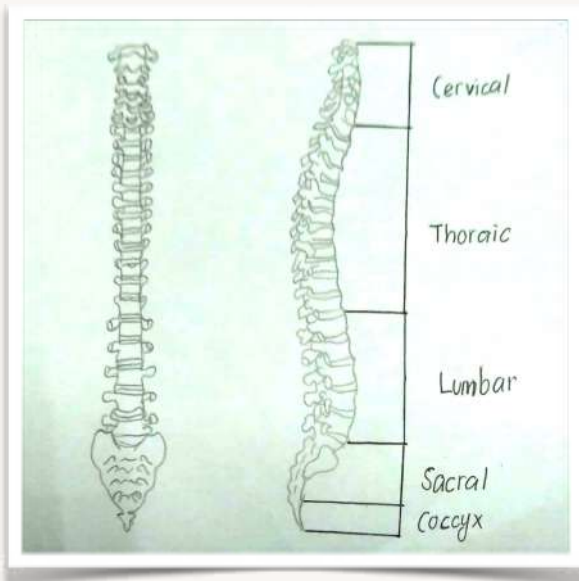
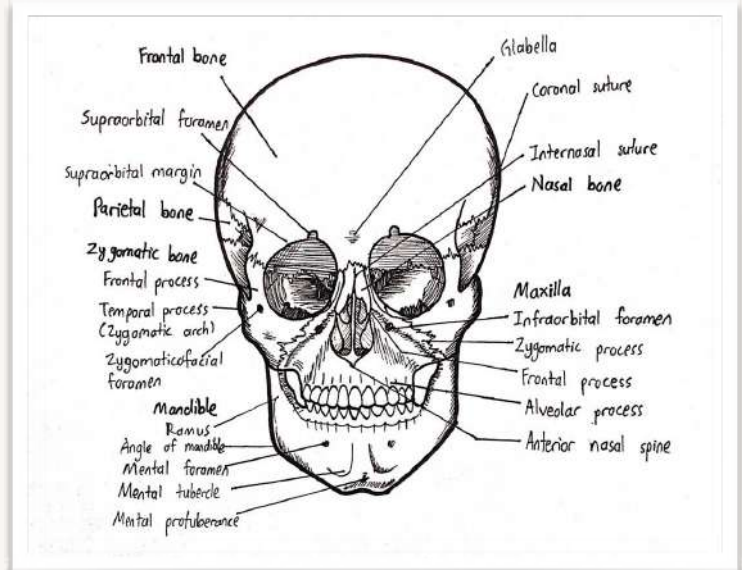
As Muslims around the world begin their one month of fasting today, our students crafted messages wishing them well. The activity was conducted in a joint Islamic Studies and Moral class to encourage our students to understand and respect others with different beliefs; a necessary trait to live in a global community.



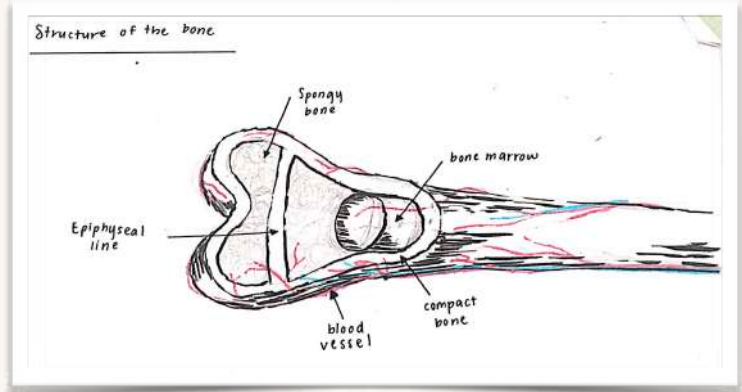
Brilliant Off-Screen Learning activity to master Science

Form 2 students in Ms Angie’s Science class gave us a nice surprise when they handed in their self-learning assignment of exploring the human bone structure. The students channeled their innate da Vinci to produce these wonderful drawings of the human anatomy in order to summarise and label the main bones of the human skeleton. Amazing work, students!

Reading and viewing diagrams are one thing, but when I draw and label them out myself, it helps to deepen my understanding in exploring the human skeleton.
 - Tan Ee Va



I learn about the structure of bones, how bones grow, and the bones in the head by drawing and labelling them. Even though the bones are complicated to draw I feel proud of myself for being able to complete them.
 - Susaan Thanabalan



I feel like I know the human skeleton better now and I'm interested in studying more about it. I enjoyed the drawing process too.
 - Tan Co Ee

Aktiviti Bahasa Melayu Berkaitan Kehidupan Sehari-hari

Pelbagai jenis tugas telah dirancang bagi memantapkan kemahiran berbahasa Melayu murid-murid tatkala Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) dijalankan. Menerusi aplikasi Google Classroom (GC), guru-guru mata pelajaran Bahasa Melayu di peringkat sekolah rendah, Cikgu Nurain dan Cikgu Norfadilla, telah memberi tugas kepada murid-murid yang berkaitan dengan kehidupan seharian mereka. Ini adalah sebahagian daripada usaha untuk memberi penekanan terhadap Kemahiran Belajar Aras Tinggi (KBAT) dengan mengamalkan pendekatan Pembelajaran Berasaskan Inkuiri. Tugas ini membantu murid untuk berdikari, menyelesaikan masalah dalam kehidupan dan memupuk sikap bertanggungjawab. Berdasarkan kepada gambar-gambar tugas yang telah diterima, murid-murid kelihatan gembira melaksanakan aktiviti yang diberikan.



Celebrate World Book Day with MGS Library Digital Collection

Normally within this time of the year, students would be busy with a week full of literary fun to celebrate World Book Day. But even when school is closed, it should not stop us from celebrating authors, illustrators, books and most importantly, reading! MGS Library is commemorating World Book Day by adding a digital collection of over 1,300 popular eBooks and 450 Audiobooks which students can access from anywhere using their gadgets via **ePlatform**.

By logging on to ePlatform on its website or mobile app, each student can borrow 2 eBooks and 2 audiobooks for a duration of 2 weeks. If your loan expires before you have finished the book, you can immediately reborrow the book as long as it has not been reserved by another library member. So just like our physical library, once you have finished a book, please return it so others can borrow it.

Get Onboard the ePlatform!

Using a desktop or laptop:

1. Go to <https://matrixschools.eplatform.co> on your web browser to view the collection.
2. Choose the book that you wish to borrow.
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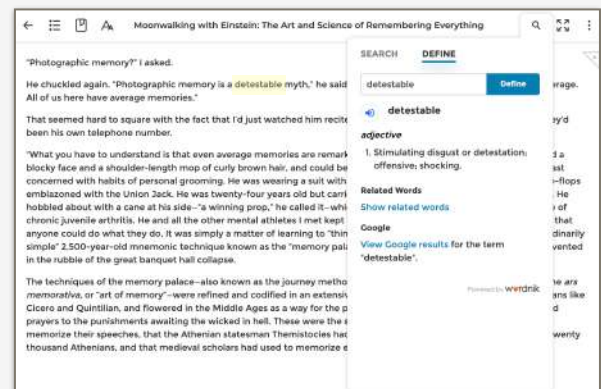
For tablets and mobile phones:

1. Download the 'ePlatform by Wheelers' mobile app
2. When the prompt 'Find Your Library' appears, search for *Matrix Global Schools*
3. Choose the book that you wish to borrow.
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Note: You would only need to do these steps once. Simply click on the ePlatform app on your device to continue enjoying your books.

Convenient Features



With the digital collection, students can immediately define specific words that they do not understand simply by highlighting it (as shown above).



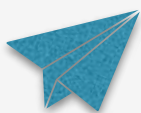
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For more tips on using the digital library function, view the how-to videos on this playlist: [ePlatform Tips & Secrets](#)

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