

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL

This week we are starting school again after the Hari Raya Aidilfitri mid-term break.

The one week mid-term break is a welcome respite for both teachers and parents as well as children/wards from their daily regimen of Google Classrooms, live lessons and assignments. We hope all have now come back refreshed, rejuvenated and ready to continue the learning for this final term for MIS and second term for MPS.

When the Movement Control Order was imposed on 18 March 2020, little did we know that life for all of us will change forever. For staff and students of Matrix Global Schools, it has been a drastic change from studying on a 20-acre campus equipped with state-of-the-art buildings and facilities to doing distance learning in their homes.

Parents/Guardians have had a mixed reaction to this enforced distance learning. Some feel the extra pressure of monitoring their children/wards' learning at close range. Some felt that distance learning can never replace the face to face learning in classrooms. But with COVID-19 still posing a threat to our health, there is no better option than distance learning for the time being. For teachers, preparing for lessons online is more gruelling than working full time in school. They put in as many hours preparing the lessons, uploading videos, doing live sessions and marking assignments and giving feedback and reports on Google Classroom. All these are done at home amidst their other duties and responsibilities to their families.

We are grateful that many of you are appreciative of the effort put in by our academic and non academic staff to keep the school moving at a regular pace to cater to the needs of your children. You have translated your appreciation into prompt payment of fees that will help the school continue with its efforts to provide education.

For others who have reached out to us to assist them in their time of need, we have been very responsive. We sympathise with the sudden change in the financial circumstances of our MGS families and we have taken the initiative to reduce the fees by 25%, extended the deadline for payment and drawn up instalment plans for easy payments for some who have requested it. For services and materials not utilised we will take steps to credit the amount to our parents. These include meal plans, materials and other resources, termly trips, boarding and laundry charges. All these have been made in the hope that we can assist you to continue to support our school and help it grow in strength. The progress and strength of the school comes from you. Only with your support can we move the school forward and ensure that teaching and learning is continued with great rigour and impact for the benefit of your children.

Thank you for being with us through such challenging times. Together we shall prevail!



Reminiscing the wonderful MGS Hari Raya celebration held last year, when there was little need for social distancing and students, teachers and staff were able to mingle and shake each others' hands for forgiveness while enjoying festive dishes together.



校长寄语

走过了开斋节的期中假后，我们又开学了。

相信老师、家长与孩子已透过一周的期中假暂时脱离谷歌课堂、网课与功课等的日常作息。愿大家元气满满地回归以继续在国际部的最后学期以及私立部的第二学期。

当行管令于2020年3月18日实施时，绝大部分的我们从未思及我们的生活自那一刻开始就出现了无法扭转的改变。

老师和学生的教学环境从20英亩的实体校园转变成各自的家。

家长与监护人对远距离学习持有不同的意见。有者认为近距离监督孩子须承受更多的压力；有者则认为远距离课程永远无法取代面对面的教学。而在疫情仍肆虐之时，远距离学习成为了唯一的选择。于师者，远距离学习的准备过程远比在学校工作更吃力。他们利用了绝大多数的时间备课、录制视频、上网课、批改作业、给予反馈与准备评估报告等。在履行职责之余，他们更需同时面对在家的种种责任。

本校再次感谢各位对教职员与非学术人员之尽忠职守的谢语。而你们的感谢之情已反映在准时付学费之举，这将有助于我们持续提供教育服务。

此外，我们也为那些需要帮助的人提供了最及时的援助。

对于金群利学校各个家庭需面对突如其来的财政压力，我们已提供25%的学费折扣、延迟付学费的截止日期、也为提出要求的家长拟出分期付款的计划。而对于行管令期间仍未使用的资源，我们将之挪至来日。其中的资源包含了餐费、材料费、每学期的一日游、住宿费与洗衣费等。这些策略皆为了帮助MGS大家庭里的每一个成员并希望学校能因此而茁壮成长。唯有您的支持才能确保学校持续向前，为孩子提供有素质的教学环境。

感谢各位在此艰难时刻仍相伴左右。众志必成城！

PESANAN PENGETUA KAMPUS

Selamat kembali semula ke sekolah minggu ini, setelah bercuti sempena sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri dan cuti pertengahan semester.

Tempoh cuti sekolah selama seminggu ini telah memberi ruang kepada para guru, ibu bapa/penjaga dan pelajar untuk merehatkan diri daripada rutin harian dalam membuat tugas, pembelajaran melalui Google Classroom dan pembelajaran secara langsung. Kami berharap agar guru-guru dan pelajar-pelajar terus bersemangat selepas kembali dari bercuti untuk meneruskan sesi pembelajaran akhir tahun penggal persekolahan untuk MIS dan penggal kedua persekolahan untuk MPS.

Apabila Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan dikuatkuasakan pada 18 Mac 2020 lalu, ternyata ia telah mengubah seluruh corak kehidupan kita. Bagi kakitangan dan pelajar Matrix Global Schools, ia merupakan perubahan yang sangat drastik di mana sebelum ini sistem pembelajaran dan pekerjaan dilakukan di kampus yang berkeluasan 20 ekar yang dilengkapi dengan bangunan dan kemudahan yang serba canggih, namun kini sistem pembelajaran terpaksa dijalankan secara jarak jauh di kediaman masing-masing.

Ibu bapa/Penjaga mempunyai reaksi yang berbelah bagi terhadap pembelajaran jarak jauh ini. Terdapat kekangan di kalangan mereka untuk memantau pembelajaran anak-anak mereka secara terperinci. Ada yang berpendapat bahawa pembelajaran secara jarak jauh ini tidak boleh menggantikan pembelajaran secara bersemuka di dalam bilik darjah seperti sebelum ini. Namun begitu, pembelajaran secara jarak jauh ini perlu diteruskan juga buat masa ini memandangkan virus COVID-19 ini masih berleluasa yang boleh mengancam kesihatan kita semua.

Bagi guru-guru pula, penyediaan bahan untuk pembelajaran atas talian adalah lebih sukar berbanding mengajar sepenuh masa di sekolah. Setiap hari, mereka terpaksa menyediakan bahan pengajaran, melaksanakan pembelajaran secara langsung, menanda tugas pelajar, menyediakan laporan dan memberi maklum balas terhadap penggunaan Google Classroom tanpa mengira penat lelah serta ada yang terpaksa menangguhan tanggung jawab terhadap keluarga.

Kami ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pihak atas penghargaan yang diberikan kepada kakitangan akademik dan sokongan MGS untuk meneruskan operasi sekolah bagi memenuhi keperluan anak-anak kita. Hal ini dapat dilihat melalui pembayaran yuran sekolah yang telah dilunaskan pada masanya bagi memastikan pihak sekolah dapat meneruskan usaha untuk terus mendidik pelajar-pelajar.

Pihak sekolah juga amat bersimpati dengan keadaan ekonomi keluarga-keluarga MGS dan telah mengambil inisiatif untuk mengurangkan harga yuran sebanyak 25%, melanjutkan tempoh pembayaran dan memberi alternatif pembayaran secara ansuran bagi membantu keluarga MGS yang terkesan dengan isu ini. Selain itu, pihak sekolah turut mengambil langkah mengkreditkan bayaran servis dan bahan yang tidak diguna pakai pada masa ini kembali kepada ibu bapa/penjaga. Ini melibatkan bayaran makanan, sebahagian bahan pembelajaran, lawatan sekolah serta yuran asrama dan servis dobi. Semua inisiatif ini telah di laksanakan dengan harapan pihak tuan puan terus kekal memberi sokongan yang padu kepada pihak sekolah, supaya kami dapat meneruskan aktiviti pengajaran dan pembelajaran sebaik mungkin untuk kebaikan anak tuan puan.

Terima kasih kerana kekal bersama kami di waktu yang sukar ini. Kita mampu mengharunginya bersama-sama!

MIS Early Years Parent-Teacher Conference

In these tough times, our thoughts are constantly drawn to our youngest students in Early Years. The teachers have been diligently keeping in touch with the students, as well as the parents. We thank the Early Years' Parents for making the effort to attend our virtual Parent-Teacher Conference. We value your feedback and support in ensuring the children's progress to achieve their developmental goals and how the school can play a better role in helping them individually. It is hoped that our continued partnership will make a big impact on our little ones as they continue to learn, progress and reach their potential holistically!



MIS Early Years Virtual Festive Celebration

Learning through events is part of the main curriculum of Early Years as it exposes children to different cultures in the hope of nurturing understanding and respect. Being in Malaysia with a melting pot of cultures gives our students a lot of opportunities to embrace global-mindedness.

This year, the students continued to have their Hari Raya celebration even though physical gathering was not possible during the school closure. The children joined their teachers online to do art and craft activities, sang Hari Raya songs and shared stories about Hari Raya.



Hari Raya Aidilfitri experiences during Movement Control Order

During the recent Hari Raya celebration, I went to my grandparents house in Senawang. We had our morning prayers and ate a big breakfast of festive dishes. Part of the Hari Raya ritual is to ask for forgiveness from our elders, family and friends. Even during the pandemic, I had a great time celebrating with my family. Wishing all my friends and teachers, Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Maaf zahir dan batin. Stay Safe!

Hummya binti Harith Gautaman, Standard 6
(standing in red)



Hello everyone! I hope it is not too late to wish Selamat Hari Raya to those who are celebrating. I am blessed to celebrate Hari Raya with my family despite the pandemic caused by COVID-19. This year, Hari Raya was celebrated quite differently to prevent spreading of the deadly virus. The government has prohibited us from travelling or visiting others far away. However, just because we are not able to meet our beloved friends and family in person does not mean that we do not get to celebrate Hari Raya itself. It is just that now instead of 'balik kampung' to meet our cousins, Hari Raya celebration will only be with our parents and siblings. Instead of receiving 'duit raya' by hand, this year the money can be transferred online, so there isn't an issue. We even get to video call our friends to share the festivities together. This year's Aidilfitri is memorable and different but that is the least we can do to help the government to flatten the curve of COVID-19 in Malaysia.

Muhammad Fadli bin Rosdi, Form 5



Raja Syahrill Izwan Raja Khalib,
Cikgu Bahasa Melayu MIS

Tanggal 24 Mei 2020, semua umat Islam menyambut Hari Raya Aidilfitri setelah sebulan berpuasa, menahan lapar dan dahaga, melawan hawa nafsu serta memperbanyakkan amalan dan berbuat kebaikan. Namun semenjak dunia digemparkan dengan pandemik virus COVID-19, sambutan Ramadhan dan Syawal saya pada tahun ini kurang sinarnya. Tiada lagi kemeriahan membeli juadah berbuka di bazar Ramadhan, amalan bergotong royong membuat bubur lambuk dan juga tiada sembahyang terawih berjemaah di surau berdekatan. Begitu juga apabila tibanya Syawal, saya tidak begitu ghairah membeli baju, seluar dan kasut baharu. Kuih muih juga hanya sekadar ala kadar sahaja.

Tradisi balik ke kampung juga terpaksa dilupakan. Walaupun kerajaan telah membenarkan sambutan Hari Raya pada hari pertama, namun kesemua ahli keluarga saya telah bersepakat bahawa tahun ini, tiada sambutan akan diadakan kerana kebanyakkan keluarga saya terdiri daripada warga emas dan ada yang sedang sakit. Mereka ini adalah dikalangan yang berisiko tinggi untuk dijangkiti.

Tiada lagi solat sunat Aidilfitri di masjid pada pagi Hari Raya, tiada lagi kunjungan ke kubur bagi melawat mereka-mereka yang telah meninggalkan kami, dan tiada juga sesi bermAAF-maafan antara kami sanak-saudara.

Aidilfitri kali ini terasa kelainannya dengan penangan COVID-19. Apakah ini norma baharu yang terpaksa kita semua hadapi dalam kehidupan sehari-hari kita kini?

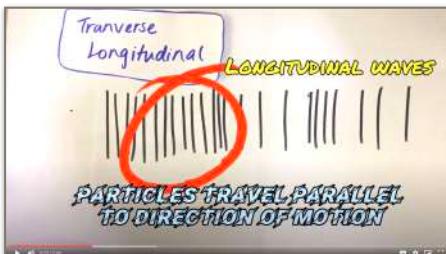
Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, maaf zahir dan batin daripada saya untuk semua.

MIS Secondary injecting creativity in Physics

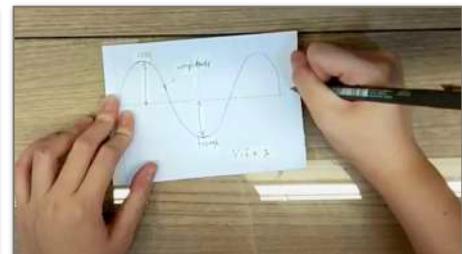
Year 11 Physics students were assigned a task to create a video presentation of their favourite topic that they have learned throughout their Physics course in Key Stage 4. They were encouraged to explore any medium to create the best video recording - from hand drawn comics to digital animation, or simply a voiceover of a Google Slide presentation. Here are their best work as chosen by Ms Nur Liana, the MIS Physics teacher.



by Lynnete Lim Ern Yit



by Alice Too Mei Hui on Wavelength



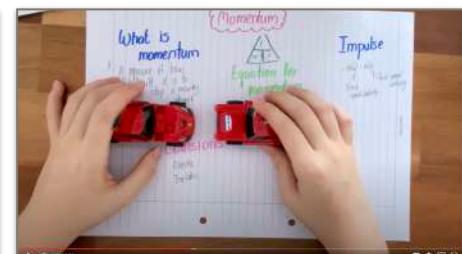
by Sim Mong Thing on Sound



by Qurratun Aina Sakinah



by Aaron Arvind Dass



by Yvonne Tan Yi Wen on Momentum

Teacher's Insight on Uplifting Virtual Classroom using Bitmoji

by Ms Dasmesh Kaur, MPS English Teacher

Staring at texts on screen can be quite a bore, not just for students but teachers as well. To help my class be more interested in learning online, I have created images to mimic an actual classroom which even include an avatar of myself as the teacher! Using simply the Bitmoji app and Google Slides, we can create an interactive virtual space with elements that allow the audience to 'jump' out of the photo and watch videos, go to other related websites and even a link to the assignment.

Students have been enjoying my virtual classroom, and I hope other teachers will be able to try out this method to make online teaching and learning more interactive and fun!



Try out a sample of the virtual classroom [HERE](#) and click on the images of the books and laptop to 'jump' out.



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