

# MGS ECHO

## Matrix Global Schools Weekly Newsletter



### CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### THIS WEEK'S TOPICS

*Welcome back  
Year 5 -9 and  
Standard 5 -  
Form 4*

*MISP  
IPC Exit Point*

*MISP PTC*

*MIS Awards  
Day*

*Teddy Bear  
Day at MISEY*

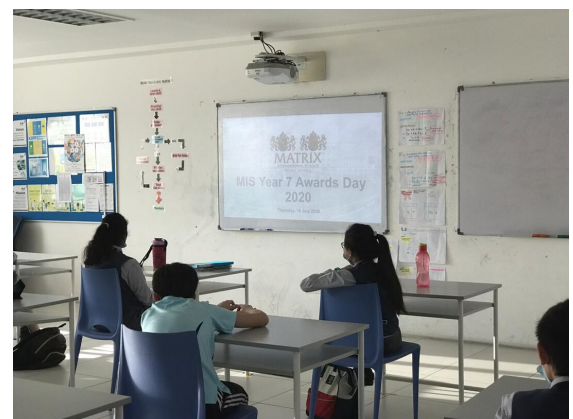
It gave me great pleasure to see our students adapt to the new norm this week, as we welcomed our Years 5 - 9 and Standard 5 - Form 4 back to school and celebrated the achievements of our MGS students in very different ways than ever before.

Our students hardly took any time to get back into the swing of things as they arrived back at school on Wednesday, 15 July after almost four months of home-based learning. Similar to what we have seen with our Year 10s and Form 5s, the rest of the students also found the return to be a huge relief and they arrived with excited eagerness to get back into the classroom with their peers and continue learning. The school building looked slightly different and students had to be orientated again on healthy habits such as regular washing of hands and maintaining social distance between each other, but the students cooperated well and took all the changes on board without hesitation.

This time last year, we also enjoyed a sea of easels showcasing our MGS students' magnificent works of art during our annual Matrix Art prize competition. This year, I was met with an equally creative arrangement of colourful displays in school, showing a wide range of artwork submitted by students in an electronic format during the MCO. The creativity clearly extended beyond the art itself, and it goes to show that our students are not only artistic, but able to transform old ways of thinking into new opportunities.

Another tradition that had to be modified under the RMCO regulations was our 5th annual Awards Day, which MIS secondary celebrated on Thursday, 16 July. This year, we were not able to host all the students in one of our beautiful auditoriums nor could we extend invitations to family members to come and join us on campus. Instead, we hosted this year's MISS Awards Day on a virtual platform that parents could join online. Students were hosted in classrooms, with the regulated distance apart, while a live stream was ongoing for each year group that announced the award winners and the students were able to receive their certificates from a teacher in the classroom. This ceremony marked a very special day on the calendar for our MIS students, one which allows us to praise students for their academic, creative and sporting achievements as well as their contributions to the school. We commend the lengths that the teachers and students have gone to this year to try and make it a special occasion - even if it didn't enjoy the huge audience that we would normally have. Our Matrix International Primary section will host their Awards Day at a later date this year.

This week has been marked as one that offered students various opportunities at MGS: whether it was welcoming them back to school to continue realising their potential; taking the chance to adapt to difficult circumstances; or providing unique platforms for celebrating student achievement. Even under the most challenging conditions, we aim to continue providing our students with the freedom to be creative, pursue their goals and to maximise their potential at MGS.



## CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TRANSLATED

la merupakan satu kegembiraan kepada kami apabila melihat pelajar kami menyesuaikan diri dengan norma baharu pada minggu ini, ketika kami menyambut Tahun 5 - 9, Standard 5 - Tingkatan 4 kami kembali ke sekolah dan meraikan pencapaian pelajar MGS dengan cara yang sangat berbeza daripada sebelumnya.

Pelajar-pelajar dapat menyesuaikan diri dengan segala perubahan sebaik sahaja mereka kembali ke pangkuan sekolah pada hari Rabu, 15 Julai 2010 setelah hampir empat bulan belajar atas talian di rumah. Sama seperti yang telah kita lihat dengan pelajar Tahun 10 dan Tingkatan 5, pelajar-pelajar yang lain juga mendapati kepulangan mereka ke sekolah sangat melegakan dan mereka tiba dengan penuh semangat untuk kembali ke kelas bersama rakan sebaya dan meneruskan sesi pembelajaran.

Bangunan sekolah kelihatan sedikit berbeza dan pelajar harus berorientasi semula dengan amalan sihat seperti mencuci tangan secara berkala dan menjaga jarak sosial antara satu sama lain, Walau bagaimanapun para pelajar tetap bekerjasama dengan baik dan melakukan semua perubahan tanpa ragu-ragu.

Seperti tahun lalu, kali ini kami juga menikmati pameran karya-karya atau hasil seni pelajar MGS kami yang luar biasa dalam pertandingan Matrix Art tahunan kami. Tahun ini, saya melihat susunan paparan berwarna-warni yang sama kreatif di sekolah. Ini menunjukkan salinan karya seni yang dihantar oleh pelajar dalam format elektronik semasa MCO amat kreatif. Kreativiti yang amat jelas dan melampaui seni itu sendiri, dan ini menunjukkan bahawa pelajar kita bukan sahaja artistik, tetapi dapat mengubah cara pemikiran yang lama menjadi satu peluang baharu bagi mereka.

Tradisi lain yang mesti dimodifikasi di bawah peraturan RMCO ialah Hari Anugerah Tahunan ke-5 kami yang diraikan oleh MIS sekolah menengah pada hari Khamis, 16 Julai. Tahun ini, kami tidak dapat meraikan semua pelajar di auditorium kami yang indah dan kami juga tidak dapat menjemput ahli keluarga untuk datang dan menyertai kami di kampus pada hari bersejarah tersebut. Sebaliknya, kami menganjurkan Hari Anugerah MISS tahun ini di platform maya yang boleh disertai oleh ibu bapa secara dalam talian. Pelajar berada di bilik darjah masing masing, dengan jarak yang diatur, sementara siaran akan diadakan secara berterusan bagi setiap kelas dan pelajar dapat menerima sijil mereka dari guru di kelas masing-masing. Majlis ini menandakan hari yang sangat istimewa dalam kalendar pelajar MIS kami, yang membolehkan kami memberi penghormatan dan penghargaan kepada murid kami atas pencapaian akademik, pencapaian kreativiti dan sukan serta sumbangan mereka kepada sekolah.

Kami memuji usaha yang telah dilaksanakan oleh para guru dan pelajar tahun ini untuk mencuba dan menjadikannya acara yang istimewa. Walaupun acara ini tidak dapat disaksikan oleh penonton yang lain seperti sebelum ini. Manakala MIS sekolah rendah pula, kami akan menganjurkan Hari Anugerah mereka pada akhir tahun ini.

Minggu ini merupakan satu tanda bahawa MGS menawarkan pelajar pelbagai peluang, dengan cara menyambut mereka kembali ke sekolah untuk terus menyerlahkan potensi diri mereka, mengambil peluang untuk menyesuaikan diri dengan keadaan sukar dan menyediakan platform unik untuk meraikan pencapaian pelajar. Walaupun dalam keadaan yang amat mencabar, kami berhasrat untuk terus memberi kebebasan kepada pelajar untuk berkarya, mengejar cita-cita dan memaksimumkan potensi mereka di MGS.

非常歡迎五年級到九年級以及小五到中四的學生返回校園。我很慶幸看到我們的學生可以適應校園新的運作模式。

10 年級及中五的學生在家中持續了近4個月之久的學習，返校後很快就進入學習狀況，其他在7月15日返校的學生，亦是如此。同樣的，我們看到其他回到校園的學生也是充滿雀躍的心情，期盼與同學一起學習。校園佈置也因要灌輸學生們養成良好衛生習慣如經常洗手及彼此保持社交距離而看起來與過去有些許的不同。學生們對於這些的改變都沒有異議，而且完全配合校方的措施。

去年這個時候，校園處處可見畫架，展示學生年度繪畫比賽作品。今年，在校園內展現在管制令期間學生呈交的美術電子作品。這些美術作品的創意，都是我校學生的嘔心瀝作。它們不只是單單美術作品而已，而是開創保存舊元素注入創新空間的藝術作品。

今年另外一個傳統突破就是在7月16日國際學校進行的第五屆結業禮。今年我們無法邀請家長到校，也無法讓全體同學進入禮堂進行頒獎儀式。國際學校中學部進行線上學術結業禮，讓家長可以透過網路全程觀賞結業禮。學生們則在課室內，彼此保持社交距離在，透過直播視頻進行各年紀結業禮。當報告某學生得獎時，該學生就從班上老師的手中接過他們的獎狀。這個儀式對國際學校學生意義非凡，它不僅僅表揚學術、創意、運動傑出的學生，也是感謝他們為校付出與爭光。雖然今年“出席”結業禮的學生人數不多，但我們依然衷心的感激全體師生今年的付出。國際學校小學部結業禮將在今年擇日進行。

本週是我校給予學生諸多新體驗的一周：返校繼續展現自己的潛能；藉機適應新挑戰；提供獨特平台慶賀學生表現。即使在最艱難的情況下，我校致力於提供學生自由創意平台，幫助他們朝向目標奔跑，讓他們在學校內發揮最大的潛能。

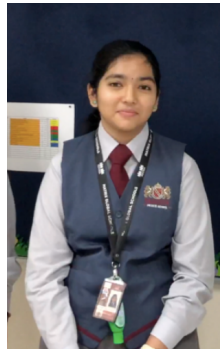


# WELCOME BACK AGAIN!

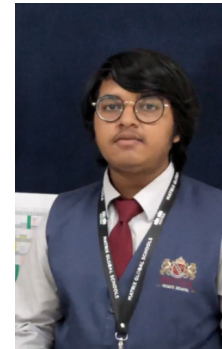
The 15th July is another exciting day for us as part of upper primary and lower secondary students are back in school. To ensure the accuracy of the temperature checked and for the convenience of everyone, MGS has invested in the new AI Face Recognition & Temperature Monitoring Machines which adopts a Rockchip RK3288 high-performance hardware platform, industrial grade binocular camera and face recognition, as well as infrared thermal imaging technology, which can easily recognise faces wearing masks.



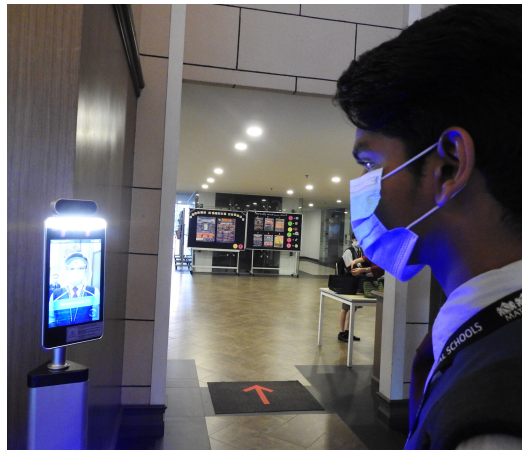
**Vincent Pak Mun Sang  
F3M**  
"Although I enjoy learning online, being at school is more engaging and fun. Our school has been doing an excellent job in keeping us safe and we will follow the SOP set."



**Suwetha Rathana a/p  
Palaniappan  
F3M**  
"I'm very happy and excited to be back after 4 months at home. I'm able to study together with my friends and at the same time practice social distancing."

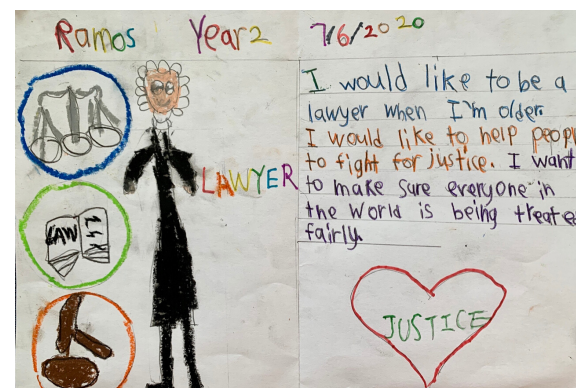


**Abhimanyu Senthil  
Nathan  
F3A**  
"I'm so glad to start schooling again as I can meet my friends and the teachers have been great in assisting us along the way."



## IPC EXIT POINT

As part of the IPC learning journey, our students will take part in an IPC Exit Point as they finish their topic. This provides them with the opportunity to reflect on their learning over the last month or two, helps them to evaluate their learning across different subjects to better understand the big idea of a topic and allows them to celebrate the progress they have made in their learning. Over the last week, MISP students have excitedly participated in virtual IPC Exit Points.



Knowledge harvest - A Day In the Life  
Ramos Valance, Y2



Year 3 student, Mahathi Adarsha Marpalli participating in her Exit Point for the topic Time and Place, Earth and Space. In a nutshell, some of what she learned through the topic was about the importance of keeping the environment clean, celebration of different festivals and the purpose of the International Space Station (ISS).



"Appreciate so much for your time in discussing our daughter Wan Nur Iman Mischa's progress. We found it so helpful in recognising Iman's strengths and areas of improvement. A direct feedback, face to face, with the class teacher is the correct way to do during this MCO period. The video conference is clear, sharp and almost as good as meeting one to one as before the MCO."

Wan Ahmad Faizal Bin Wan Zainal  
(Father of Iman - Y2M)

*thanks*  
THE AHMED FAIZAL FAMILY

## MISP PTC

On 15-17th July, MISP held their end of year Parent Teacher Conference with the parents/guardians online. This provided an opportunity for parents/guardians to speak directly with the class teacher about the progress of their child over the academic year and to provide further guidance on how their child can develop further in their learning. Thank you to all those parents/guardians who attended.

Mr Andrew Hamilton, Acting Head of MIS (Primary)

## MIS AWARDS DAY

This year, we celebrated the achievements of our MIS Secondary students in a slightly different manner than before, based on various restrictions imposed on us. On Thursday, 16 July from 08:15 - 09:15, our Year 7 - 10 students were hosted on a virtual platform to attend our 5th annual Awards Day ceremony. Students joined the online presentation in their form classes and were able to witness their peers receive their academic certificates while in their classrooms, which allowed for the regulated social distancing. Parents were also able to see the online sessions by joining through Google Meet, using links shared with each year group prior to the event.

We are so proud of each and every student who has worked incredibly hard throughout the year to be able to reach their academic goals and to be recognised by receiving respective awards. This year they might not have celebrated their success in a big auditorium, with a sea of spectators and congratulatory hugs from their peers afterwards, but it does not take anything away from their achievements. Well done to all the award winners!

Ms Dornehl Kitching, Acting Head of MIS (Secondary)



## TEDDY BEAR DAY AT MISEY



Our Early Years' students were having fun last Friday as they celebrated Teddy Bear Day which is also celebrated every 9th September worldwide. The creation of the teddy bear caricature started a series of other caricatures that are known today which was inspired from a story of warmth and care of a President towards a bear cub. For many, as cute as it is, it serves as a remembrance of a good childhood friend that is cuddled and provided comfort in good and bad times.

Our Early Years students learned the importance of giving, sharing and caring for one another and to thank and appreciate those who have served us. They dedicated their gratitude to all the front-liners who have made it possible for us to be safe today. Here are some nice photos of the kids getting creative in producing their own teddy bears.