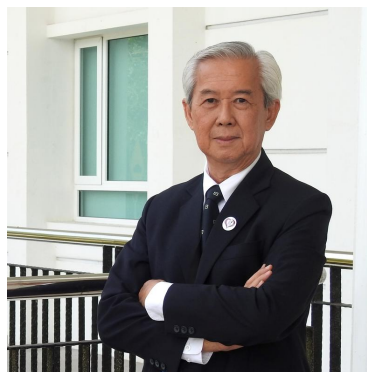


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Matrix Global Schools Weekly Newsletter



CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



For the past year we have been fortunate to have had Mr. Andrew Hamilton and Ms. Dornehl Kitching in their capacity as Head of MIS Primary and MIS Secondary respectively. Moving forward in the new academic term for MIS, Mr. Hamilton will be taking over the headship for MIS and this includes both MIS Primary and MIS Secondary. Ms. Kitching will continue to support him in her role as Deputy Head of MIS Secondary whilst Ms Leigh Brannigan takes on her new role as Primary School Coordinator. In addition to his experience of heading Matrix MIS Primary, Mr. Hamilton has close to 10 years of experience working in other International schools. Prior to joining MGS in 2018, as the Assistant Head of Tenby Schools Ipoh, he has had the experience of being involved both in the pastoral and the curriculum aspects of leadership.

Whilst we welcome Mr. Hamilton as the new Head of MIS, we bid farewell to the Head of MPS, Datin Norlela Meon who retired on 31st July 2020. We also thank Ms. Kitching for her exemplary leadership helping MIS Secondary in a very challenging period. After successfully putting systems in place in the school, she will be spending more time pursuing her passion of teaching students.

Datin Norlela's position will be filled by Ms. Tea Ming Ming, who is currently the Head of MGS Boarding House. In her role as the Head of Boarding, within a year, Ms Tea with her perseverance and willingness to put in the extra effort, has been able to bring good improvements to our Boarding House to make it a "home away from home". Ms. Tea has more than 20 years of experience as a teacher, educator and school leader. She has served as the Deputy Head of Chung Hua High School, Seremban and also the Head of Chung Hua High School, Muar.

To Datin Norlela, we wish to express our gratitude for her invaluable contributions to MPS. Thank you Datin and we wish you a happy retirement and your well earned rest after your illustrious career as an educationist.

We are very pleased to have with us young and vibrant leaders who can help bring the school to greater heights. Please join me to welcome Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Tea to their new posts to steer MGS forward.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish Happy Holidays to our MIS students and staff as they break for their end of academic year holidays. To MPS students and staff who are carrying on with their final term, happy working and happy studying! It will be a long and tiring longer term for all of you but remember your work will bring you good rewards later. When the going gets tough, you the tough ones in Matrix always get going! Thank you for constantly striving to be Nulli Secunda!

FAREWELL FROM DATIN NORLELA



When I first joined MGS, little did I know that I would fall in love with the school and hold the position longer than intended as life in MPS is very interesting. 2020 has been a roller coaster ride for us and you may look at it as a milestone in your journey.

Believe in yourself. Something inside of you is far greater than any obstacle. My journey with the school stops here, but it's the beginning of a new journey for all of you. Continue to be dedicated and I wish you a very successful life.

Datin Norlela Meon, Retired Head of MPS

THIS WEEK'S TOPICS

*Farewell From
Datin Norlela*

*"Happy Raya,
Kek Batik
Anyone?"*

*Early Exposure
to Intelligent
Environment*

*MGS Cares-
Staff
Appreciation
Dinner*

*MGS Cares -
Support For the
Community*

*Enjoy the
Holiday MIS &
MIEY!*

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TRANSLATED

感谢安德鲁·哈密顿 (Andrew Hamilton) 校长和多尼尔 (Dornehl) 校长过去一年分别为金群利国际小学和中学的付出。在新学年里, 哈密顿先生将担任金群利国际学校中、小学校长。哈密顿校长具有十年国际学校管理经验。多尼尔女士将以金群利国际学校中学副校长的身份继续辅助哈密顿校长, 而丽而·布兰尼根 (Leigh Brannigan) 女士将担任新一任的小学课程协调员。

他在2018年就职金群利国际学校之前, 曾在怡保腾比国际学校(Tenby International School)担任副校长, 负责该校纪律和课外活动等相关工作。在欢迎哈密顿先生出任金群利国际学校新校长的同时, 金群利私立学校校长拿汀诺惹拉(Datin Norlela Meon)于7月31日荣休, 告别杏坛生涯。当然我们也不忘感谢多尼尔女士对金群利国际中学的奉献和付出, 感激她在这非常时期积极领导金群利国际中学, 让学校更有系统地运作。如今, 她下校长身份, 将有更多的时间和精力, 把她对教学的热情倾注于学生身上。

金群利私立中学校长一职将由宿管主任池敏敏女士接任。池女士在出任宿管主任短短一年内, 以她丰富的管理经验和对工作热忱, 为本校的宿舍管理做出巨大的改进, 让本校宿舍成为寄宿学生心目中温馨有爱的“第二个家”。池女士是一位具有20多年经验的教育工作者, 她曾担任芙蓉中华中学副校长及麻坡中化中学校长。

当然我们也不忘感谢拿汀诺惹拉对金群利私立学校作出的贡献。除了给予深深的感激, 我们也祝福拿汀诺惹拉在告别繁忙的杏坛生涯后, 可以更轻松自在地过着愉悦的退休生活。

我们有幸邀请哈密顿校长和池敏敏校长加入我们的行列, 相信以他们的活力和朝气将带领金群利国际院校再创高峰。

最后, 藉此在金群利国际学校学年结束之际, 祝国际学校全体教职员生“假期愉快! ”。当然, 我也不忘祝福金群利私立学校全体教职员生在本年度最后一学期学习愉快、工作顺利! 这最后“长”学期是充满挑战和艰辛, 但是我们坚信, 只要肯付出就必有收获。不管前方的路有多坎坷, 是您们的坚持让金群利国际院校迈向目标前进!

Setahun yang lalu kami amat bernasib baik dengan Encik Andrew Hamilton dan Cik Dornehl Kitching yang masing-masing mengetuai MIS Rendah dan MIS Menengah. Dalam melangkah ke hadapan pada era akademik baharu bagi MIS, Encik Hamilton akan mengambil alih kepimpinan MIS sebagai Ketua yang merangkumi MIS Rendah dan MIS Menengah. Ms. Kitching akan terus menyokong Encik Hamilton dan berperanan sebagai Timbalan Ketua MIS Menengah sementara Cik Leigh Brannigan mengambil peranan baharu sebagai Penyelaras Sekolah Rendah MIS. Pengalaman Encik Hamilton memimpin MIS Rendah dan ditambah pula pengalaman hampir 10 tahun bekerja di sekolah-sekolah antarabangsa yang lain merupakan satu bonus kepada MIS.



I hope to build upon and nurture our current good practices across MIS Primary and Secondary and to better enable our students to reach their potential academically and personally. I also want to develop our sense of community, locally and internationally, to equip our students for the diversity of life in the 21st Century.

Mr Andrew Hamilton, Head of MIS

Sebelum menyertai MGS pada tahun 2018, beliau telah memegang jawatan Penolong Ketua Tenby Schools Ipoh dan mempunyai pengalaman secara langsung dalam pengurusan pastoral dan kurikulum.

Ketika kami mengalu-alukan pelantikan Encik Hamilton sebagai Ketua MIS yang baru, kami juga ingin mengucapkan selamat tinggal kepada Ketua MPS, Datin Norlela Meon yang telah bersara pada 31 Julai 2020. Di samping itu, kami juga mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Cik Kitching kerana kepemimpinannya dan teladan yang membantu MIS Menengah dalam waktu yang sangat mencabar. Setelah berjaya menerapkan sistem pentadbiran di sekolah, beliau akan menumpukan lebih banyak masa untuk mengajar yang merupakan minat utama beliau.

Kekosongan tempat Datin Norlela akan diganti oleh Cik Tea Ming Ming, yang kini merupakan Ketua Asrama MGS. Sepanjang peranannya sebagai Ketua Asrama, selama setahun, Cik Tea dengan ketekunan dan kesediaan beliau menggalas tugas tambahan telah dapat membawa peningkatan yang baik bagi asrama kami dengan menjadikan asrama MGS “bagaikan di rumah sendiri” untuk pelajar-pelajar. Cik Tea mempunyai pengalaman yang melebihi 20 tahun sebagai guru, pendidik dan pemimpin sekolah. Beliau pernah bertugas sebagai Penolong Ketua Sekolah Tinggi Chung Hua, Seremban dan juga Ketua Sekolah Tinggi Chung Hua, Muar.

Kepada Datin Norlela, kami bersyukur atas sumbangan beliau yang tidak ternilai kepada MPS. Terima kasih Datin dan selamat bersara! Semoga Datin berehat dengan sebaiknya setelah berkhidmat dengan cemerlang sebagai seorang pendidik.

Kami sangat gembira kerana dapat bersama-sama dengan pemimpin muda dan bersemangat yang dapat membantu membawa sekolah ke tahap yang lebih tinggi. Sertailah saya untuk mengalu-alukan Encik Hamilton dan Cik Tea menjawat jawatan baharu mereka untuk membawa MGS maju ke hadapan.

Akhir sekali, saya mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan selamat bercuti akhir tahun kepada pelajar dan kakitangan MIS. Kepada pelajar dan kakitangan MPS yang akan meneruskan tugas, selamat bekerja dan selamat belajar! Walaupun tempohnya agak panjang yang mungkin meletihkan bagi anda semua tetapi ingatlah usaha anda akan memberi anda ganjaran yang baik di kemudian hari. Apabila keadaan menjadi sukar, di Matrix, anda belajar untuk sentiasa berusaha! Terima kasih kerana terus berusaha menjadi Nulli Secunda!

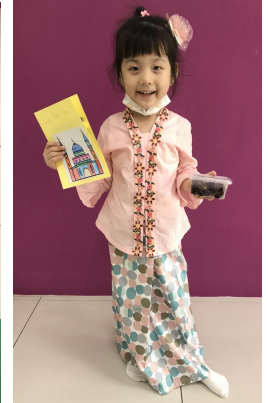
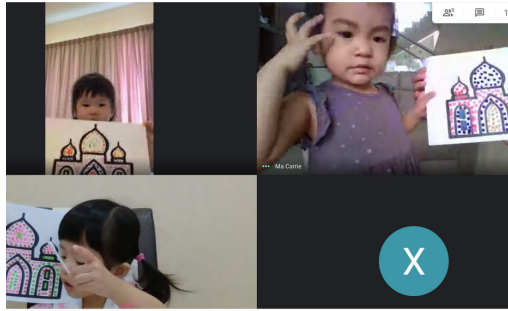


To inspire students to love, learn and lead has always been my motto in life as an educator. Guided by this motto, I will endeavour to do my utmost to ensure that students in MPS are provided with the best resources and facilities for them to achieve their ambitions, with emphasis on students' learning, character building, and social as well as mental well-being.

Ms Tea Ming Ming, Head of MPS

"HAPPY RAYA, KEK BATIK ANYONE?"

Our 4 to 6-year old students of Early Years celebrated Aidiladha with a lot of fun activities in school while our 3-year olds celebrated it online last week. They looked really cute and adorable coming dressed in traditional attire while learning to respect and appreciate different cultures. They acquired new skills in making the sought-after "kek batik", a delicious savory which has gained popularity as a cake served during festivals. Besides making the cake, they were also creative in making colourful Raya Cards.



Of course it feels good to have lots of LEGO pieces to build with, but I realise that having more than what you need can lead to wastage. I challenged myself to use all the pieces in my pack for my invention so everything was put to good use

Gurveer Singh Shoker,
Standard 3



I really enjoy exploring with LEGOs in school again! My strategy is to sort all the pieces by colours to see what I have before deciding on what to build.

Yaashinie Kumaraguru,
Standard 1



I tried a few designs to create my invention using what I have. When I don't have enough small blocks, I change my idea to include the big ones. We will not always get all that we want in life, so we must be creative!

Evan Kaien Tan,
Standard 2

EARLY EXPOSURE TO INTELLIGENT ENVIRONMENT

MPS Primary restructured their STEM programmes early this year to put a heavier focus on applied digital skills for ICT, as well as scheduling Robotics into the Lower Primary School timetable.

Although the COVID-19 outbreak has caused some constraints in fully executing the programmes, lesson targets were strategically reconstructed to adapt to students' needs during online learning. And now when students are back in the new norm, necessary precautions have been placed to ensure the continuation of the subjects in a safe and hygienic manner.

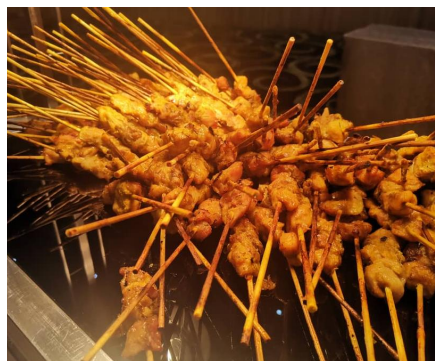
For Robotics in particular, a hands-on subject with emphasis on collaborations, students are provided with an individually packed LEGO Education kit and are reminded constantly to share the responsibility of keeping the materials germ-free by sanitizing their hands and covering their mouths when coughing and sneezing.

Since the students have built on their knowledge of nature-inspired inventions during MCO, they are excited to 'get their hands dirty' by constructing their own ideas in class.

Ms Raja Nazatul Akhma, ICT- Robotics Teacher
(MPS Primary)

MGS CARES - BEST STAFF DINNER EVER!

The staff of MGS worked very hard during the MCO and though tired, have agreed to extend the term days for the benefit of the students. In appreciation of the sacrifice and dedication of the staff, a dinner was given by the management on 6th August 2020 at d'Tempat .



DELICIOUS FOOD

Credit must be given to the teachers and non teaching staff for their effort in making this dinner the best dinner ever for the staff. Food was delicious with fabulous prizes for the lucky draw from the school Board of Directors.



TWIST AWAY MPS TEACHERS!

The MPS teachers very sportingly took to the stage to twist and dance their way to the hearts of the audience. Games and quizzes also livened up the atmosphere in the hall.



LOTS OF AMAZING PRIZES AND FUN GAMES CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

All in all, it was a night of good fun and camaraderie for everyone. Our thanks to Dato' Lim, Mr. Ho, Ms. Carmen and Datin Norlela for gracing the occasion. To all the staff of MGS, a big thank you to you for being present to bond as a school community.



Gold bar



Lucky Draw prizes



Honda hampers



Lucky Draw winners

"Minute to Win It" game

MGS CARES -SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY

One of our key values at MGS is 'Everyone Caring', which means that we treat each other, our work, and our environment with the utmost care and respect. Over the last year, MIS has had numerous fundraising opportunities to raise money for charity to try and instill a culture of caring and giving with our students. We also use it as a constant reminder of how fortunate we are in many ways and to show our students the value in donating to people in less fortunate positions than themselves.



We are pleased to announce that we have donated RM4332 to Shepherd's Centre Foundation in Selangor on the 6th of August. The founders/directors of the foundation, Pastors Jacop & Bridget David together with their children, have touched the lives of hundreds of children since establishing this foster home for orphans and underprivileged children in 1993. The foundation is a place where neglected children are provided opportunities to grow up with a sound education, good mental and physical health, as well as being loved and cared for.

Ms Dornehl Kitching, Deputy Head of MIS Secondary

With the end of the academic year this Friday, 7th August 2020, we wish Happy Holidays to all MIS and MIEY students, teachers and parents. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to all students, teachers and parents who have worked incredibly hard this year and dealt amazingly with the challenges faced following the outbreak of the coronavirus.

We have a lot to be proud of in MGS, with everyone stepping up to make sure children received the best learning experience possible during this difficult and unusual time. Enjoy your holidays and we surely look forward to your safe return in the new academic year and for the teachers and graduating students who will be leaving us to embark on a new journey, we wish you the best of luck!

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY
MIS & MIEY!