

FROM THE MGS MANAGEMENT TEAM



"When you asked me what I did in school today and I say, 'I just played', please don't misunderstand me. For you see, I am learning to enjoy and be successful in my work. Today I am a child and my work is play" - Anita Wadley (Poet / Book Author), 1974

Yes! Early Years is just all about play - but it is structured play. For the past nine months our young ones have been actively engaged in meaningful learning experience by constructing their own knowledge and interacting in a nurturing environment facilitated by our Early Years' team. The children enjoyed the project based activities and applied all the skills they have learned in school to projects like Earth Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter Bonnet Parade, Merdeka Day, and not forgetting our very first community outreach programme with Alpro Pharmacy where the children made 100 cupcakes for the less fortunate.

As language is an important element in children's cognitive development, our children have been introduced to a variety of activities that are developmentally appropriate to speak and write confidently in English, Malay and Mandarin. Opportunities for the use of language and

mathematical skills are always there when they engage in water play, sand play, and little chef which were recently introduced to our Early Years 1 & 2 groups of children.

Our newly realigned extended programmes in the afternoon reinforces the learning in school and allows the children to further develop their verbal and creative abilities in a more relaxed atmosphere with less time proportionately spent on routines.

I am a firm believer in parental involvement in Early Years and we have, therefore introduced class DOJO to bring every parent to our classroom and to stay connected with our teachers

With increased support from our parents we will continue to build up a positive environment that is warm, friendly and nurturing for the optimal growth and development of our young children at MGS Early Years.

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Our team of Early Years Educators

WELCOME ON BOARD!

Introducing the new academic member joining the MGS team as an MPS teacher.



Mr Goh Kah Yi (PE Teacher)

I am Goh Kah Yi from Kuala Lumpur. For the past decade, I have been coaching the Negeri Sembilan Water Polo state team and I have represented Malaysia both as a player and as a coach before.

I will be teaching PE and Swimming for PE lessons and CCA. Hopefully through sports, students are able to showcase more of their talents out of their classrooms. I also hope that through sports, students are able to develop a better sense of teamwork, leadership, and discipline as these soft skills will carry them far in society in the future.

WELL DONE, LEE YANG!

After a recheck of the IGCSE result with the Cambridge Board, we are delighted to share that we now have 3 students who achieved straight A*- A for the examinations in 2019.

Congratulations to Lee Yang. We are happy for your success and for getting the recognition that you rightfully deserve!



MGS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

On 4 September 2019, the school had a simple yet enjoyable National Day celebration. A variety of performances were presented by the students. Our darling preschoolers danced to the song *Chan Mali Chan* whilst the MGS Primary presented *Kurik Kundi* and the Jazz Chant, with the Secondary doing their *Dikir Barat*. As a finale, MIS Secondary students led the crowd to sing along to a song that focused on the unity of all races in Malaysia.

The main highlight of this celebration was the re-enactment of the proclamation of 'Merdeka'. It was such a beautiful sight to see the Malaysian flags being waved proudly as the word "Merdeka!" was proclaimed. The wonderful event came to an end as we all sang the song *Tanggal 31* with pride while waving our national flag, the *Jalur Gemilang*.



Photos taken by Chung Kai Hong, Form 4

After the school-wide assembly, MIS Early Years continued the celebration by trying out various traditional games such as *lompat getah*, *main guli*, *congkak*, *batu seremban*, *chapteh* and the local version of hopscotch, *ketingting* to further instil the love for Malaysia among the young students.

INTRODUCING MIS PRIMARY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL AND PREFECTORIAL BOARD

Over this past week, MIS Primary have been holding Student Council elections and Primary Prefect interviews.

For our Student Council, the candidates gave a short speech to explain why they should be chosen to represent the rest of their class in the MGS Student Council. After all speeches were delivered, each class (from Year 3 to 6) held their own vote on who they would like to appoint as the class member for the Student Council – giving our students from a young age an opportunity to learn how a democracy works. The selected members will now share the ideas, concerns and interests of their fellow students with teachers and the school leadership. They will also help raise funds from school-wide activities to support community projects or aid people in need. In doing so, this will provide further opportunities to improve their leadership, cooperation and communication skills alongside their formal education.

For our Primary Prefects, students in Year 5 and 6 provided a letter of application and participated in an interview process to determine who would be selected for our MGS Prefectorial Board. Our prefects will act as role models who inspire and challenge the school community to live out the school's shared vision, mission and core values. They will also have opportunities to enhance their leadership skills through organising and participating in school functions and events.

Congratulations to those who have been voted and selected as part of the MIS Primary Student Council and Prefectorial Board members.

Note: The MPS Primary Student Council and Prefectorial Board will be formed by October 2019 and installed in November 2019.



Prefectorial Board. From left: Nidhish Nair (Y5M), Nishika Lin Nair (Y6M), Terence Chen (Y6T), Jaydyn Mishaye (Y5M), Pravan (Y6T), Nilesh Shan Nair (Y6M) & Lim Zen Hung (Y6M).



Student Council. From left: Wong Hui Zhi (Y3M), Rene Marie Kat May Ean (Y4M), Chloe Aristella Lee (Y6M), Lim Shu Yu (Y5M) & Leow Yi Cheng (Y6T)

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN MGS STUDENT

Every morning, I wake up with a positive mindset programmed in my head. While waking up at 05.30am is not my usual cup of tea, I force myself to make this sacrifice since I need more hours in the day as a student who is striving to achieve his goals. I believe this is a small price to pay so I can sleep long hours in the future without having to think about my education and ways to reach financial freedom.

After taking my shower, I will proudly wear my school uniform by 06.00am. I will then sit at my study table and continue revising my lessons. Normally, I will tackle my mathematics subject during this time as I believe the subject gives me a good mental exercise to kick start a productive and active day.

After a short revision, I prepare to leave for school which is usually at 07.35am as my house is 12 minutes drive from MGS, I will get my books from my locker and rush to my first class. When learning in class, I always try to focus on the lesson as I do not want to be left behind, which will just make it harder for me to revise later at night.

My favourite learning activity is presenting what we have learned to our classmates. I learn best through voicing out my thoughts as it helps me remember what I've learned more efficiently.

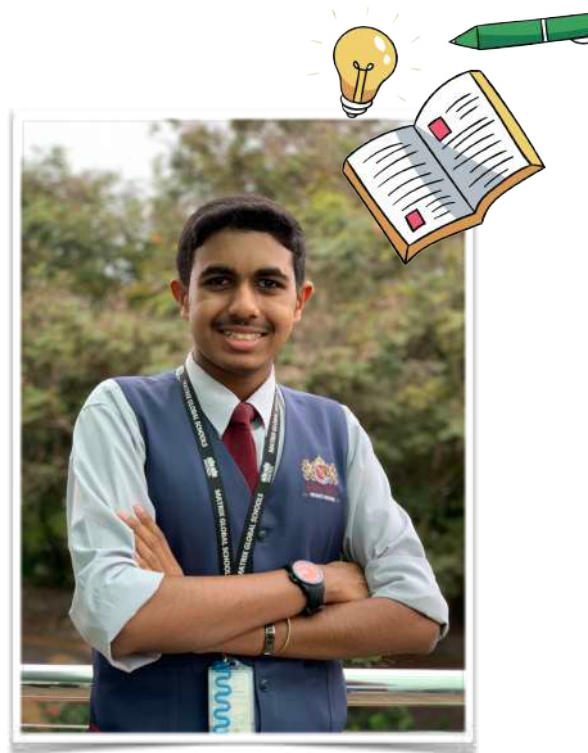
After school ends at 3.30pm or 4.30pm if there is a CCA, I love to indulge in sporting activities like badminton and swimming since these activities allow me to release whatever stress I have to have a clearer mind.

I am thankful to be in a school where there are more than sufficient facilities to cater to my needs as a student. I have come to believe that being an MGS student will prepare me to be a corporate CEO in the future.

Striving for success,

Harin Ravandaran (Form 4)

MGS Student Council Representative



MGS COMMUNITY EVENT: FUN ENGLISH OUTREACH IN AEON SEREMBAN 2

In our effort to reach out to the surrounding community and to share some of the educational activities we practise in our campus, the MGS team organised a roadshow of Fun English Outreach in AEON Seremban 2 shopping mall on the 31st August and 1st Sept.

It was encouraging to see children of all ages responding positively to our interactive English language digital games. The event also captured the interest of many parents eager to know more about the school.

Overall, it was a great activity to show the people of Seremban that MGS is proud to be part of the community and we look forward to the next destination of our roadshow.



MGS STUDENT HUB

Secondary students from MPS and MIS can now enjoy the MGS Student Hub located on the Ground Floor of MIS 2. The former Mac Lab is now extended to include a relaxing area where students can study or mingle with their friends.

The place is further decorated with colourful chalk murals of Minangkabau village scenes, drawn by Ms. Tan Juo Fang, a Shanghai University student back for the summer holidays. Ms. Tan was assisted by the dedicated team of MGS Boarding House staff and boarders.

We hope students will use this facility responsibly, so it will be a safe and pleasant space for all.



CALLING ALL STUDENT ATHLETES/SPORTSMEN TO TRY OUT FOR THE SCHOOL TEAM!

Date	Day	Event	Time	Venue
10 September 2019	Tuesday	U12 Football Team Selection	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	Field
		U18 MGS Volleyball Team Selection	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	Sports Complex
12 September 2019	Thursday	U12 MGS Badminton Team Selection	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	MPH
		U15 MGS Football Team Selection	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	Field
		U15 MGS Basketball Team Selection	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	Sports Complex
		U18 MGS Athletics Team Selection	4.30 pm - 5.45 pm	Grandstand
17 September 2019	Tuesday	U18 MGS Football Team Selection	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	Field
		U15 MGS Volleyball Team Selection	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	Sports Complex
19 September 2019	Thursday	U12 MGS Athletics Team Selection	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	Grandstand
		U15 MGS Badminton Team Selection	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	MPH
		U18 MGS Basketball Team Selection	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	Sports Complex
23 September 2019	Monday	U15 MGS Athletics Team Selection	4.30 pm - 5.45 pm	Grandstand
		U18 MGS Badminton Team Selection	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	MPH
		U15 & U18 Netball Team Selection	4.30 pm - 5.45 pm	Grandstand

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