

20 September 2019

# MGS ECHO NULLI SECUNDA - SECOND TO NONE



#### FROM THE MGS MANAGEMENT TEAM

#### " Everything we do in the school, we do it for the children "

That is the philosophy for me and the Non-Academic Team.

The Non-Academic Team covers Finance, Admissions, Marketing, Facilities,Information Technology, Boarding House, Human Resource and Administration in the school. Teamwork is very important as each unit is like a piece of a car engine. If one part is not working correctly, everything will fall apart and the car will not move forward. The role that we play might be perceived as small but it is nevertheless, an important role.

We support the Academic staff in their plans to develop effective teaching and learning in class. Whilst the teachers are seen as drivers in a car, we are the technicians that ensure that the car is in tip top condition for it to move forward in the direction planned.

Kelvin Leong
Deputy General Manager



#### MGS Non Academic Heads

Standing from left: Brandon Chan (IT), Chan Wei Choong (Finance), Alan Nyam (Facilities)

Sitting from left: Tracy Sequerah (HR & Administration), Samantha Wong (Admissions), Kelvin Leong (Deputy General Manager), Raja Nazatul Akhma (Marketing), Tea Ming Ming (Boarding House)

#### **School Operation during Haze**

Kindly refer to the table below for guidelines regarding school closure in the event of an unhealthy haze situation.

API READING	OPERATION STATUS	PROCEDURES
101 - 200 Unhealthy	School remains open	No outdoor activities
201 - 300 Very Unhealthy	School will be closed according to MoE directive. Parents will be informed of school closure via email and SMS	<ul> <li>All staff are to be in school as usual</li> <li>Optional attendance for students, but if in school must be present from 8.00am - 3.15pm</li> <li>No CCA or outdoor activities</li> <li>School breaks/Lunch in covered lobby area</li> <li>Staff and students with health issues are advised to wear masks or go to medical centre where an air purifier is available</li> <li>Teachers will activate home-based learning for all students</li> </ul>
> 301 Hazardous	School is closed as API level is hazardous	<ul> <li>All staff are to be in school for CPD training</li> <li>Students are advised to stay home to do home-based learning provided by teachers</li> </ul>
> 500 Extremely Hazardous	School is shut down	Staff and students are to stay home

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We apologise for the inconvenience caused by the technical glitch affecting the new MGS Parent access cards. Parents who have not collected their cards are advised to do so as soon as possible because all old pass cards will be invalid on 23 September. These old pass cards would need to be returned in exchange for new ones.



In our continuous effort to improve the service in the canteen, we are please to inform you that MGS Canteen will be offering fresh juices at RM3.00 per cup starting next week. Different juices will be available everyday depending on stocks of fruits available. They will be freshly pressed with no sugar added. Do give them a try!

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#### DISSECTING LIVE SPECIMEN On 12 September, Form 4 Biology students covered the topic of dissecting live specimens by

'operating' on frogs under the supervision of Ms

This experiment allowed us to have a better understanding of the respiratory system of frogs when we get to see the organs live as we studied them. It was truly an eye-opening experience to see for the first time the pounding heart of a live animal!

We appreciate the opportunity to share and explain the knowledge we have gained from the lesson to our Standard 6 students who were invited to share the exciting activity conducted in the Biology lab. The Standard 6 students who had just finished their UPSR were thrilled to see the live specimens. Special thanks to Marcus and Haziq for 'supplying' us with the frogs.

Written by Fawwaz Danish Haiqal Photos taken by Chung Kai Hong



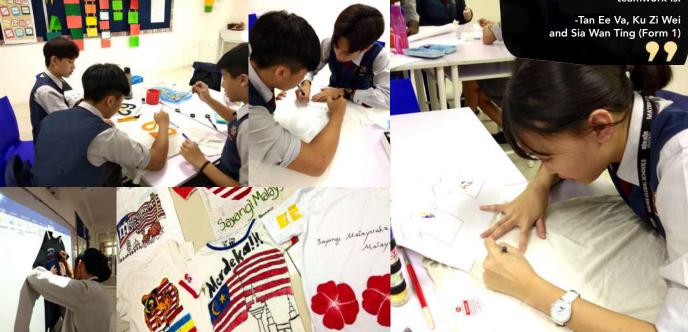
#### MPS SECONDARY MORAL LESSON: NATIONAL DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

During the Merdeka month, one of the group activities tasked to MPS Secondary students for their Moral subject was designing a National Day themed t-shirt.

It was heartwarming to see how dedicated the students were in going the extra mile by bringing their own art supplies from home to make their ideas come to life in this project.

The students took this opportunity to unleash their creativity and surprised us with their artistic masterpieces as the designs were amazing beyond expectations. It truly was a wonderful way to express their love for Malaysia.

Although, there were many ups and down throughout the whole process of designing our t-shirt, we are very happy and proud of the creation. The bond of our friendship has become stronger as we incorporate what we've learned during Moral class and settle our differences calmly. This is an enjoyable experience that has shown us how important teamwork is.



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## MIS Secondary Assembly: Celebrating World Peace Day

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."

- Jimi Hendrix

On 18 September, we held a Peace Day assembly led by Saieesivasoriaa Sivagurunathan from Year 11 as the MC. The assembly began with curated video clips about Peace day and its history.

Through the presentation, we learned what Peace Day represents, how the dove is the international symbol of worldwide peace and how all countries call a ceasefire, be it personal or political, to honour the day.

Another interesting and new fact I myself have learnt is that the United Nations rings a bell to honour this special day, at their headquarters in New York City. The bell is made of the coins donated by 60 member countries of the UN and the bell is rung by the Secretary General to symbolise unity and peace. We should all remember the date September 21st as it will forever be the International Day of Peace.

To end the session, we all sang the symbolic Michael Jackson song 'Heal the World'. The lyrics of the song remind us that every citizen of the world plays a part in promoting world peace.

I believe we have all gained valuable information about this important day from the assembly. They are wars and guns are still fired around the world even now, but I believe through some level of peace, we can eventually heal the world through unity. But for now, every effort counts. Let us work towards unity and peace on our planet!

Written by Lynette Lim Ern Yit, Year 11

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## Kingsley Toh, Standard 2 -Participation in International level Art Competition

We are very proud of the achievement of Kingsley Toh who has been shortlisted for an international children's art competition, The Golden Bear Award 2019.

Let's show our community support by liking his masterpiece shared in the MGS Facebook Page in order for him to win the Most "LIKE" Facebook Award!



## MIS PRIMARY: MiMAS Participation





Last April, 9 Mathematics enthusiasts from MIS Primary challenged themselves in the MiMAS (Malaysia international Mathematical Arithmetic for Schools) competition which consist of Mathematics and Mental Arithmetic category. All questions tested integrates higher order thinking questions which provides an opportunity for the students to

challenge, learn and exceed their capability as well as promote their interest in Mathematics. The students were awarded their certificate of participation and achievement during school assembly. Well done!



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#### MGS SPORTS LEADERS' REFLECTIONS

One of the successful sports programme run by the MGS PE Department, the Young Leader programme devised by Sports Leaders UK, is on its second cohort of student leaders.

To receive the qualification from the UK, they have to complete at least 15 hours of volunteering, contribute to school events, teach a lesson in their chosen sport and complete the Sports Leader booklet to be submitted to the awarding committee in the UK. Therefore, the MGS Sports Leaders are involved in a range of leadership opportunities embedded within the school curriculum and annual events. These may involve public speaking, representing the school, teamwork, coaching other students, involvement in community activities as well as working towards their potential in class. Sports Leaders have an active role in school sports events and inter-school fixtures.

Below are some reflections as shared by two students undergoing the programme.

#### 10 things I have learned by being a Sports Leader

#### Amanvir Singh Gill, Year 8

- 1. All the equipment has to be safe and not broken.
- 3. Make sure to find a suitable place so everyone has sufficient space to move.
- 5. Make your instructions clear.
- 7. Make sure that everyone is included in the activities.
- 9. Must not be rude to kids even if they do something wrong.

#### Harini Arumugam, Year 10

- 1. I have learned how to build up my confidence.
- 3. I have learned to encourage people when they have lost hope.
- 5. I have learned that not all people have the same ability in sports, and some need more help than others.
- 7. I learned how to handle the pressure between my academics and sports.
- 9. I have learned to manage my time.

#### **MIS PRIMARY:** PE STAR OF THE WEEK

Every week, MIS PE Department will award deserving students a star based on their behaviour, effort, performance and improvement in the class. MIS Secondary winners are posted on @mgs\_sports Instagram while Primary winners will be shared in the newsletter for young students to view.





WEEK 2: Weng Foong (6M) and **Aasshman Prushotman (1M)** 



WEEK 3: Guru Prasath (5M) and Chloe Yoshi Chen (3M)



**WEEK 4: Keshvendreas Gopinath (4M)** and Aaraatanhaa Duray (1M)

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