

Dear Families,

Happy Chinese New Year! This is a wonderful time to come together with family and friends and celebrate our blessings. This is also a time where we can step back from our day-to-day and think about big-ideas; to collectively consider new opportunities and challenges that lay ahead to ensure we all thrive together.

The Transformation Team continues to ensure the campus is connected and open to feedback. We are looking forward to returning from the holiday reenergised and continuing the New Year as one school - East meeting West - and prospering together. In line with these plans you will expect to see changes to CCA times and the school calendar. Details of these changes will be shared with you by the end of February.

Chinese New Year celebrations provide another opportunity for us all to come together. We extend a warm invitation to you to join all MGS students for two fantastic campus-wide events.

- MGS Sports Day on Thursday, 14 February 2019, 8.15am to 3.30pm
- MGS Chinese New Year Celebration on Tuesday, 19 February 2019, 11.00am to 12.30pm

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday, 11 February (for MIS) and Tuesday, 12 February (for MPS and Preschool).

With our very best wishes, Gōng xǐ fā cái.

Mr. Lee Harvey, Head of Matrix International School

Mr. Loh Ghee Juan, Acting MGS Campus Principal

Ms. Felicia Wong, Head of Matrix Private School



Important Dates

Feb 2019

1st, Friday:

MIPS & MPS closed for Mid Term break

4th, Monday:

MIS closed for Mid Term break

11th, Monday:

MIS return back to school

12th, Tuesday:

MIPS & MPS return back to school

14th, Thursday:

MGS Sports Day

19th, Tuesday:

MGS Chinese New Year Celebration

MPS Parents Coffee Morning : Teacher Mentoring Programme led by Mr.Loh Ghee Juan

Date : 22nd, Friday

Time : 8:15am – 9:45am

Venue : Lounge area @

Main cafeteria, MPS

MIS Parents Afternoon Tea : IPC and Checkpoint led by Mr.Andrew Hamilton and Mr.Lee Harvey

Date : 22nd, Friday

Time : 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Venue : MIS 1st floor

Car Sticker : A Gentle Reminder

We take security of our campus very seriously and only parents with the new car stickers will be allowed into the school grounds in future. For those who have not collected their stickers, please do so as soon as possible.

Please note that during the festive holiday season our administration office hours are as follows:

- Mon 4 February (eve of CNY) from 8.00am - 12.00 noon
- Thurs 7 February onwards from 8.00am - 5.00 pm



Art and Craft lesson: Chinese New Year Firecrackers

In anticipation of the coming Chinese New Year, the 6 year old children have been doing Arts and Craft that depicts the coming celebration. This week, the children in Emerald class made firecrackers out of red colour papers.

They were given papers to cut out strips of paper to stick on a half meter length red ribbon to represent the firecrackers. After which they would then colour in the Chinese word "ji 吉" which can mean auspicious, lucky or fortunate. The firecrackers are then glued to the word "ji 吉" and the firecracker craft is completed.



The children get to learn that lightning fire crackers is the major custom performed to scare off evil spirits and celebrate the coming of the New Year.

Part of the learning process for the children besides the fun of cutting, pasting and colouring is to learn to clean up after themselves. They learned to throw away their own rubbish, clean up their space and help others as well.

Appreciating folk art and the Chinese zodiac

2019 is the year of pig according to the Chinese Zodiac. The pig is a symbol of wealth in Chinese culture. In conjunction with the coming Chinese New Year (Spring Festival), Key Stage 2 students made some art and craft works related to the zodiac animal. While Key Stage 1 students did paper cutting, an important Chinese folk art where they cut the word 春 (Spring) printed on red coloured paper. The students learnt about the 12 animals in the Chinese Zodiac and their arrangements as well as the Chinese culture and traditions.





Together we learn, Together we grow.

In conjunction with the Chinese festive season, MPS Mandarin Department is organising various activities for both our Mandarin 1st and 2nd language students. Besides learning the language, we are always occupying our students with Chinese culture experiential activities. This year, our lower primary students get to experience the making of Cherry Blossom Blow painting while our upper primary students get to experience how to write the Chinese calligraphy. Through our activities, students learned about the proper way of holding a calligraphy brush, the importance of following the proper strokes when writing a Chinese character, the reason why red papers were used instead of other colours during the activities and a lot more.



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Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly.

How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

How can I protect my family from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your family.

Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

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