

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL

It is hard for me to believe, but it was one year ago that I arrived in Matrix Global Schools as the Campus Principal. It has been an amazing year, with everyday being a day of new experience and learning. The cooperation extended by the students, parents and staff has lightened my task to lead the school towards excellence and to be a leading school in our country.

From the transparent channels of communications, we continue to build strong relationships with students, staff and parents. The genuine desire by the school community to work collaboratively, in a cordial and respectful manner is most heart-warming. We look forward to strengthening these as we continue to share our vision and initiatives, and offer feedback mechanisms and response to everyone.

We've recently celebrated many amazing successes of 2019 (you can recap the shout-outs at matrixschools.edu.my/2020/01/07/highlights-of-2019/), and this is only the beginning, because like any great school, we are committed to continuous improvement or in Japanese known as *kaizen*; with our whole school community getting better every single day.

I'm proud to see our students growing and leading - their voice has never been stronger. From school council to prefect duties - leadership and role models are in action every day. Recently, some of our students have been selfless in their commitment to isolate themselves away from everyone, to learn independently online for the greater good of the health of everyone, as we seek to take all precautions from viruses.

Community spirit and collaboration shines at MGS; our campus is a special place to be in. The time we spend together learning, socialising and respecting the diversity we have across our united campus encourages us all to reflect and self-improve. Lifelong friendships and memories have been made, and we can only expect more as we look forward to the Year of the Rat and beyond.

We mark the year launching a new website. I hope you feel as proud as I do, with our student voice being at the centre and 360 videos revealing the learning and boarding facilities experienced by our students. Launching a website is a long journey, there are still many changes and features we want to introduce. And like our school we're always working on providing a better experience. Keep an eye out as we build new pages and add content in multi languages. We welcome any comments and feedback on the site, reach out to hello@matrixschools.edu.my.

Loh Ghee Juan
MGS Campus Principal



Do check out the brand new
MGS website at
matrixschools.edu.my

CEFR Assessment Training



On 1 February, a Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Assessment training was conducted in Matrix Global Schools by Pn Norizah binti Abdul Bari from the English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC), Ministry of Education. The training aimed to provide a clearer insight into the implementation of CEFR in lessons and how it can be used as a resource for assessment.

Pn Norizah explained the differences between the Bands for the assessment and said that many students would not fit in one category alone. She further explained that to evaluate a student, we need to look at the criteria he / she fulfills in the CEFR Scale and grade students accordingly. Students are categorised as Basic Users, Independent Users and Proficient Users.

A total of 21 teachers comprising our very own Matrix Private School English teachers and 16 other teachers from schools around Seremban attended the informative session. Ms Agnes Ammal from SMK St Paul said that she found the session very useful and enlightening. Ms Rabah from SMK Bukit Kepayang also said that she was indeed grateful for the session as she gathered valuable information. On top of that, the visiting teachers expressed their awe of the MGS campus and teaching facilities.

Staff and Students honour MGS' Silent Heroes

Last term, MIS Student Council members led a Christmas Charity Sale in order to buy thank you gifts to honour the MGS Cleaning Team for continuously ensuring the school environment is well-kept for the students to learn comfortably. The Student Council presented their gifts during last week's school assembly to the delight of the hard-working ladies who play an important role in our school community.



I wish to thank everyone who supported the Christmas food sale last term. Rice and noodles are basic daily needs for all of us, especially our cleaners. It is a very beneficial gift. Most people take for granted the basic necessity of a person, which is food.

Appreciation for their hard work is very important as they are the ones who clean our mess everyday in the schools and help in keeping the school environment comfortable for us to study. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

- Kuan Teng Sam, Year 11



Kak Azizah sharing a word or two with the students.

Every good or bad that we receive is a blessing from God. Every one of us has a role to play in our world. For our school Cleaners, I respect them for the pride they show in their job and the care they take to ensure that our school environment is always kept clean and fresh for us to study in comfort. Respect should be shown to everyone who plays a role in making the school a better place to be. So thank you to our Cleaners and Facilities personnel!

- Chin Yin Kin, Year 11

The staff too put on their show of appreciation in the form of a Chinese New Year tea party for all in school - our Cleaners, Facilities team, Administrative staff and Teachers.

The school is like a big family. While the teachers role is like a parent to the students, the supporting staff is like their uncles and aunties. It feels nice to be appreciated, especially with food! We are all busy doing our own tasks that a get-together time like this is what we really look forward to unwind together.

- Johan Ahmad, MGS Maintenance Assistant



Installation of MPS Student Council Members for year 2020

MPS students from Upper Primary onwards held their Student Council election last week to choose their representatives for the new academic year. Prior to the voting session, all students were briefed during assembly on the roles of Student Council members as well as how they differ from the Prefectorial Board to deepen their understanding of the student leadership roles in the school. We look forward to seeing the new Student Council members stepping up into their role and working together to move the school forward along with the MIS Student Council members.

"I am honoured to be elected as the Head of Student Council for MPS. I promise to give my all in everything I do for the school. As the voice of MPS, I will do my best to ensure that all the students ideas and suggestions on how to improve the school will be heard. Above all, I want to say a big thank you to everyone for trusting me with this responsibility and I will surely dedicate myself fully to this role as part of the MGS Student Council alongside our friends in MIS."



Ng Ryu Shen
Form 5



Chung Kai Hong
Form 5



Emmanuel Chan
Form 4



Pak Mun Sang Vincent
Form 3



Wong Yie Heng
Form 2



Woo Fung
Form 1



Owen Lim
Standard 6



Suvaathy Maayah
Standard 5



Alyssa bt Johann
Standard 4



MGS hosted South Korean students for Winter Camp

14 children from Seoul, South Korea enjoyed 3 fun filled days in our campus to experience first hand what it is like to be in MGS. The campers went through a series of fun learning activities in and out of the classroom alongside our students. And in good old Malaysian way, we also introduced them to our food and the warmth of Malaysian hospitality. These activities were conducted to cultivate a global mindset within the campus as the students get to learn the cultures of different people from around the globe.

One of the participants, Yee Hee Jin said, "The standard of English here is high and I am really impressed with the school environment. I enjoyed the learning activities. My MGS buddy and the teachers are really helpful".

It was heart-warming to learn that the participants insisted on putting on our uniforms in order to be fully immersed in the school community and they even took them back to South Korea as a reminder of their great experience in Matrix Global Schools.



踏青竖蛋 喜迎立春



仪丽娜 (左): "各族学生一同欢庆立春, 感觉很美好!"

苏维达 (右): "我很喜欢'踏青'的感觉, 我今天就是'走'向春天了!"



《月令七十二候集解》云：“正月节，立，建始也，立夏秋冬同。”立春，乃二十四节气之一，也是二十四节气之首，众所周知“一年之计在于春”，作为一年中最早降临华夏大地的节气，立春是春季农事活动的开始。

趁2月4日立春这天，老师给学生们介绍了“立春”的意义，让各族学生了解中华的传统节日习俗，同时带领学生到草场踏青并体验“立蛋”，欢欢喜喜迎立春。

AKTIVITI MEMBACA DALAM BAHASA MELAYU



Membaca Jambatan Ilmu. Ini ialah kata mutiara yang sering digunakan untuk menggalakkan murid-murid sekolah khususnya di peringkat rendah mengamalkan sikap membaca. Amalan membaca yang berterusan akan membantu kita menambah pengetahuan terutama dari segi kosa kata.

Justeru itu, pada tahun ini Jabatan Bahasa Melayu MPS telah mewujudkan aktiviti membaca bagi semua murid sekolah rendah. Murid-murid diberi pendedahan dan

galakan membaca buku-buku jenis fiksiyen (cerita) dan bukan fiksiyen (majalah) dalam Bahasa Melayu. Murid membaca bahan tersebut di dalam bilik bacaan dan juga dibimbing oleh guru yang bertanggungjawab. Murid juga dikehendaki membuat catatan dan menjawab tugas yang disediakan berdasarkan hasil bacaan mereka ke dalam Modul Log Rekod Bacaan Sekolah Rendah yang akan disemak oleh guru pengelola dari semasa ke semasa. Untuk maklumat umum, bilik bacaan ini dikelolakan oleh Puan Rohani binti Mohammed.

JOIN US FOR THE MATRIX GLOBAL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY 2020

13 Feb 2020, Thursday

(Preschool, Lower Primary) @ 8.30 am - 12.00 pm

(Upper Primary & Secondary) @ 8.30 am - 1.30 pm

- Parents/guests are requested to park in MPS LG car park or in front of MPS building.
- Parents who wish to bring their child home before the official dismissal time at 3.15pm are required to fill in the Exit Permit slip from the respective school receptionist in the lobby.



SIGN UP for BWF Shuttle Time to train with International Coaches!

We are delighted to have the Negeri Sembilan Badminton Association organising a free "BWF Shuttle time" for MGS staff and students in the upcoming term break.

Staff session on **2nd March 2020** (Monday)

Students session on **3rd March 2020** (Tuesday)

Time: **9am - 1pm** (4 hours)

The association is generously sharing with us their expert coaches from abroad. Plus, participants will be receiving BWF merchandise as freebies! Places are limited to 6 students on first come, first serve basis. Therefore, those interested may email their full name & IC number to Mr Praba at prabakarank@matrixschools.edu.my as soon as possible.

MGS vs. KTJ in friendly Cricket

It was a great experience for our primary students to take part in the U13 friendly cricket match with Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar (KTJ) students on 3 February.

Students enjoyed it and they are now looking forward to the next match. With this friendly match, our students realised that there are a few more areas of the game that they need to work seriously on before their next game.

Some memorable moments of the match were:

1. A brilliant catch by Lin Yu Xin, Year 6
2. Three boundaries (fours) by Jarred Netawat, Year 4
3. Brilliant Captaincy and batting by Nilesh Shan Nair, Year 6, from MGS Team B.



MGS Primary PE STARS 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.



Joshua Wong
Year 2

Megat Rashidi
Year 6

Nur Cahaya Razaq
Standard 1

Tara Abhirami Sudesh
Standard 2

Seeking Knowledge : Opening Minds



A Member of
**MATRIX CONCEPTS
HOLDINGS BERHAD** (414615-U)
Managed by
**MATRIX EDUCARE
SDN BHD** (1309395-M)

1300-22-9888

matrixschools.edu.my

info@matrixschools.edu.my
Sendayan Merchant Square, 71950
Bandar Sri Sendayan, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia.

An Affiliation with



Malaysian Ministry of Education
SKIPS Award ★★★★★

Follow us at

