

## CHINESE NEW YEAR Celebration



Chinese New Year has been celebrated grandly at Matrix Global Schools, from a whole school assembly, lion dancing, calligraphy, blossom blowing and an art and craft programme.

A special assembly to coincide with Chap Goh Meh (the 15th and final day of Chinese New Year) brought together students of all ages from MIS and MPS. Here, Acting Campus Principal, Mr. Loh encouraged students and staff to rediscover the meaning of some of the New Year greetings, such as 'Gong Xi Fa Cai', which means 'May you attain greater wealth'. While this greeting was meaningful when life was hard and food was scarce in China, it may be more relevant to be thankful and appreciate our good fortune and wish people 'Xīn Nián Kuài Lè' - 'Happy New Year'.

The lively lion dance troupe, accompanied by the entertaining antics of the God of Prosperity, raised the noise levels with the beat of the drums and clanging cymbals and gongs to be the highlight of the assembly.



## REVISED School Hours

Effective from the **4th March 2019** the MGS school hours will be standardized as follows.

We appreciate the support of all parents in getting the students to school and be picked up on time.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Start Time</b>	<b>8.00</b> am	<b>8.00</b> am	<b>8.00</b> am	<b>8.00</b> am	<b>8.00</b> am
<b>Registration</b>	<b>8.00</b> am - <b>8.15</b> am <b>All students are required to be in class by 8am for Morning Routine</b>				
<b>Break</b> (30mins)	09:15 am - 09:45 am ( Form 4&5, Year 10&11) 09:45 am - 10:15 am ( Standard 1 - 6, Reception - Year 6) 10:15 am - 10:45 am ( Form 1,2&3, Year 7,8 &9)				
<b>Lunch</b> (30mins)	11:45 am - 12:15 pm ( Form 4&5, Year 10&11) & ( Reception - Year 2) 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm ( Standard 1 - 6, Year 3 - 6) 12:45 pm - 01:15 pm ( Form 1,2&3, Year 7,8 &9)				
<b>End Time</b>	<b>3.15</b> pm	<b>3.15</b> pm	<b>3.15</b> pm	<b>3.15</b> pm	<b>3.15</b> pm
	School ends at <b>3.15</b> pm on days when there is no CCA/ECA				

<b>CCA</b>	<b>3.20</b> pm - <b>4.10</b> pm	<b>3.20</b> pm - <b>4.10</b> pm	no CCA	<b>3.20</b> pm - <b>4.10</b> pm	no CCA
<b>ECA</b>	<b>3.20</b> pm - <b>4.20</b> pm	no ECA	no ECA	<b>3.20</b> pm - <b>4.20</b> pm	no ECA
<b>School Team Training</b>	<b>4.15</b> pm - <b>5.30</b> pm	<b>4.15</b> pm - <b>5.30</b> pm	<b>4.15</b> pm - <b>5.30</b> pm	<b>4.15</b> pm - <b>5.30</b> pm	<b>3.30</b> pm - <b>5.00</b> pm



The MGS Chinese New Year assembly was made special with performances from our students.

Dancing, singing and musical band performances participated by students of all races from preschool up to secondary.



MIS Secondary students from First Language, Second Language and Foreign Language Mandarin classes came together to produce a video with the theme "Common Conversations during Chinese New Year". The full video can be viewed on MGS Facebook Page.

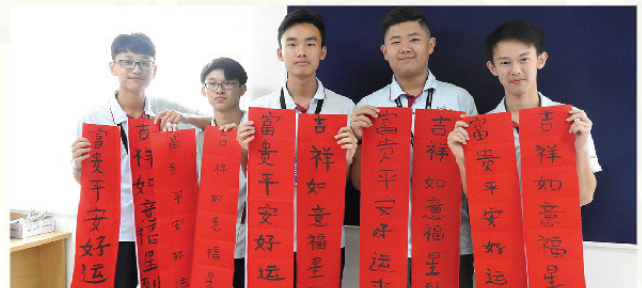


Breathtaking Chinese Sword performance by our Year 8 student, Anya Loh Yi Ling.

Leading up to the celebration, students were introduced to a variety of activities participated enthusiastically by all MGS students.

The Chinese New Year couplet is an age old traditional decoration frequently used to adorn the doorway of a family home.

MPS Secondary students were guided to produce their own couplets in their Mandarin class.





Traditional Hand Fans made using paper plates and craft sticks were happily created by the Key Stage 1 students.



Year 3 and 4 made beautiful blossom trees using the blowing technique in the Primary Art Studio.



Year 5 and 6 constructed 3D dragon models, big enough for the students to put on to do a parade.

Preschoolers baked butter cookies during their Afternoon Extended Programme.

The Extended Programme is an optional afternoon enrichment programme until 3.15pm for students 5 and 6 years old to help ease them into the longer hours of learning when they reach Primary school age.





## Chinese Calligraphy and Blossom Blowing competition in SJKC Bandar Sri Sendayan

On 1st February, MPS Primary students participated in the Chinese Calligraphy and Blossom Blowing competition organised by SJKC Bandar Sri Sendayan.



The participants hard at work during the competition.



Our students won the competitions in multiple categories.



### Chinese Blossom Blowing Competition

Standard 1 & 2 category

2nd : Yeong Jin Chen

3rd : Lokkesh A/L Wigneswaran

### Chinese Calligraphy Competition

Standard 3 & 4 category

1st : Syarifah Alisya Binti Syed Mohd Azlede

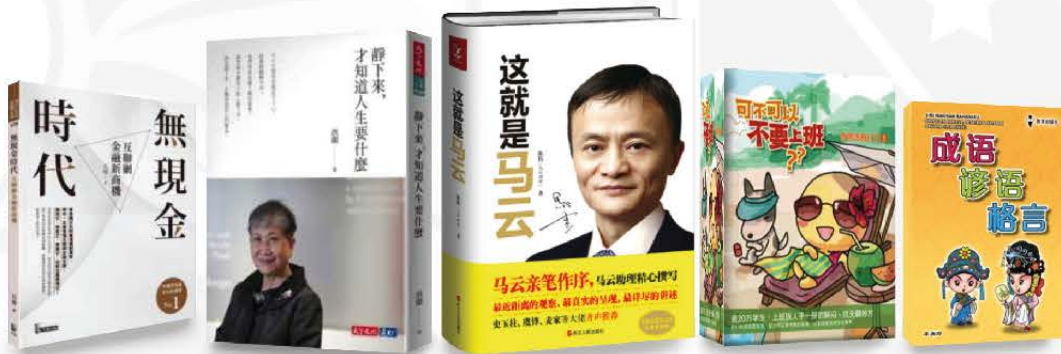
2nd : Shailendra A/L Thanabal

3rd : Ranjani A/P Gunasilan

### Chinese Calligraphy Competition

Standard 5 & 6 category

3rd : Cheok Jing Xuan & Abigail Chin Pei Xin



### New Collection of Mandarin books in MGS Library

In the spirit of Chinese New Year, for those interested to enhance their Mandarin skills, the library has a big collection of Mandarin books catering to all levels of proficiency in the Mandarin language.

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