



“May the Divine Light of Diwali spread into your life Peace, Prosperity, Happiness, and Good Health.”

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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

MIGS/ADM/T1/PRC/WS/PS/2019-0151

Dear Parents/Guardians

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

As we approach one of the largest (and perhaps the most popular) Hindu festivals, allow me to wish you all a joyful Deepavali using the quotation above. Combining the two words, with Deep referring to “light” and avail referring to “a row”, we create “*a row of lights.*” It’s an auspicious occasion and we celebrate happiness, prosperity, health and hope. Celebrated in almost every part of the country, Deepavali remains one of the most widely celebrated festivals across the globe.

Our Junior school assembly took place on Monday with many students and teachers bringing ‘light’ to the school with their costumes and smiles. I am sure there will be many photos this week, please take a moment to visit our school social media platforms @migskl #migskl for pictures and videos. The assembly also featured a *Mullu Murukku* design competition. Some say that *mullu murukku* may not be the most visually attractive food, often looking like a knot of knobby rope, but it certainly is tasty. With ingredients of rice flour and cumin seeds slowly dispensed through a special machine, unique designs can be created, having tried the device this morning, I can safely say that it certainly takes some skill and practise to perfect. Ms Delphy judged the teachers competition and Ms Sukhwant was announced as the creator of the winning design.

Our Senior assembly last Friday featured presentations from our awareness week with Year 8 investigating the theme of how we treat animals and Year 9 tackling environmental issues. Sincere thanks to all the students involved and the teachers for their continued support of the project. We also took a moment to recognize the achievements of our Boys under 18 football team who recently won the tournament here at MIGS. Without losing a game the boys defeated teams from Taylor’s International School, Fairview and a team from Sri KDU. Thank you to the PE Department and also to our volunteer referees, Mr Khairul and Mr Rushen.

## SCHOOL DISMISSAL AND PICK UP

The additional walkway to cross the internal road is now here and hopefully this will prove effective at dismissal time. We will remind students not to enter the hatched box to cross the road and this will hopefully reduce the crossing risk and assist the ‘second lane’ traffic. May I also thank all parents, guardians and drivers who continue to drive through our campus cautiously. May I also actively encourage all other drivers to please observe our speed limit, both before and after they have dropped off, or collected their children.

During pick-up time there may well be occasions when parents, guardians and drivers will arrive at the front of the queue and their children are not yet ready. To keep the traffic flowing, please do take 'another round' or park in the temporary spaces on the right hand side parallel to the school building.

## **JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATES**

### *Humanities Trail*

This week, we extend our student's social studies skills with an educational trip or trails. Students will be exploring *connected learning* opportunities outside the classroom: participating in fieldwork investigations, landscape study, exploring and trying out our mapping skills.

#### **Year 1: Farm in the City**

- An experience on the animal farm habitat, observing animal behaviour and exploring the geographical directions on the farm landscape, will be the main focus of the day.

#### **Year 2: Aquaria KLCC**

- Exploring water animals from deep within the ocean, streams, coastal, forest and jungle water animals, including some very unique and wonderful examples.

#### **Year 3: Meteorological Department**

- Our students are learning about the Weather from around the World, extending their understanding of the weather conditions and needs of Malaysia. They will also understand how the department works to help facilitate the public and how announcements are broadcast.

#### **Year 4: Improving the Local Environment**

- This school trail will help students to investigate and develop geographical inquiry and facilitate hands-on fieldwork investigation and explore ways to sustainably manage the school environment.

#### **Year 5: The Water Project**

- Exploring local sources of water, its usage, investigating its system, understand the problem of water shortage locally and globally while generating ideas to conserve water in school/home.

Reception and Year 6 educational trails will take place at a later date.

### *Curriculum Overviews*

Ms Joanna has informed me that the Junior curriculum overviews have been uploaded onto the parent portal. The overviews provide the scope and sequence of learning in both year groups and subjects. Please use the password below to access the information on the parent portal.

Parent Portal link: [www.migs.edu.my](http://www.migs.edu.my)

Password: [MIGS707azu](#)

## SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATES

### *University Matters*

Our second visit and talk was given by Ms Jane Magee, Special Advisor for International Education from the University of St Andrews. A prestigious University consistently ranked in the Top 10 education establishments in the UK. Notable Alumni range from members of the British Royal family such as Prince William the Duke of Cambridge, to John Cleese a famous English Comedian and also James Wilson, one of the founding fathers of the United States of America and a signatory on the Declaration of Independence.

More information on St. Andrews can be found at <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/>

This time we also invited our Year 10 students to join as we start to consider career choices, investigate course entry requirements and the various Foundation Programmes on offer. Additionally we were joined by the ASA group from here in Kuala Lumpur.

For those unfamiliar with the work of the ASA group, it is an overseas education consultancy company who have been in this industry for many years helping students achieve their academic goals. They have placed many students in well-recognized colleges and universities in Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and the United States of America. Their closest offices are in Petaling Jaya where you can find a ONE-STOP services when applying for overseas education and its **free-of-charge**.

More information about ASA services can be found at <http://www.asa-edu.com/>

### *Senior School Camp*

Please ensure you complete and return your forms if your son/daughter intends to join the Senior School Camp. Final preparations are well underway. If your son/daughter has lost the forms in transit, the Senior School PE team and the office have additional copies.

If you were unable to attend the recent meeting, please find the provider details at of the providers at: <http://wildernessmalaysia.com/>

### **Dates for your Diary**

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| ● <b>Junior School Humanities Trail</b>   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> October |
| ● <b>Deepavali &amp; Term Break</b>       | 27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> October  |
| ● <b>School reopens on</b>                | 31 <sup>st</sup> of October (Thursday)      |
| ● <b>Senior School Inter House Debate</b> | 13 <sup>th</sup> November                   |
| ● <b>Senior School Camp - Langkawi</b>    | 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> November |

Please also do follow us @migskl #migskl on our social media platforms on IG, FB, Twitter, Youtube to see the teaching and learning updates happening within our school campus and community this year.

Best regards



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Principal