



# Nanohana - Back to Campus Edition

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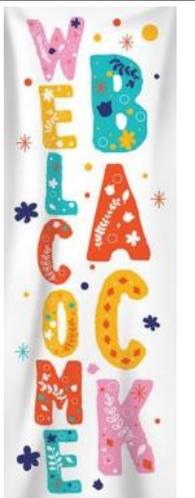
It's strange to look back at the last Nanohana we published on February 28th and see how much things have changed since then. We have all experienced many transitions and challenges while staying at home. Our children have been amazingly resilient through these times.

This week was no exception to that as the students returned to campus with a very different look and feel - especially the first day back. The students and staff have done a remarkable job of putting our new protocols into place and welcoming new students to MIS as part of our 'family'. They have quickly adjusted to the new norm of social distancing, hand washing, wearing masks, and ensuring there is proper ventilation. Even our littlest learners in Kindergarten have adapted so very well.

Even by this Tuesday, you could see that the students and staff had become quite comfortable and are back to learning as before, albeit with a different classroom layout. To hear the sounds of children laughing and singing out my window as I write this, gives me immense joy. The children are ever so happy to be with their friends again, which is a pleasure to see.

In this Back to Campus Edition of Nanohana, you'll get a glimpse into what life is like here on campus. You'll also get to see the celebrations of the Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony as well as this week's mini Kindergarten Graduations in the G1 classrooms.

I want to thank everyone in the MIS Community for being a part of not only the immensely successful distance learning work but also this successful return to campus!



## Calendar

Per MIS's Return to School Operation Protocols, in order to prevent the risk of COVID-19, events are limited.

**Friday 26 June**

Reports Home

**Friday 03 July**

Last Day of Term



## SALE

### Face Mask Sale

Top of the Class school uniform supplier is making and selling cotton face masks at:

<http://www.schooluniform.jp/cotton-face-mask/>



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House Point  
Totals



81  
**Midori**

77  
**Sari**

74  
**Nila**

61  
**Rosso**



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# Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



The teaching staff of Kindergarten would like to first of all extend a warm welcome to all new parents and children who have joined MIS this year. As I'm sure you know, the children were very excited to start this week. We have made a special effort to talk with the children about their feelings this week and they have expressed missing their friends but happy to be able to play alongside friends again. The kindergarten staff feel exactly the same, we have missed the children and it has been great to meet them all in person. I also wanted to say a huge thank you to parents who have supported their children's learning through Seesaw and Zoom. The children have really benefitted from that support at home and are keen to show their teachers everything they have learned since April.



Overall, I have been very impressed with how well the children have understood our new social distancing rules and why we have these rules in place. In the coming days, please ensure that you discuss social distancing with your child and practice this if you leave the house. Remind your child to give others 'space', wait their turn and wash their hands frequently especially before eating and when returning home from being outside.



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### MIS Students Excel in Writing Competition

We are happy to announce that Miu Watanabe (G6Y) and Miria Fujisawa (G2Y) won the bronze prize in a writing competition which was organized by Coop Chiba. The theme was to write about their proudest moment last year. Both of them were awarded a certificate and book voucher. Unfortunately, we cannot celebrate them in a whole school assembly right now; however, please congratulate them when you see them!



### Grade 5 Students Explore the MIS Rice Paddy

Grade 5 were able to look in the paddy field at the growing rice that was planted by MIS staff members during our time away from school. This is part of the Grade 5 Global Citizenship work and the students were eager to see what the project involved. They used their sensible social distancing to stand around the paddy field and see the bugs and the height of the rice. Grade 5 will now have to be patient and wait for the sunshine to do its work! This month the students will hopefully meet Tashiro-san, an environmental expert, who will guide us through the process of rice growing at MIS. It looks great so far!



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# MIS Celebrates Our Newest Elementary Schoolers!

As we were not able to hold the K3 Graduation Ceremony as scheduled due to COVID-19, today we had the honor of holding mini Graduation Ceremonies in the Grade 1 classes. With the traditional graduation music of 'Pomp and Circumstance' playing, the children were awarded their graduation certificates as their classmates and teachers applauded.



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## *Congratulations MIS Graduates!*

On Friday, March 13th, we were able to recognize the achievements of our MIS Grade 6 students at their well-deserved Graduation Ceremony. Not only did we celebrate their significant accomplishment of completing elementary school and moving onto middle schools and junior high schools, but we were also able to honor the following students for their contributions to school life above and beyond expectations!

G6G Class Citizen - Hanami Sugimoto

G6Y Class Citizen - Otoka Nakano

G6 Japanese Scholar of the Year - Yui Sekizawa

G6G Leading Learner - Shion Nakano

G6Y Leading Learner - Miyuka Sato

MIS Award for International Understanding - Ema Ichimura



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