



Nanohana - MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



We are excited to announce that during the week of November 24-27 - in collaboration with the MIS PTA - MIS will be holding a Road Safety Week. The idea is to raise student awareness of what they can do to be safe as walkers, bike riders, and in cars or buses.

During this week, the MIS PTA will be patrolling nearby intersections while teachers will be introducing presentations, videos and activities to teach and/or remind student of how to be safe on the road and sidewalk at all times day and night. Additionally, we plan to revive the Helmet House Point campaign where all students who wear their helmet on their bike to and from school, receive a special Helmet House Point. As has been tradition, this will be led as a Grade 3 Global Citizenship initiative.

The Chiba Nishi Police Department has also volunteered to teach our Grade 3 students how to be safe on their bikes with a Bike & Road Safety Program on Thursday, November 26th. Grade 3 parents received a letter two weeks ago and should have already replied back to Mr. Citrano if their child will be bringing in their bike on that day.



In addition, MIS has applied to Chiba City requesting that they install School Zone signs as well as stop lights or flashing yellow lights at the intersection between Aeon Style and Bay Park as these crossings are of particular concern to us. We hope that this multi-faceted approach, will help to ensure the safety of our school community on the roads and sidewalks surrounding us, and beyond!



Calendar

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

Monday 23 November

Labour Thanksgiving Day
School Holiday

Tues-Fri 24-27 November

MIS Road Safety Week

Wednesday 25 November

G4-6 Sports Day
G3&4 Swimming - Day 2

Thursday 26 November

G1-3 Sports Day
G3 Chiba Police Bike Safety Training

Friday 27 November

Kindergarten Sports Day
Global Citizenship Time During Creative Studies for Elementary Grades
(G3-6 Students should make sure that their GCA Journals are at school)



Upcoming Spirit Days

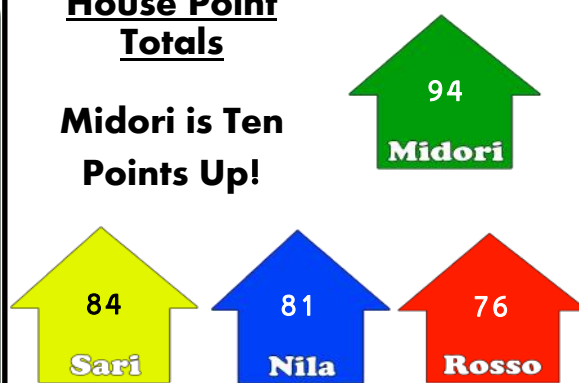
Dec 4
Twin Day

Dec 11
Play Day

Students/Staff pay 100yen to participate which is donated to the Red Feather Campaign!

House Point Totals

Midori is Ten Points Up!



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Students Proud of their Progress in Learning

We were very happy to welcome the children back to MIS this week and they were excited to be back too. At this point of the year, we naturally begin to reflect on what we have learned so far and what our next steps are. What was interesting about the children returning after a week of distance learning is that the children recognised how their knowledge and skills had progressed.

The children also became reflective during their revisit to distance learning - commenting that family were proud of their progress and that they could do 'so much more' than before. Isn't this exciting? That the children can recognise their progress and feel pride in their learning. The adults in Kindergarten share in this pride; despite unavoidable restrictions and interruptions, the children have remained resilient and continued to strive.

Thank you again for your continued partnership throughout this year. Let's continue to work together to ensure our children feel pride in their learning and their efforts.



K1:
Enjoying Being Back at School!

K2:
Creating in Human Relationships!

K3:
Experimenting with Colours and Flowers!



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For Grade 2 Lava is Flowing

As part of their study of volcanos in English non-fiction reading, the students in Grade 2 made volcanoes out of paper then combined baking soda and vinegar to watch how the lava flowed up and out of their volcanoes. The squeals of joy that came out of the children as their volcanoes erupted was priceless!



Is it Alkaline?

This week, our Grade 6 students, as part of their work in Chemistry, have been using litmus paper to test whether liquids are acids or bases (or neutral). Mr. Smithers had set out many types of liquids for the students to test from juices to teas to acids, soaps and bleaches. The students were amazed at the different colors that the various liquids produced on the litmus paper and used a color chart in their Science Journals to identify how basic or acidic the different liquids were.



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Out and About at MIS

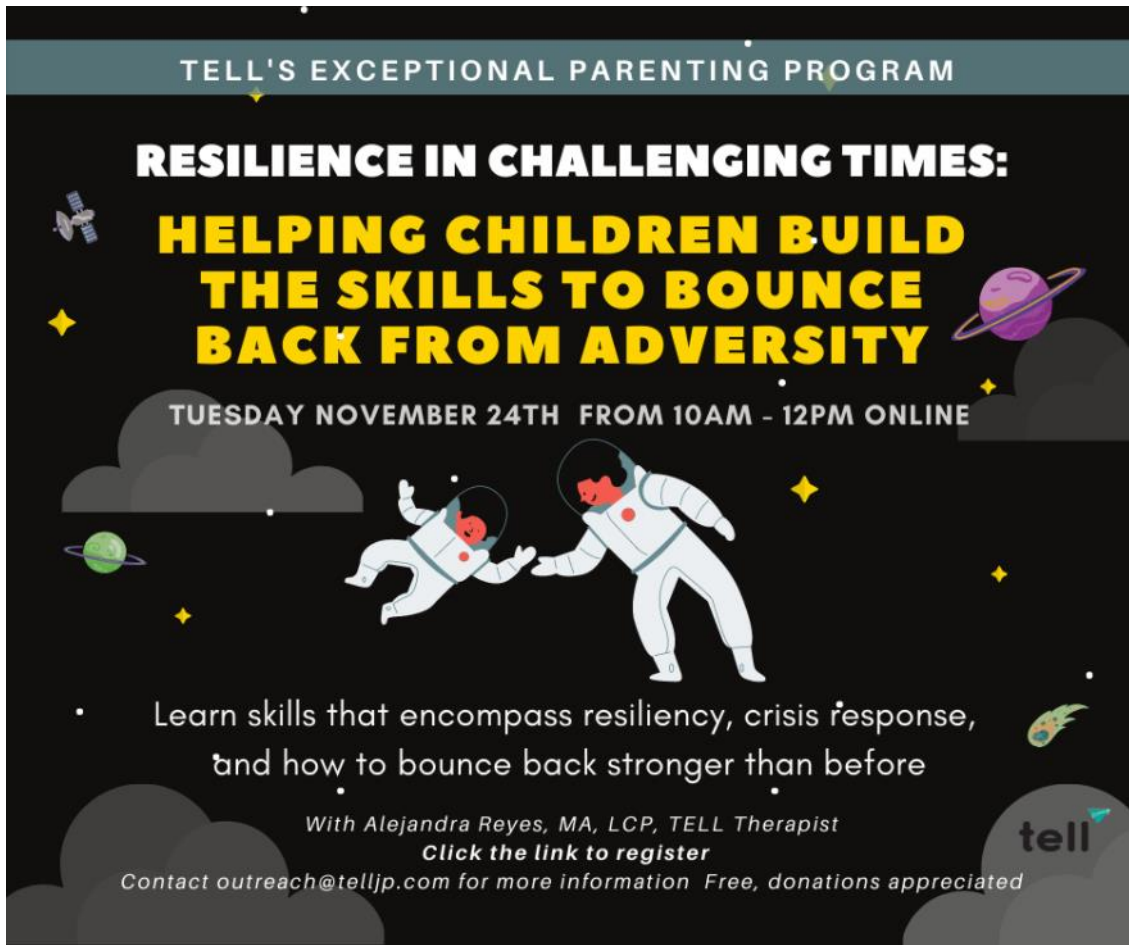


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Resilience in Challenging Times: Helping Children Build the Skills to Bounce Back from Adversity

This Exceptional Parenting Program (EPP) will cover:

- Skills that encompass resiliency and research on the significance of these skills
- Specific strategies that will encourage life-long practices to enhance their children's abilities to face crisis
- Helping children adapt to life-changing situations and shift their mindset
- Posttraumatic growth to bounce back stronger than before

The workshop presenter will be Alejandra Reyes, MA, LCP.

[Click here to register for this EPP.](#)

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