



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



It's hard to believe that we are already in the third term of the year. We look forward to a busy term filled with not only loads of learning in and out of class but also a number of redesigned special events such as the Spelling Bee, Math Challenges, Science Week, the Grade 5 & 6 Trips as well as Parents' Evenings (please complete and return your form by next Friday, January 15th), End of Year Awards Ceremony, and of course our K3 and Grade 6 Graduations. Again, I want to thank our dedicated staff for their ingenuity in crafting these special events in a

way that our students can continue to experience these memorable moments and also be safe with social distancing and other protocols put in place.

Then, we can also look forward to a new school year starting in April. For your future planning, the 2021-2022 MIS School Calendar can be found and downloaded at the bottom of the [Calendar page](#) on the website. As was emailed to parents earlier today, earlier in the week we were notified that due to the Olympics, some National Holidays have been moved as follows:

- ◇ Sea Day has been moved from Mon, July 19 to Thurs, July 22.
- ◇ National Sports Day has been moved from Mon, October 11 to Fri, July 23.
- ◇ Mountain Day has been moved from Wed, August 11 to Sun, August 8 with it being officially observed on Mon, August 9.

Fortunately, none of these changes affect school days as previously scheduled.

Also, as emailed earlier today, I wanted to reassure you that in alignment with the guidelines of the new State of Emergency and those issued by the Ministry of Education as well as Chiba Prefecture and Chiba City, MIS will continue offering learning on campus as we have been – incorporating the MIS Return to Campus Operation Protocols. We are relieved to be able to provide on-campus learning as we know that this is what is best for students and families.

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 11 January

Coming of Age Day
School Holiday

Wednesday 13 January

G1 & 2 Swimming - Day 1

Fri-Sun 15-24 January

Chiba Private Schools Art Exhibition
Colton Plaza, Ichikawa City



SALE

School Photo Sale

Sports Day photos are being sold until Feb 05

Order at:

<http://snapsnap.jp/>
Passcodes sent home previously.

House Point Totals

Midori House were this week's big winners again!



Lost and Found

The Office will dispose of the Term 2 Lost & Found items on Friday 15 January. Please check for missing items before then. Thank you!



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Welcome to Term 3!

A very warm welcome back to MIS after the holidays. This week the children have enjoyed sharing stories from their adventures during the holidays. Children have shared that they visited family, went skiing, visited Disney land, played with friends and family in many different parks as well as being visited by Santa. It is great to hear that so many children enjoyed themselves with family despite current restrictions.

Over the winter holidays the Kindergarten building underwent some changes and I am pleased to share with you that we had new coat hooks installed for each class. This was a special project of mine; designing a space that promoted independence and lifelong skills. The coat hooks have been specially designed for our children ensuring that they are at an appropriate height and can hold the weight of each child's coat and MIS bag. I am very pleased with the results as I hope you will be when you next visit MIS.

Now that we are well rested after their holidays, it is time to look to the future and challenge ourselves to learn new and exciting things in 2021!



K1:
Enjoying
Being Back
in the
Classroom
Together!



K2:
Finding
Missing
Numbers up
to the
Number 30



K3:
Begin
Learning
about
Space by
Hunting for
Aliens and
Working
Together to
Design a
Rocket!



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MIS Environmentalist Earns Award

Congratulations to Ren Kuroki of G2Y, who won the Lower Elementary Grand Prize in the Onahama International Environmental Arts Festival. The competition asked students to create an artistic 'Ecommon' (Ecology Monster) to tackle environmental problems. Ren created the 'Recycled PeliCAN Police' who patrols the Earth ensuring that if you find a can that has not been recycled, he puts them in his mouth and creates a recycling system. Brilliant, Ren!



Grade 4 Balance and Dance Together

This week, Grade 4 have begun their new PE unit on dance and movement. They practiced teamwork, balance, sequences and coordination. They also had a great deal of fun keeping fit with their friends. We look forward to seeing our children develop their talents and grow their creativity together.



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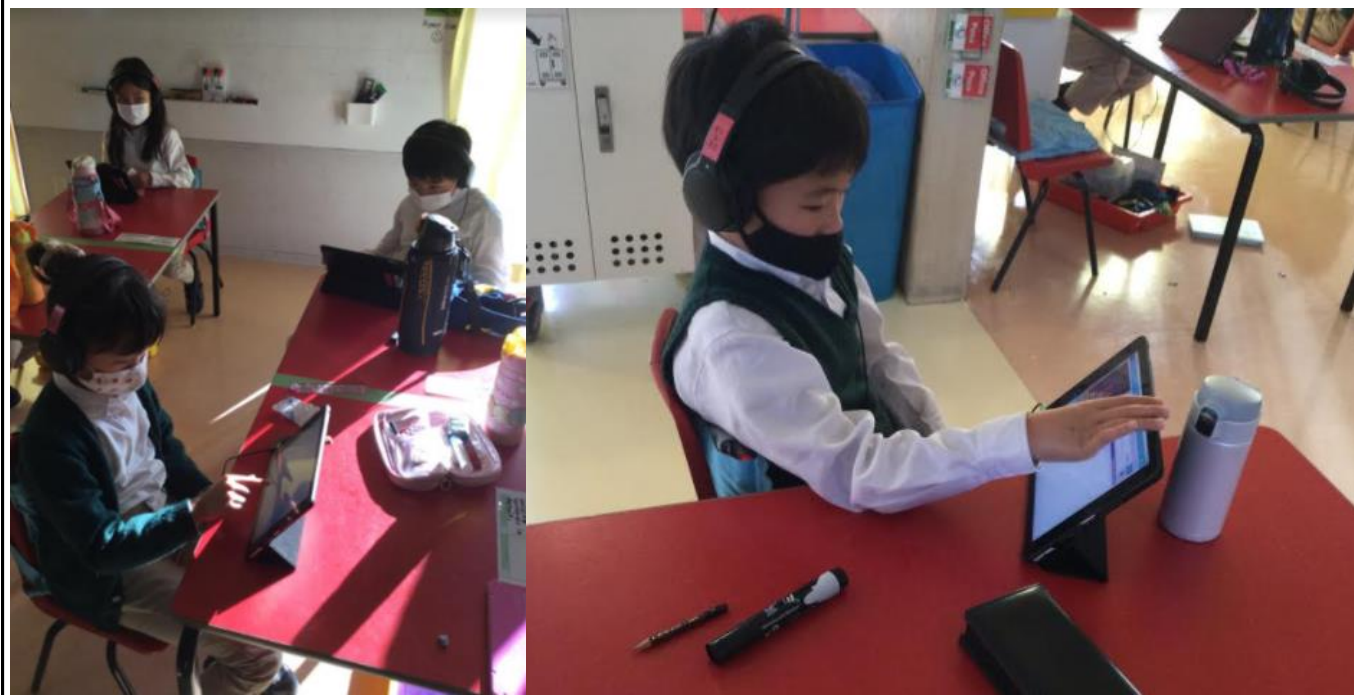
MIS Celebrates Calligraphy Week

To begin this term, students practiced writing kanji on long pieces of calligraphy paper. The students were focused and very careful to draw their kanji with their brushes. Japanese teachers will review all of the students' pieces of work next week. Deservedly, students with the most beautiful art work will earn a prize.



Grade 2 Student Coding to Create

G2G, using their iPads, the students used 'blocks' to write code and sequence steps to move a sprite. It's exciting to watch children at this young age coding!



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Grade 1 Develop their Knowledge of Health and Growth

The topic for PSNS in G1 this term is Health and Growth. In small groups, G1G students discussed what they knew about babies, children, teenagers, adults and the elderly. They helped each other form ideas to share and write on each poster in this carousel discussion activity to introduce their new PSNS unit.




Grade 6 Share the Importance of Digital Citizenship

This week, the students in G6G impressed their new teacher Mr. Morris with virtual presentations on what they have learned about the what digital citizenship and why it is important to our personal safety and the well-being of others.



Digital citizenship is "how we should act when we are using digital tools, interacting with others online, and what should be taught to help the next generation be better stewards of this technology." For schools and teachers, it is what and how they teach students to interact with the online world. Devices like tablets and laptops are in many school districts, so teachers have perfect opportunities to teach and do lessons about internet safety rules for students and also about the digital world around them and how to be a good digital citizen online.

Digital Citizenship



A digital citizen is a person using technology in order to be a part of an online community.

Do not share your personal information.

One obvious thing you shouldn't do: share your personal account. There may be sensitive information in your account and you may be ridiculed if you post your personal info. Furthermore, it is unnecessary for people to know your personal info anyway.

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