



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



This week has been a fun combination of learning and experiencing both culture and mathematics in particular. As you can read on Page 2 and see on Pages 2 & 6 of this week's Nanohana, students in Kindergarten experienced the joys of Setsubun - wearing their personally designed oni hats and throwing mame at one another to scare away the bad spirits and bring in good luck. How fun it was to watch them run and laugh as part of the wonderful cultural experience.

Students across the entire school participated in a number of Maths Challenges throughout the week. Beyond exploring maths concepts in fun hands-on activities, the key was for teams of students to work together collaboratively to solve the problems presented to them. The students really lived up to the challenge in every way.



A huge thank you to all of the staff across the whole of the school for bring both maths and culture to life for our children!

I want to bring to your attention that next year's 2021-2022 MIS School Calendar and Events Calendar have been published on the MIS website's '[Calendar](#)' page. You can download these at the bottom of the page or explore the Google Calendar in the same location. Please note that due to the prevention of COVID-19 both the Opening Ceremony and MIS Bazaar have been canceled. We will do our very best to continue to provide special events and experiences for our children so that they have memories to treasure while revising them to ensure the health of our school community.

Lastly, the MIS PTA has requested that I share with you how much they hope that all students and parents will participate in the Teacher & Staff Appreciation Campaign they are promoting starting today. You should have received an email from the PTA with the information contained at the back of this week's Nanohana, including templates for creating thank you messages. As a PTA, we hope that we can truly share our appreciation for the MIS teachers and staff by creating these fun and touching tributes!

Calendar

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

Tuesday 09 February

ISA Tests - Grades 3-5

Wednesday 10 February

ISA Tests - Grades 3-5

G1 & 2 Swimming - Day 7

Thursday 11 February

National Foundation Day
School Holiday

Friday 12 February

SC-Sponsored Spirit Day
Movie Time
Uniform Fitting
New Parents Orientation
4:00pm

Upcoming Student Council Sponsored Spirit Days

Friday, February 12th - Non-Uniform Movie Time

Dress up as a favorite movie character and enjoy popcorn & a movie!



Friday, March 12th - Non-Uniform Play Day

Bring a toy, game or craft to share with friends!



Students & Staff pay 100yen to participate. All donations go to the Red Feather Campaign to support those in need.



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



ISA Assessments for Grades 3 to 5

Greetings from MIS. We wanted you to be aware that MIS will give the International Schools' Assessment (ISA) to students in Grades 3 - 5 on Tuesday and Wednesday the 9th and 10th of February.

Tuesday the 9th of February – Mathematical Literacy I and II, Writing Task A
Wednesday the 10th of February – Reading and Writing Task B

The ISA is a suite of assessments designed specifically for students at international schools. The tests are used to measure competency in reading, writing and maths for children in Grades 3 to 10. The results not only give individual and class feedback but they also allow comparisons between international schools with similar student populations. Usefully, the tests enable children's progress to be compared to age-expectations, be tracked over time as well as letting the teachers know the next steps for each child's learning in the subjects tested.

The tests are not based on any syllabus, so there is no need to prepare for them. We wish everyone the best of luck! We expect the results to be returned from Australia in late April 2021. For more information about ISA assessments, please go to <http://www.acer.edu.au/isa/>.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

ROSSO EARNS THE MOST POINTS THIS WEEK!



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



MIS Kindergarten Celebrates Setsubun!

Celebrating events and festivals in our school has become an integral part of learning and building a strong cultural understanding and appreciation. Such celebrations bring the students closer to each other's traditions and cultural beliefs and develop respect and understanding for each other's customs and traditions.

Throughout the week the children celebrated the traditional festivity of Setsubun. Sadly, the Oni could not visit this year as he was quarantining on an Onigashima but children threw their soya beans towards other children while pretending to be an Oni - yelling "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi! We hope that this important tradition will bring all of us the good luck that it promises for our future!



K1:
Experimenting with Mixing Colors!



K2:
Asking, "Will it Sink or will it Float?"



K3:
Super Heroes Celebrating 100 days of School Since the Beginning of Term 2!



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Cultural Events are at the Heart of G3 Kokugo

G3 students researched interesting facts about traditional events, including Ohanami and Setsubun. The students presented to the class using a variety of props, songs and skits. They discovered the history and backgrounds of these important cultural events and enjoyed asking questions to broaden and deepen their understanding.



Grade 6 Catapult into Learning!

G6 students have been learning about different types of levers and how they are used to help move or lift heavy things. In science lessons the students have been constructing catapults which use the principles of levers to throw a payload!





MIS Maths Challenge Week



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Setsubun Fun!



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MIS PTA Newsletter

We can help create the best possible environment for learning and growing.



Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day

We are excited to announce that we will hold Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day on March 1st, 2021. This is a special day to express our gratitude to the teachers and staff. Although we can't bring in potluck dishes due to the spread of COVID-19, we have decided to celebrate all of the amazing and hardworking teachers and staff in the following way;

1. **We encourage each student to write thank you cards for their teachers and staff (Office staff, Custodians, Bus drivers/attendants etc.) .** Please participate by posting cards to the post box that we set in each classroom or by sending your photo via email (misptaevent@gmail.com) **by February 15th, Monday.** PTA officers will create a video with thank you messages from students and parents. You can find some thank you card templates on the page 3 and 4.
2. The PTA will be giving a gift to each of the teachers and staff.

Please watch the video below to find how you can join this fun event for our wonderful teachers and staff!

<https://youtu.be/XAp1vTkSEvI>



Post Box in Class

You can send your thank you cards from the red post box in your class!



Take a photo and send it to us!

You can send us a photo of the message card or yourself holding your message.



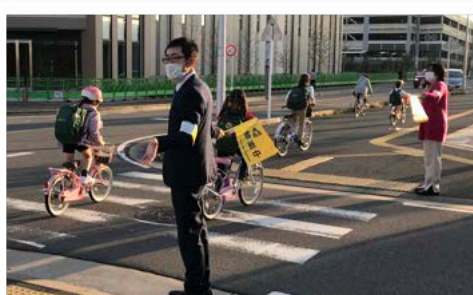
Please include your name, class and staff member's name.



Road Safety Week

Thank you volunteers, for your amazing generosity and dedication!

Road Safety Week was held from November 24th (Tuesday) to 27th (Friday). We monitored nearby crosswalks, especially in front of the new Aeon Style and Bay Park development.



While the number of those students who cross the road after confirming safety has been increased, **some students still have not worn helmet!** We strongly encourage parents to take a few moments and teach kids about the importance of riding responsibly.

We are planning to hold our Spring Road Safety Week from May 10th to 14th next school year.

SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS & ROAD STRIPING

Last October, PTA expressed our concern about the safety of our children at the intersection between the Aeon Style and Bay Park, and the school submitted the application to Chiba City requesting school zone signs and a light at this intersection. We are pleased to inform you that “School Zone” safety signs and road striping for “Stop” will be installed in June by Chiba City.



Two “School Zone” safety signs will be installed on Wakaba Route 5.



Road striping for “Stop” will be installed on Wakaba Route 6 and 10.

For more information, visit www.mispta.com. If you have any questions, feel free to contact misptaevent@gmail.com.



To:



THANK
YOU!



From:

Name

/ Class



MIS Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day

To:

Thank You

For being a great teacher!



By:



My Favorite thing about my teacher is



My teacher always says

My teacher likes when I



My Favorite memory is

What I am going to miss most is



Name

/ Class

From:



Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day

Thank You Printable

Help your child thank their teacher and staff for being so wonderful! Print this out, have your child fill it out, and send it to us!

Thank you cards for teachers

1. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HU3pAvSmYzSkN2hYdIbXmP-vHj9DIHvo/view?usp=sharing>
2. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FrwiR8tk_zFWg6m-wkvD9j8tEOJunyVs/view?usp=sharing
3. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YRzdhM593FzxO0kl9me-2qZD2KSGXw5u/view?usp=sharing>
4. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xP_oxaWN1b3p_prPCH8fUPklKs-ebw0n/view?usp=sharing
5. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PEhqpYChhAOBy5RgWheluybEdiGtITM/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you cards for bus drivers and attendants

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KPfKld1mlHgfnfOyAFQadodKzTIQG576/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you cards for custodians

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yl445m8FFiIODjThuFfqFQqFmv74tsRW/view?usp=sharing>