



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



As we near the end of this academic year, now is the time to celebrate our students' success. We'd like to thank all of the parents who were able to come into school this week to learn about their child(ren)'s growth and progress. It means so much to us to work in partnership with you!



Also this week, as we were not able to hold a whole-school End of Year Awards Ceremony as we typically do, we surprised the students in Grades 1-5 in class by presenting our most significant awards to the well-deserving recipients. Grade 6 award recipients will fittingly receive their awards at their upcoming Graduation Ceremony.

We are honored to announce the following Grade 1-5 MIS Annual Award Recipients who have gone above and beyond as model students and citizens!

2020-2021 Class Citizens

G1G: Yuki Nishikawa G1Y: Yui Sakairi G2G: Seira Kato G2Y: Leia Nishihara
G3G: Len Hoffman G3Y: Kanata Arai G4G: Yu Ohsugi G4Y: Rio Sato
G5G: Sayuri Yamashita G5Y: Rira Okawara

2020-2021 Leading Learners

G1G: Sheila Abbott G1Y: Soma Yoshimura G2G: Otarō Yamamoto G2Y: Toshi Ueda
G3G: Jarvis Statter G3Y: Hanna Hiki G4G: Tomoki Takeuchi G4Y: Hyuga Okada
G5G: May Oura G5Y: Yoko Matsukawa

2020-2021 Japanese Scholars

G1: Kohki Ichimoto G2: Haru Ishida G3: Mia Abbott
G4: Karen Wada G5: Airi Shibayama

2020-2021 English Support Award

Minato Hachiga

2020-2021 Library Award

Jarvis Statter



2020-2021 International Understanding Award

Lower Elementary: Clara Hassan



Calendar

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

Wednesday 10 March

Transfer Day 9-10am

Friday 12 March

Student Council Sponsored

Spirit Day
Non-Uniform Play Day
(100yen donation)

Grade 6 Social
3:15-5:30pm



Upcoming Student Council Sponsored Spirit Day



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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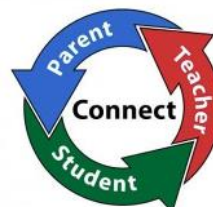
From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this week's Nanohana, I would like to share with you all how pleasing it was to welcome parents onto the campus again this week. The last time we were able to host a Parents' Evening was in June 2019 and that felt like a very long time ago indeed. The effective education of your children relies upon the strength of the relationships between the home, the school and the child. For too long, one part of this relationship had been limited due to the COVID-19 issue. With this in mind, you can imagine our relief to welcome you back to MIS to see the teachers and enable you to resume a face-to-face dialogue about your child(ren)'s progress and next steps. We hope you enjoyed the chance to talk to the teachers and have also gained further insights into how your child has done this academic year.

Secondly, I would like to thank the PTA for their recent act of kindness towards the MIS Faculty and Staff. This week, the MIS team were given a gift and thank you letters from the students as a gesture of appreciation. The PTA also put together videos of these words of thanks which were deeply appreciated by the MIS Faculty and Staff. This overt act of thanks brought smiles to faces and an extra spring in our step this week. We would like to express our gratitude to all those involved in making these kind gestures possible. As ever, we are always happy to answer any questions you may have about your child's education, so please continue to connect with us.

*The most overwhelming key to a child's success
is the positive involvement of parents.*
- Jane D. Hull



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

**ROSSO
MOVES INTO
SECOND
PLACE!**

139
Midori

122
Rosso

120
Nila

116
Sari



Lost & Found

The Office will dispose of Term 3 Lost & Found items on Friday 19 March.

Please check for missing items before then.

Thank you!



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Noticing Maths in your Everyday Life

Thank you for attending our Parents' Evenings this week. We hope you are as impressed with the children's progress as we are as a staff. A lot of parents have asked how they can further support their children at home. This week, we will think about maths:

Did you ever stop to think about how often we use maths in our everyday life? We think about the day of the week, we sort our items that we need, we count to make sure we have enough; the list is endless! It is important to help young children develop their mathematical thinking. Maths is part of children's everyday lives too. Taking advantage of each of these maths moments develops maths learning. Each maths moment is like a charging station that helps children become ready for more math learning. Maths is measuring, sorting, building, noticing patterns, making comparisons, and describing the environment, as well as counting and knowing the names of shapes. There are many ways to incorporate math learning into everyday moments. Talking about math is also important and every bit of math talk helps. Research shows a small increase in math talk, such as asking about how many objects there will be if we add one or take one away, brings big results. It's important to believe your child can get better at math and develop mathematical skills. Growth mindset, the belief that we can keep learning and getting better at math, is very important in supporting children to become mathematicians. Encouraging children to work out the problem, or talk through the problem with you is a much more important skill than simply saying the right answer!



K1:
Creating
Mixed Up
Chameleons!



K2:
Celebrating
Hinamatsuri!



K3:
Exploring
Different
Occupations!

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For Grade 4 Get Slimy!

The students in Grade 4 Green needed to combine their English, Maths and Science knowledge to create what turned out to be some super fun slime. They needed to follow a series of directions in English, use a range of weights and measures from Maths, and their Science investigation skills to explore the properties of the slime. What great integrated learning!



Grade 6 are Magnetic!

G6Y students are learning about electricity and how it is generated. They conducted an experiment showing how a magnetic field is generated by running a small electrical charge through a nail made of iron. Grade 6 once again proving that they have truly magnetic personalities!



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MIS Cheer Dance Club



Lesson Time: Tuesday 3:30-4:30

※Location and time may vary.

練習場所と時間帯が変更になることがあります。

Monthly Fee: 8,000 yen

※Face to Face Lesson: 2,000 yen / Online Lesson: 1,500 yen

Instructor: 村田 綾子 (Ayako Murata)

Instructor for the Japan Cheer dance Association

日本チアダンス協会インストラクター

<http://www.stars-smiley.com>

色摩 唯 (Yui Shikama)

Performances and Events scheduled:

Bazaar, Sports Day, Bay Town Events

バザー スポーツデイ ベイタウンイベント

Competition 1~2 times/year

(JAM Fest, Dance Drill, etc)

**Go! Cheer!
Dance!!!**



MIS Dolphins Cheer dance team is now recruiting new members!

Cheer dance emphasizes team play, building up basic physical strength and flexibility as well as developing sportsmanship to work hard toward the goal. Children will learn not only cheer dance but also the spirit of cheer.

MIS Dolphins チアダンスクラブは現在チームメイトを大募集中です！

チアダンスはチームプレイです。リズム感や基礎体力、柔軟な体作りといった技術の上達と共に、表現力や笑顔を通して明るい気持ちと前向きな心を育て、チアスピリットを培います。是非みんなと一緒にチアダンスをしましょう！

Smile for one, Smile for all! Come join the fun!



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Don't Forget to Donate Used Clothing to JFSA!

