



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



What a positive and productive start of the school year we have had! The day before the students arrived, the MIS teaching staff spent the day learning and preparing. On this important INSET Day, our faculty learned about child protection and safeguarding, effective spelling and grammar practices, digital citizenship, and video creation, editing & presentation skills. Additionally, they collaborated in teams and worked in their classrooms to prepare for the first day of school last Friday.

We also welcomed 55 new students and their families to MIS! If you are one of those new families, let me once again say, "Welcome to the MIS Community!" We are so pleased and honored that you've chosen MIS for your children. If there is anything you need, please reach out. We're here to support you!

Speaking of welcoming, it was a real pleasure to see so many parents attend the Kindergarten and Elementary Meet the Teachers Evenings this week. I know that as a parent, I truly appreciated learning from the teachers how we can work in partnership to support our children's success. Parents, please know that you can Inbox message your child's teacher using the Seesaw Family app to ask them any question you might have.

And all of this comes on the heels of celebrating the achievements of our graduating K3 and Grade 6 students on Friday, March 19th at their respective graduations. Students were honored by their teachers for their achievements and had some special moments with their friends and family. During the Grade 6 Graduation, we also recognized the annual MIS Award Winners from that grade. You can see the names of these deserving recipients on the last page of this week's Nanohana along with some pictures of both events.



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 14 April

G5 & 6 Swimming - Day 1

Thursday 15 April

G5 & 6 Internal
Medical Checks

Friday 16 April

Student Council
In-Class Elections



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this week's edition of Nanohana, I would like to highlight some of the wonderful Global Citizenship projects that came to fruition at the end of the last school year.

Throughout the year, we had a number of cheerful spirit days that brought plenty of colour, laughter and life to MIS. As you likely know, each time we have a spirit day, we ask that you contribute at least 100 yen to the Red Feather Campaign. I am pleased to announce that during the course of the year, we managed to raise 129,690 yen for this wonderful cause. We look forward to more spirit days and more opportunities to raise funds to help others.

As a part of their Global Citizenship Award, G6 led a project to collect clothes and fabrics from MIS families for the Japan Fabric Solidarity Association (JFSA). For three weeks, you kindly sent in your donations and the G6 students collected these from the classrooms, sorted them into similar garment types, and then presented the collection to Mr. Ichikawa from the JFSA in the final week of term. You donated so much to the cause that his van was completely full and he had to make a second trip for the final bags of clothes. Overall, G6 collected 482.1kg of clothes for the JFSA and Mr. Ichikawa wanted to share his gratitude to the MIS community for their generosity. The donations will now be sold in Japan or shipped to Pakistan for use to support the schools that the JFSA partner with.

I would like to thank you all for supporting our Global Citizenship work because it really makes a difference in the lives of others in Japan and in the wider world. Our Global Citizenship projects begin again this week and we are always keen to broaden the scope of our efforts. If you know of a good cause or have a great idea for making a positive difference in our community, please encourage your child to plan for it in their journal and then share it with their peers and teachers. We look forward to seeing your children's new ideas this year.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNING!



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Grade 6 and the Entire MIS Community Make a Positive Impact on our World!



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



A Great Start to the New Academic Year

This week the children have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms, meeting lots of new adults and friends. In one short week I have already begun to see the children settle quickly into their classroom routines. In addition to the children meeting their new teachers, families were also invited along to Kindergarten to meet their child's teacher too.

Our Meet the Teachers Evening allowed staff to introduce themselves and explain what a typical day in Kindergarten looks like for your child. With this shared understanding we can better support our children to settle, succeed and achieve their potential. If you could not attend this evening and would like a copy of the presentation please contact your child's teacher who will be able to share any important information with you directly. Further to this, if you have any questions please remember we are here to help.



K1:
Settling into
School and
Exploring!

K2:
Making
Beautiful
Springtime
Art!

K3:
Connecting
by Finding
Common
Ground
and
Learning
about their
Bodies!





It's a Puzzlingly Collaborative Experience in Grade 5!

Grade 5Y have worked to create a jigsaw from three sheets of paper on which they signed their name. After cutting it into 27 pieces they then tried to reassemble it using teamwork. While in the end, they were successful in putting the puzzle together perfectly, they sure succeeded with their collaboration (the real key to the experience)!



Grade 2 Balance and Create Together

In PE this week, students in Grade 2 learned how to maintain balance when making shapes with their bodies. The students worked in groups to create familiar shapes, such as a chair. They displayed wonderful teamwork!



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Class of 2021 Graduations



Congratulations to our Grade 6 Award Winners!

2020-2021 Class Citizens

G6G: Leona Saunders G6Y: Dominic Desouza

2020-2021 Leading Learners

G6G: Lucas Balita G6Y: Ren Ogishima

2020-2021 Japanese Scholar

Anna Bomersheim-Ishimura

2020-2021 Japanese Studies Award 2020-2021 Library Award

Jiho Kim

Lin Miller

2020-2021 International Understanding Award

Upper Elementary: Lin Miller



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