



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



In celebration of Children's Day, the koi nobori is proudly flying at MIS. This is one of those special moments where we celebrate Japanese culture. Truly beautiful!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents to please complete the MIS CIS Parent Survey at the link below - this will help identify the strengths of the school and areas for improvement. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. You should complete one survey per child enrolled in the school. We hope you can spare some time to help the school in its desire to improve. The survey will be available until Monday, April 26, 2021.



To access the survey, please click on this link: <https://survey.cois.org/s3/Parent-Guardian-2020-2021-Makuhari-International-School>. Important - In the top right-hand corner of the survey, please select 'Japanese' or another language to complete the survey in your preferred language.

Additionally, I wanted to remind all parents that the Summer Uniform begins after we return from the Golden Week Holiday on Monday, May 10th. Now would be a good time to order any pieces of the Summer Uniform that your child may be missing. Uniforms can be ordered with Forex at <http://forex-uniform.jp/mis/e/index.html> or Top of the Class at <http://www.schooluniform.jp/makuhari-international-school/>.



Lastly, I wanted elementary parents to know that we were recently notified by Chiba City that a new Road Traffic Law has gone into effect. Students in elementary school may no longer be carried on a bike (in a car seat, for instance). Only students in kindergarten are allowed to do so.

## 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 27 April

K1-K3 Physicals and Internal Medical Checks

### Wednesday 28 April

G5 & 6 Swimming - Day 3  
K3 & G3 Ophthalmology

### Thursday 29 April

National Holiday  
Showa Day  
No School

### Mon-Fri 26-30 April

Music Recitals

### Sat-Sun 01-09 May

Golden Week Holiday  
No School



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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 a few updates with you. The first relates to a monthly magazine that the school subscribes to called Storytime. We have a copy delivered to the library every month and the children really enjoy reading the short stories, looking at the pictures and completing the puzzles. If you wish to provide your child with more reading materials at home, I would highly recommend that you check out their website and consider a subscription. It will bring more magic to your weekly reading time together. Here is the link to this month's issue: <https://www.storytimemagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ST79.pdf>

On another note, the K3, G1, G5 and G6 students all participated in a local citizenship project during the first two weeks of school. K3 and G1 joined in with a joint project between Chiba Zoo and Perie Kaihin Makuhari. Each child drew a picture of their favourite animal and these cute drawings will go on display in Perie on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April between 10am and 3pm. G5 and G6 were asked by Aeon Mall Makuhari to write a message on a lantern about the UN Sustainable Development Goals. These messages can be seen on display at the Aeon Mall from April 22 -25 from 4pm each day. The mall is running reduced lighting initiative to save power on those days and the LED-lit lanterns will bring warmth and messages of hope to the people in the mall. I hope you are able to go along to look for your child's lantern.



Finally, this week saw the Student Council election vote take place and the quality of the speeches was once again very impressive. There was much talk of making the school more unified and there is a clear desire from the students to get back to socially gathering again. Bearing in mind all of the amazing social events and experiences MIS provides each year, who can blame them. The winners of the vote will be announced next week.

Watch this space.



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS

**TIE FOR SECOND PLACE!**



## G2 Beautify MIS as Global Citizens!

Grade 2 have been busy this week beautifying MIS. They have planted lotus plants in the pond and have planted many colourful flowers around the lower elementary courtyard. Thank you, G2 for being caring School Citizens!



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## Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



### The Importance of Oral Health

This week the children enjoyed a visit from the dentist who looked at our teeth. During our assembly time in Kindergarten, we used this opportunity to discuss why we visit the dentist and the best ways to keep our teeth healthy. I am pleased to say that many of the children shared that they brush their teeth twice a day and are also thinking carefully about the foods they eat.

At home you can support your child further by ensuring that they brush their teeth for two minutes twice per day. It is also important to speak to your child about the choices they make with regards to food. Although foods with a lot of sugar are very tasty, they should be kept as treats and enjoyed only occasionally.

Thank you for working in tandem with the school to ensure our children's teeth are healthy and strong!



**K1:**  
Enjoying  
the  
Beautiful  
Sunshine!



**K2:**  
Visiting the  
Dentist  
and  
Snuggling  
with their  
Teddy  
Bears!



**K3:**  
Going on an  
Animal  
Photo Hunt  
and  
Learning  
about  
Floating &  
Sinking!







## Monet Would Be Proud of this Art Work!

For Art in G3, students looked in detail at dream-like impressionist art painted by Claude Monet. They made observations from photographs and by using their sketchbooks. Then they created their own version of Monet's dream-like impressionist images of water lilies and a Japanese bridge. Prior to their finished piece of work, children recorded observations from their local school environment of different types of plants in order to look at details and shapes.



## After School Care Abuzz with Fun!

We are so fortunate to be able to offer After School Care to our students utilizing passionate and caring teachers who set up a wide variety of activities for students to choose from. You can see from the pictures below that our students who go to After School Care are genuinely engaged and actively having fun with the support of the ASC staff.



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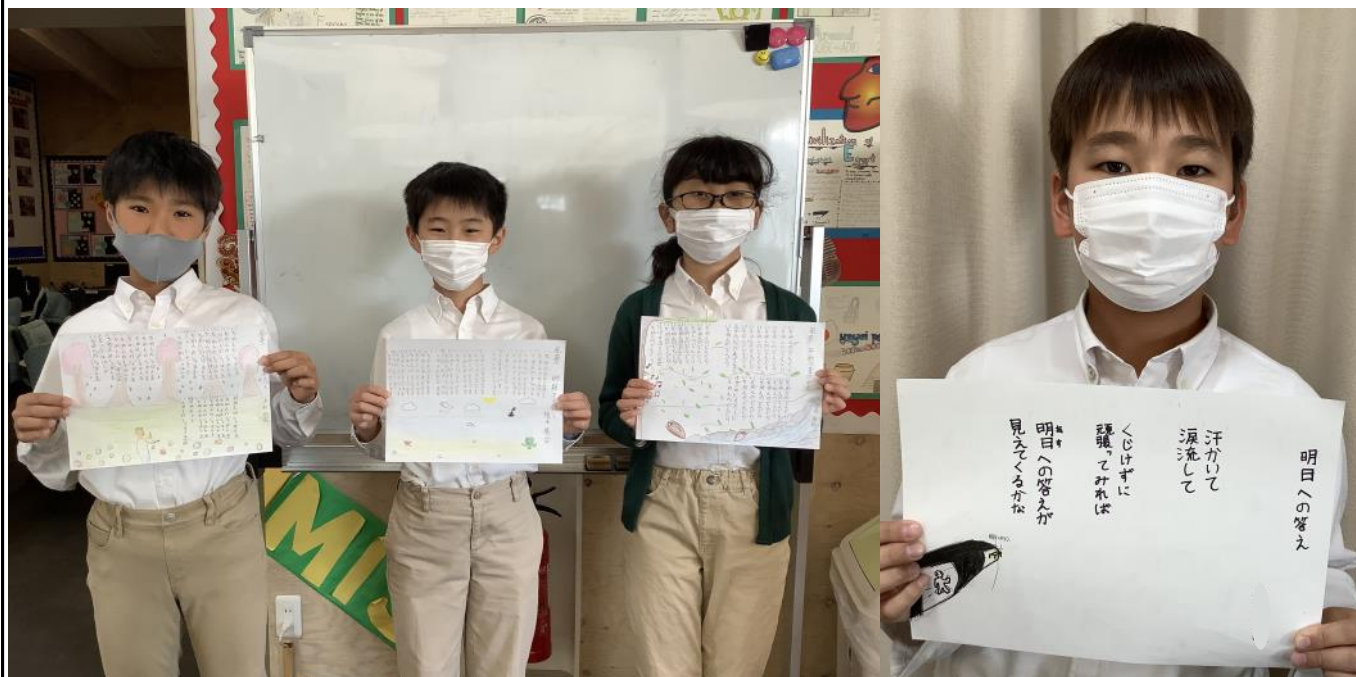
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## G6 Write Poems that Reflect on their Final Year

In Kokugo this week, G6 wrote poems about start of their final year at MIS. They thought about the most impressive scenery, their future path, and something they want to achieve. They showed their will and emotion by expressing themselves in their poems. Let's have a great year in MIS, Grade 6!



## Grade 2s Create Selfies

As part of their learning in Art, the students in Grade 2 learned the different techniques that they could use to draw a self-portrait or 'selfie' of themselves. Some of the techniques that students used were incorporating dark and light colors, cool and hot colors, different 'feeling' colors as well as different shapes and patterns.



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Tuesday April 27, 10:30 A.M. JST on Zoom



# BEDTIME BATTLES

## How to cultivate healthy family sleep without sleep training

In this **90 minute workshop**, we'll talk about the science and significance of sleep.

We will discuss simple tips and strategies to help your child sleep better.

In turn, your whole family can **become even happier and more well-rested.**

Presented by Laura Gainche, Ph.D.,  
Sleep Scientist and Gentle Sleep Consultant



Sign up using this form:

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or email [outreach@telljp.com](mailto:outreach@telljp.com) with questions.

Free; donations always appreciated.

### For G5Y, Lunch is an Outdoor Affair

A socially distanced lunch in the sun! Earlier this week the students in G5Y shared that it was so refreshing to eat outside as they enjoyed the sunshine and relaxed! G5Y parents, can you find your child?



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