



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



While we aren't able yet to gather together as an entire elementary school or kindergarten for assemblies as we traditionally do, I wanted to share that starting this week, we began to have virtual class and grade-level assemblies. This week Grade 4 shared their first Japanese assembly in relation to Children's Day both where the students reflected back on their early years and focused forward on what they want to achieve as they grow up. Brilliant job, Grade 4! Other class and grade-level assemblies are coming up and we will make sure that the parents of those classes or grade-levels are sent a link to the video on our secure MIS YouTube channel.

Today we had one of my favorite experiences at MIS! As part of their Global Citizenship work as well as their learning in science and social studies, the Grade 5 students planted the MIS Rice Paddy. The students took off their shoes, rolled up their pants, and got into the muddy, muddy paddy to very carefully plant the rice into perfectly spaced rows and columns. This will allow for the plants to have enough space to grow and hopefully maximize the crop. The students will then record not only the growth process of the rice but also note how the ecosystem they've created becomes a host for birds, insects and other creatures. These real-life experiences created memories that the children will never forget. Enjoy the photos below & on p. 5 of the students planting today.

Additionally, I wanted to share that we will resume having field trips to enhance our students learning and help bring it to life. We will, of course, be following our MIS Operation Protocols as a means of preventing infection and we will follow all guidelines from the locations we visit to ensure our students, staff and chaperoning parents are well. We look forward to getting out students learning outside of the school walls once again as the research is clear that taking trips or excursions lead to lasting, real-life experiences that deepen and broaden students' learning.

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 18 May

K1 & G5 Ophthalmology
PTA Meeting - 1:15pm

Wednesday 19 May

G5 & 6 Swimming - Day 5

Thursday 20 May

G3 & 4 Internal
Medical Checks

Friday 21 May

K3Y & G1Y Class Assembly



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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 some updates from around school. In this week's MIS News, we were able to share a thank you with the students from the

Red Feather Campaign. The organization presented the school with a beautiful scroll of thanks for our efforts to raise ¥129,690 for their cause last year. We look forward to more fundraising spirit days later this term.




The After School Care team are always thinking about how to reduce waste and one of the ways they do this is by reusing materials. A recent activity to reuse iPad cases went down very well with the K1 students and they used parts of the cases in make-believe play to pretend to be super heroes. These kinds of activities are fun to do and easy enough to recreate at home. If you would like to try some reusing activities, this website might be a good starting point to give you some ideas.

<https://babbledabbledo.com/100-of-the-best-recycled-crafts-for-kids/>

If you try an activity or two, feel free to make a post about the experience on Seesaw or have your child write them up into their Global Citizenship Journal if they are in Grades 3 to 6.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the next Tokyo English Life Line (TELL) Zoom meeting the details are as follows:



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



The Importance of Being Polite

This week the children discussed being polite and having good manners during assembly time. The children were very good at remembering polite words that we can use such as 'thank you', 'please', 'sorry' and 'excuse me'. Further to this, the children also discussed how to be polite with their actions. They children said it is polite to give cards, to help others, remember to put litter inside the trash can/bin (and not throw it on the ground!) but also how to share and treat others like you would want to be treated. Each week the children are growing to become more responsible citizens! Well done, everyone!



K1:
Teddy Bear
Picnic
and
Doctor Play!



K2:
Working on
Some of
their First
Writing!



K3:
Counting
Forward
and
Backward
from
0-30!





Grade 4 Create Still Life Drawings

As part of their work in Art, the students in Grade 4 have been learning about still life drawing. They have practiced shading, perspective, light and shadows. We hope that you agree that the results are some fantastic artwork. Beautiful work, G4!

Still Life Drawing-
A Pair of Pears



My ART work 😊



Grade 2 Green Using Technology to Introduce Themselves

This week in ICT, the G2G students used the app Pages and learned how to edit a text's size, orientation, colour and font. They have begun designing an 'about me' poster to introduce themselves to an Australian school they will soon be connecting with for Global Citizenship.



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Grade 5 Rice Paddy Planting



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