



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



Please Donate Food to the Chiba Food Bank at MIS

As part of their work in Global Citizenship, the students in Grade 5 Green have decided to collect food to donate to the Chiba Food Bank Project. As a result of the pandemic, many families are living on reduced incomes or have lost their

jobs entirely.



The food bank serves 200 families in the local community. We are collecting food from Monday 24th until Friday 4th June. We will then deliver the food the following week.

If you have anything spare you would like to donate, we would welcome any of the following:

- * CANNED FOOD * RETORT FOOD * INSTANT FOOD *
- * RICE, BEANS, FLOUR * NOODLES * CONFECTIONERY *
- * BEVERAGES * SEASONING * COOKING OIL *

We would be very appreciative of any donations no matter how small. As always, thank you for your continued support. Please see page 6 for more details.

- The Students of Grade 5 Green

Additionally, the MIS PTA would like to introduce the launch of a special event, 'The Online Café via Zoom'. It is designed to help you, especially for those who have recently joined MIS, to answer your daily, weekly, monthly, yearly or even long-term questions about MIS life for you and your child(ren)! Every MIS family is welcome to join this event, so please refer to the following information and don't forget to sign up - which is necessary even if you only want to send a question! See pages 7 & 8 for more details.

The MIS Online Café via Zoom hosted by the MIS PTA
Thursday, June 17, 2021. 13:00-14:00 @ anywhere you are!

This is an opportunity for every MIS family who wants to ask questions about a MIS child's typical school life, what parenting life is like at MIS, or even where to buy a pair of white shoes for PE, etc. We have asked some experienced MIS parents to join in order for them to give you their advice and share their opinions. The meeting is open to all MIS families who are willing to participate. During the 1-hour session, it is free to come and go, and also you can choose to just send questions via Live Chat (text) without actively showing yourself. Please note that the PTA is not in the position to discuss certain school-related issues, such as requests for policy changes or independent concerns.

Please sign up using the QR code above or this link: <https://forms.gle/8vosAZLqR6iq8Ynd9>



Calendar

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

Monday 31 May

G5 & 6 Swimming - Day 7

Wednesday 02 June

G5 Trip to Oyama Rice Paddy

Thursday 03 June

G3-6 Dentistry
G2 to Sanyo Media Flower Museum

Friday 04 June

K1Y & G3Y Class Assembly



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this week's instalment of Nanohana, I would like to tell you about our virtual assemblies. The weekly assemblies at MIS are a great opportunity for the Kindergarten and Elementary sections of the school to share wonderful experiences, news, music and celebrations. This year, we are producing video assemblies and these are watched in class.

Each week, Mr Citrano's assemblies focus on ethical concepts and delivers these messages in a way that can be appreciated and understood by all students. These assemblies often include food for thought as well as interesting pictures, music and video clips that help to explain the ethical theme. The Kindergarten assemblies have given the children a chance to introduce themselves and have helped the children to learn about each other.

The elementary class assemblies also focus on ethical topics. Each class creates an entertaining video about the topic to help the other students learn too. This new way of sharing ideas has been popular with the children and they look forward to each week's new instalment. Impressively, most of the time what we see is the creation of the students who write the scripts and decide how to act out the message. This is integrated, cross curricular, ethical learning at its finest.

We do hope that you are able to watch your child's assembly video. we will continue to share these with you as you child takes part in them. Hopefully, we will be able to have assemblies together again in the near future, as this is such an important part of the school experience, but in the meantime, we are at least able to perform and learn about ethics via the assembly videos.



HOUSE POINT

TOTALS

SARI JUMPS UP A SPOT!



Donate Food to the G5 Chiba City Food Drive!

(See details on page 6 of this edition of Nanohana)



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



The Power of Wonderful Weather

This week we were blessed with warmer and drier weather. I'm not sure if it is because I have moved from a wet and cold country to a warm and sunny climate but I feel like everyone smiles more when it is warm and sunny. For this reason, we took advantage of the beautiful weather and had fun learning and playing outside as much as we could.

As the weather warms up we are encouraging the children to drink more water throughout the day and wear a hat when outside.



Further from my Nanohana article last week about beginning Kindergarten assemblies again, when the children are switching over after playtime the adults have observed the connections between grades has strengthening already as children are beginning to recognise friends in other grades after watching their assembly. It has been wonderful listening to the children using other friend's names when saying 'hello' or 'happy birthday!' despite never meeting them in person before.



K1:
Celebrating
Sri Lankan
Vesak Day!



K2:
Imagina-
tively
Writing
Upside
Down
And
Building
Transport
Models!



K3:
Counting
by
10s!





Grade 6 Learn About Tides (and clams) First-Hand

As part of an upcoming science unit on the moon and tides, the grade 6 students went clam digging at Ushigome Beach in Sodegaura this past Tuesday. It was a terrific field trip – sunny weather and loads of clams to find. The tide started coming and chased the students and staff away at about 12:00. Everyone enjoyed their first field trip in a long time!



Grade 4 Spruce Up the MIS Entry with Loads of Flowers!

A big thanks to the students in Grade 4 for sprucing up the entrance to the school this week. The children planted a huge variety of petunias to brighten up our day. This is not only part of their work in Science studying plants but also for their Global Citizenship work to make their school a better place. Great School Citizens Indeed!



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Grade 5 Germinate and Investigate Beans and Ratio & Proportion

Grade 5Y have been germinating seeds. The seeds they used are from the Grade 5 bean planting from three years ago! Many of those they germinated were successful even though they were old; so they are now going to plant them in the hope that they have a good crop of beans. They have also been busy working collaboratively on ratio and proportion to test their mathematical skills – it was difficult to do!



Grade 4 Develop and Teach Their Own Games

As part of their PE unit on Games, the Grade 4 children worked in teams to create their own set of rules using the skills they've been practicing. They then took turns teaching the other groups the rules of their new game. There was lots of cooperation, patience, enthusiasm and laughter. Well done, Grade 4!



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LET'S DONATE FOR FOOD BANK!

You can bring....

- CANNED FOOD
- FLOUR
- SOME RICE
- NOODLE
- SEASONING
- INSTANT FOOD
- BEANS
- COOKING OIL
- SWEETS THAT DON'T MELT

LET'S SAVE
PEOPLE!

We'll collect it
at FRIDAY!



BE...
AMAZING!

We will be collecting
food from May 24th
to June 4th.

The food must have
2 month best before.

Online Café

With Interpreter
通訳付き！

~ To know more about MIS Life as parents~

MIS PTA hosts the 1st **Online Café** for all MIS families.

This an opportunity for those parents who want ask questions about MIS children's school life, what parenting life is like at MIS, etc to experienced MIS Parents !

The meeting is widely open to any MIS parents for one hour. It is free to come and go, and send questions via Chat (text) or ask verbally.

1

Better understand
MIS

2

Reduce anxiety
about MIS

3

Meet other MIS
Parents

13:00 ~ 14:00 pm
Thursday 17 June 2021

Click Here to Sign Up

<https://forms.gle/8vosAZLgR6iq8Ynd9>



How to join the ZOOM meeting :

- ① Sign up
- ② Receive email
(a day before the event)
- ③ Click the ULR link
- ④ Once you log on, you may want to
put Video on/off - your preference

Why now ?

If you are new to the school, or if still in lower elementary or in kindergarten, you may want to know how your children are doing during the day... and possibly what to expect in coming years... We all know how you feel!!!

Although it is difficult to meet with other parents due to the pandemic, we can still help ease your anxiety!



Let's just have a fun time!!!!

If you have any questions or have comments, please email the MIS PTA Event Planning Committee at misptaevent@gmail.com

Agenda

13:00 ~ 14:00 pm
Thursday 17 June 2021

13:00~ Opening

13:05~ Greeting from Mr. Citrano (Head of School)
Introduction of Annual School Events

13:15~ Ask Experienced Parents

There will be 3~4 parents to answer questions you may have regarding your children's MIS school life.

During the discussion, participants can send questions/messages by "Chat" or by raising their hand (depending on the number of participants)

**Open discussion with smaller groups if time allows*

13:50~ Introduction of PTA Activities

13:55~ Closing

Click Here to Sign Up

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FAQs

- **What do I need to join ?**

You need PC or mobile device (such as smart phone or tablet) and internet connection

- **Do I need to install Zoom ?**

You don't need to download Zoom and can access through a web-browser; however, if you download the Zoom app on your PC, you may have full access to all the functions and can view more faces on the screen. (Apps on mobile devices also have limited functionality on Zoom)

You can download the Zoom app from <https://zoom.us/>

- **Can I join and ask question as "Anonymous" ?**

Yes, you can join and ask questions anonymously, if you would like. With Zoom, you can change your display name and there is an option to ask question by Chat anonymously.

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