



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

Edition 355 – Friday 11 June 2021

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I'd like to celebrate an MIS community success story. Today after school, we will be taking student representatives from G5G to the Chiba Food Bank to bring the massive amount of food collected over the past three weeks from your gracious donations. As you can see from the photo below, there are many, many boxes of food and the students are so honored to be able to help the citizens of Chiba City who are struggling to survive, especially due to the economic impact of COVID.

Congratulations to G5G for demonstrating true Global Citizenship!



As the temperatures are heating up, we have reminded the children to take off their masks outside if hot at playtime and social distance so that they can breathe naturally and not overheat. Additionally, we have set up large groups of tents with water misters under them to provide not only shade but a cooling environment for our students and staff. As you can see from the photo on the right, the children truly appreciate having these spaces to rest, connect with others, then go back to play.



Calendar

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

Mon-Fri 14-18 June

Calligraphy Week

Monday 14 June

Speech & Handwriting Competition

Tuesday 15 June

PTA Officers Mtg - 1:30pm

Thursday 17 June

PTA Zoom Café - 1:00pm

Friday 18 June

G4 Trip to Chiba Zoo

K2G Class Assembly

G1G Class Assembly

Reports Home

No Elem Homework
(Due to Parents' Evenings
Next Week)



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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 share news about the house captain elections. Two weeks ago, the student councilors narrated a video to introduce the annual house captain vote. This call for volunteers to become house captains was responded to very strongly by the Grade 4, 5 and 6 children and in total 52 children put their hands up to say they wanted to be a captain. I was really impressed by the large number of children that displayed a desire to lead in this way and it is encouraging to know that so many children at MIS have the self-belief to feel they could be a great leader.

The candidates had to present themselves to their houses in a video. In the video, they had to share three reasons why they would make a great leader and overall, they gave very compelling reasons. One of the reasons that was shared most often was that they felt they were caring for others. It is pleasing to see that MIS children feel that great leaders are caring. I can vouch for our role model teachers here in saying that they lead by example in this way and show our children a great deal of care.

The vote happened on Friday and it was a close-run thing in all the houses. The winners will be revealed to the MIS community next week. Watch this space.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

IT'S A CLOSE RACE!



SALE

School Photo Sale

Music Recital photos are being sold until July 05

Order at:
<http://snapsnap.jp/>
Passcodes were sent home previously.

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 below or this link: <https://forms.gle/8vosAZLgR6iq8Ynd9>

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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Developing our Physical Environment

This week, Kindergarten staff meet together to consider how we can improve our physical environment even further. We have already installed the children's coat pegs, developed our class library areas and replaced many of the class rugs. This week we walked around our environment and shared our thoughts about learning spaces in classes such as writing tables, math areas, phonics areas, role play and small world areas. We also discussed our class displays and how we can use these to enhance learning further. Each teacher carefully considers ways to promote independence in their class and their rooms and the resources available for the children demonstrate this. It is inspirational working with staff who constantly strive to adapt and improve their environments to enhance their learning environments further.

During parents evening, remember to have a look around your child's classroom. If you have any further questions about the learning areas in your child's class you can either ask your child to explain it to you to ask one of your child's teachers for more information.



K1:
Hanging
Around!

K2:
Students
Reading
Aloud to
Each Other
&
Experiment-
ing with
Paper
Airplanes!

K3:
Helping
Free their
Toys Frozen
in Ice
&
What
Would You
Say if You
Were a
Super
Hero?





Grade 1 Yellow Perform Poetry with Real Talent!

This week, in G1Y this week the students practiced performing their poems for the upcoming Speech and Handwriting Competition. This year's competition involves reading and/or performing poetry. Each class will select finalist to compete school-wide. In G1Y, as in all classes we're sure, it was hard to choose a winner because they all performed so very well!



Grade 2 Make the MIS Garden Come to Life!

G2 have been learning about the life cycle of plants. They have begun looking after the vegetable garden outside and checking the plants regularly to observe their growth. Here they are doing some weeding and composting to make nutritious soil in the future. Thank you for being such great school citizens, Grade 2!



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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

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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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