



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

Edition 357 – Friday 25 June 2021

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



Firstly, I'd like to thank all of the parents and teachers who were able to meet this week during our Parents' Evenings to better understand our children as learners and partner for our students' success. Parents, your support means so much to us as without you we simply couldn't do it!

Next, I'd like to share that this past Tuesday, Mr. Hall and I were able to congratulate the winners of this year's MIS Handwriting Competition. This year's theme was 'Our Hero' which is in line with this year's schoolwide theme of 'We are all heroes!' Students in each elementary class had the opportunity to either copy a poem or create their very own poem to then write in their very best writing - either manuscript or cursive. The staff then voted on the best piece of student handwriting in each class. There were some truly beautiful pieces written by our students! All who entered the competition should be proud of their accomplishments. I am happy to announce that the MIS Handwriting Competition Winners for the 2021-2022 school year are:

## 2021-2022 MIS Handwriting Competition Winners

Louis Ichyanagi (G1G)	Anna Fukano (G1Y)
Sosuke Saito (G2G)	Remi Imamoglu (G2Y)
Seira Kato (G3G)	Leona Higuchi (G3Y)
Yuka Manabe (G4G)	Hanna Hiki (G4Y)
Lisa Shimizu (G5G)	Lilika Sahashi (G5Y)
Yui Ishii (G6G)	Taiga Hoshiyama (G6Y)



**CONGRATULATIONS SUPER HANDWRITERS!**

## Calendar

### Tuesday 29 June

G5&6 School Transfer  
Parent Meeting  
5:00pm – 6:00pm

### Wednesday 30 June

G5&6 Swimming - Day 10

### Thursday 01 July

G1 Trip to Mihama Traffic  
Safety Park

### Friday 02 July

Student Council-Sponsored  
Non-Uniform Play Day  
(¥100 donation)  
Bring a Toy, Game, or Craft  
to Share & Play Together!  
K1 Trip to Mihama Koen  
G2G Class Assembly  
G3 Japanese Tanabata  
Grade-Level Assembly



## Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before Friday, July 9th as after that items will be donated or disposed of.



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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 of the Student Council's work so far. Thankfully, this year we have been able to gather face-to-face for our meetings. This has provided us the opportunity to share ideas together and make our plans. The Student Council Representatives were asked to find out from their class what Spirit Days they would like to have this term. This resulted in some weird and wonderful ideas being put forward such as 'Early Xmas Party Day' and 'Nintendo Switch Day', and we all had a chuckle together at the thought of these Spirit Days. The most popular choice for this term was a 'Non-Uniform Play Day', so that is what we will do on Friday, July 2nd.

On this special 'Non-Uniform Play Day', students and staff can bring in a ¥100 donation to the Red Feather Campaign in order to come to school in their regular out-of-school clothes as well as to bring in a toy, game, or craft to share and play together with their friends. We hope that all of the children and teachers will participate to have fun and benefit a worthy cause!

Furthermore, the Student Council have used their time together to put up a display to show who the Student Council Representatives are; have begun the process of thinking about their contributions to this year's yearbook; and handed out the Scholastic books that parents recently ordered for their children. They are a cheerful group of children, and I am confident that they will serve as a great team as the year progresses. Have a great weekend!



## Upcoming Student Council Sponsored Spirit Day



**Friday, July 2nd - Non-Uniform Play Day**  
Bring a toy, game or craft to share with friends!



**Students & staff pay 100yen to participate.**  
**All donations go to the Red Feather Campaign to support those in need.**

## Calligraphy Week!

Last week, the students enjoyed Calligraphy Week. This is a week that we celebrate twice a year where the Grades 3 to 6 children try their best to demonstrate beautiful writing. It was first time for the children in Grade 3 and they, along with the children in the other grades, truly enjoyed the activity.



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS

### MIDORI STAYS ON TOP!



**SALE**

### School Photo Sale

Music Recital photos are being sold until July 05

Order at:  
<http://snapsnap.jp/>  
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## Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



### Sharing Your Child's Progress

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our Parents' Evenings this week. Numerous studies have shown that parental involvement is one of the most important factors in a child's progress in school. A parent-teacher conference is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, your child's strengths and needs, as well as ask any questions you might have regarding the curriculum or ways you can support your child further at home.

It is through strong home-school links that we can truly support children fully on their learning journey. If you haven't already, please take the time to discuss your child's progress with them and congratulate them on their hard work this term.

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress and were not able to attend your child's parent evening please contact your child's class teacher to discuss the possibility of rearranging the meeting.



**K1:**  
Celebrating  
Fathers  
Day!

**K2:**  
Dressing Up  
as Pirates,  
Digging for  
Hidden  
Treasure,  
and  
Exploring  
Capacity!

**K3:**  
Making  
And  
Enjoying  
Super  
Hero  
Smoothies!



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## Grade 4 Explore the Chiba Zoo

Grade 4 visited the zoo to complement their Science work on Life Cycles, our English unit on Beautiful Bugs, and their Japanese unit of study. The children had lots of fun seeing the animals and thinking about their different habitats.



## What in the World is Pickleball?!

Grade 3 Green has been learning how to play the American game called Pickleball in their PE lessons recently. Pickleball is a mix of racquet sports such as table tennis, badminton, and standard tennis. It is played with a large paddle and Wiffle (hard plastic) ball on a hard court.



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## Grade 2 Pond Comes to Life

You may not know this, but near the beginning of the school year, our Grade 2 students planted lotus plants and placed medaka fish in the school pond as part of their Global Citizenship work and their study of plants. This week, we were all treated to a real surprise when a lotus flower emerged and bloomed. As you can see from the picture below, it is breathtaking! By chance, on the same day, one of our K1 students found a tree frog on the Kindergarten Playground and brought it to our pond to live in. We now have a thriving ecosystem in the school courtyard. Wonderful!



## BREEEEEAAAAAATHE!

The Grade 6 Green students have been studying how our respiratory system works. It's been tough, but they took a *deeeeeeep breath* and developed their understanding! Using PET bottles and balloons, the students made a model of a how the lung and diaphragm interact to help us inhale and exhale. A breathtaking learning experience, indeed!



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### Is There Starch Inside of Seeds?

Working collaboratively G5Y investigated if there is starch inside a seed before it is germinated. They used iodine and other science equipment to do this. Messy work!! Seeds are just wonderful things with all that stored up energy!



### Grade 3 Practice Bike Safety

On Tuesday morning, the Grade 3 students were very fortunate to have members of the Chiba Nishi Police Department come to MIS and teach our students some very important principles of bike safety. The students brought their bikes out onto the blue playground where an intersection had been set up. They practiced riding safely and paying attention to the signs and other traffic around them. Thank you Chiba Nishi Police for giving our students this valuable opportunity!



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