



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I wanted to update you on some changes that will be coming when we return to school after summer. We will have a before-school recess from 8:20-8:45am daily. Students will then line up for teacher pick-up with the attendance register being taken at 8:50am. All students should arrive to school between 8:20-8:45am daily. Morning and lunchtime recess breaks for students will now be grouped at follows: K1&K2; K3; G1-3; G4-6. This will allow for greater socialization across the grades, allow

for sufficient supervision & play space, and enable timetables that better facilitate teaching and learning. After-School Clubs and Activities will resume for elementary students (and a very limited number of K3 clubs only on certain days of the week) from 3:20-4:10pm daily beginning the week of September 6th. More details to come at the beginning of Term 2. After School Care (ASC) will be available for students in all grades until 6:30pm daily. Parents should submit the 'After School Care Service Application Form' to the office at least 3 days before you require the service. Pre-School will begin again for children between 2 years old and 3 years old (birthdays between 02 April 2018–01 April 2019) and a parent on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-3:00pm. For more information as to the details and schedule as well as to download a 'Pre-School Application Form' please go to the 'Topics' page of the MIS website. We hope that you will find these changes to be a positive move in the right direction for our entire school

community. 夏休み明けに予定される何点かの変更事項についてお知らせしたいと思えます。毎日8時20分から8時45分まで、始業前の休み時間を設けます。その後、園児・児童の皆さんは教員の前に整列し、8:50の出欠確認に備えます。園児・児童の皆さんは毎日8:20-8:45の間に登校してください。園児・児童の朝と昼の休み時間は今後次のようにグループ化されます：K1とK2、K3、G1～G3、G4～G6となります。これにより、学年間の交流が促進され、十分な監視の目と遊びのスペースが確保され、指導と学習がより円滑に促進される時間割となります。放課後のクラブやアクティビティを、9月6日の週から小学生を対象に毎日午後3時20分から4時10分まで再開します（K3の場合はごく限られた数のクラブを指定の曜日のみ実施）。詳細は2学期開始時にお知らせします。アフタースクールケア（ASC）は、全学年の園児・児童を対象に、毎日午後6時30分までご利用いただけるようになります。保護者の方は、ご利用日の3日前までに 'After School Care Service Application Form'（アフタースクールケアサービス申請書）をオフィスに提出してください。2歳から3歳までのお子様（お誕生日が2018年4月2日から2019年4月1日までの間）と保護者の方を対象としたプリスクールを、火曜日と木曜日の午後2時から3時まで再開いたします。プリスクールの詳細やスケジュール、「プリスクール申込書」のダウンロードはMISホームページ上のトピックスのページをご参照下さい。一連の変更が、本校コミュニティ全体を適切な方向へポジティブに導くものであることをご理解いただければ幸いです。

Calendar

Wednesday 07 July

K3 Trip to Mihama Koen

Friday 09 July

Last Day of Term

Sat-Sun 10 July - 22 Aug

MIS Summer Holiday

Don't forget to complete the MIS Summer

Tic Tac Toe Homework

Friday 20 August

Staff Professional Development Day

Monday 23 August

First Day of Term 2

Turn in MIS Summer Tic Tac Toe Homework to your Teacher



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. The recent rains have brought with it a sudden burst of growth of all of the plants on the MIS campus. The field is looking lush and the various growing projects going on around the school are thriving. The growing of plants is a key element of the curriculum across the school and this year more than ever the children seem to be eagerly engaged in their plant-based projects. This connection with nature has a very positive effect on learning. The children enjoy the responsibility of growing plants and everyday I see them observing, watering, deadheading and appreciating the changes that occur in their plants.

I would encourage you to capitalise on this recent interest if you can by growing more plants at home with your children. I am sure that a trip to the gardening section of a home center would be very interesting for your children and they would enjoy seeing the wide variety of house or garden plants that you could grow together. 100 Yen shops often have simple indoor plants that could be a cheaper alternative. Apart from that, you could enjoy a visit to a botanical garden, such as the Chiba Flower museum, or take a look in the undergrowth at a local park to see what is growing there. Whatever you choose to do, I hope you enjoy getting closer to nature with your children.



MIS Ice Skater Wins Big!

We are proud to announce that Aina Kubo from G4G won 2nd Place in this past weekend's Chiba Prefecture Ice Skating Federation Competition. Aina skated against a number of other skaters – winning a silver medal in the end. Aina skated to Stevie Wonder & Ariana Grande's song 'Faith' and says that she successfully landed a number of jumps and spins, but is most proud of her axle jump, often considered the most difficult jump in ice skating.

CONGRATULATIONS, AINA!

The hours of practice that you've dedicated yourself to are really paying off!



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

CAN ANYONE CATCH MIDORI?



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



Developing Our Adult Interactions And Class Discussions To Improve Children's Language Skills

This week, kindergarten staff met together to consider how we interact with children and how we could further develop the children's language and communication skills. We noticed that we are very good at lowering ourselves so that we speak to children on their level. We are good at modelling good communication and also incorporating actions or gestures into our language so that children can 'act out' important core vocabulary such as 'longer' and 'shorter'.

No matter what the lesson, we are always finding new and exciting ways to support the children's language development and increase their vocabulary. This is something that MIS staff carefully plan and consider before and even during lessons. I hope that you can see the benefits of our efforts in your child's language development and they continue to impress you with the vocabulary they are learning each day.



K1:
Learning
About
Emotions
Through
Drawing!

K2:
Enjoying
their Indoor
Picnic on
their Rainy
Day Trip!

K3:
Painting
Portraits
of their
Classmates
and
Making
Shields
as a way
to Learn
About the
Senses of
Touch and
Sight!



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Grade 3 Explore the Chiba Zoo

Grade Three had a great time at the Chiba Zoo last Friday! They were able to explore the zoo grounds in small groups, searching for animals from various categories such as fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds, and insects. They were also able to examine the animals' habitats and observe their behavior.



Grade 4 Learn Tanka (短歌)

This week, the students in G4 have been learning Tanka which are Japanese traditional poems. Tanka are similar to Haiku but a little bit longer and you do not need to use seasonal words like in Haiku. G4 read some Tanka and played a card game using Tanka. The children truly enjoyed learning about this time of poem!



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