



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

Edition 365 – Friday 01 October 2021

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I think we can all agree that last weekend's Sports Days were a great hit! It was so wonderful to have parents back on campus to reconnect and regain that crucial sense of our MIS Community. The format of having three separate Sports Day events for Kindergarten, Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary turned out to be a real positive. Students were more actively involved and the events were packed with a variety of different entertaining athletic activities.

## A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SPORTS DAY HOUSE TEAM CHAMPIONS!

KINDERGARTEN CHAMPIONS - **MIDORI**  
LOWER ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONS - **ROSSO**  
UPPER ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONS - **ROSSO**

I was particularly impressed by not only the effort and competitiveness of the student-athletes, but also the school spirit that the children (and parents) displayed in cheering on their classmates and house teams! It made me incredibly proud as the Head of School to see this. The house point totals on the next page include the points earned by the various house teams on the day. We hope that you'll enjoy the Sports Day photos on the last three pages of this week's Nanohana.

A special thank you goes out to our Humanities Team as well as the whole MIS staff for planning and organizing such a smoothly operating and superbly fun MIS Sports Day!



**REMINDER:** Starting on **Monday, October 18th**, all K2-G6 students are expected to wear the full **Winter Uniform**. This means that students should wear the following:

- ⇒ **Long sleeve shirt or Long sleeve polo shirt**
- ⇒ **Chino long pants**
- ⇒ **Necktie**
- ⇒ **Long black socks**
- ⇒ **Black leather shoes**
- ⇒ Optionally, students may also wear a vest or cardigan
- ⇒ Students should also have a properly fitting blazer to wear for special occasions

Parents are reminded that these components of the school uniform should only be purchased through our school uniform providers. Similar substitutions from other stores should not be used. For information on the school uniform, please go to the [Uniform page](#) on the school website. Please make sure that all uniform items, including coats, hats, and backpacks, are **labelled with your child's name**. We appreciate your support in ensuring consistency and high standards in our student dress!



## Calendar

### Monday 04 October

G4 Music Recital - 9:00am  
G6 Music Recital - 2:00pm  
G5 Music Recital - 2:40pm

### Tuesday 05 October

K3 Music Recital - 11:20am  
K2 Music Recital - 1:30pm

### Wednesday 06 October

G5 Residential Trip  
G3 & 4 Swimming - Day 6

### Thursday 07 October

G5 Residential Trip

### Friday 08 October

G5 Residential Trip  
K3 Grade Level Assembly  
G1Y Class Assembly

### Sat 09– Sun 17 October

Half-Term Holiday

### Monday 18 October

Change to Winter Uniform



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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 celebrate the ongoing achievements of the MIS News Team. Last year, Mr. Satterwhite suggested that as we would not be having assemblies for the foreseeable future, it would be a great idea to create an MIS News show. Mr. Mills promptly joined the news production team and the decision to have the Student Council Representatives as the news anchors was made. This was the beginning of a great innovation that has continued to develop and improve during the intervening months.

The first few episodes saw the anchor speak about the recent happenings in school and the show was shared each week by the class teachers and also uploaded to YouTube for parents to enjoy. As time has gone by, more ideas have been implemented such as the book reviews and the house point update, and these days, the producers have difficult decisions about what can be included in the time they have for each show. These decisions have become even more difficult recently because the MIS News Club members have been coming up with loads of new ideas to make the MIS News more child-centered and informative. One such example was the ending of last week's show, which introduced the *Rock Paper Scissors* game to end the news on a high note.

No doubt the MIS News will continue to go from strength to strength and those involved will learn new multimedia skills that they can use elsewhere in their learning and share with others. We are very thankful to Mr. Satterwhite and Mr. Mills for their dedication to the show and we hope that you parents enjoy it every week as well.



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS

### INCLUDING SPORTS DAY POINTS



**Don't Forget!  
Change to Winter Uniform  
On Monday October 18th.**



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## Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



### Supporting Our Future Olympians

If you were present at our Sports Day I think you would agree that the children demonstrated outstanding levels of determination and teamwork. That's because sport helps children develop character and to learn important social and brain skills such as problem-solving, resilience, perseverance, confidence and teamwork. There's a growing body of research that links physical activity to improvements in educational achievement.

The life lessons sports teach children go far beyond the physical benefits. They actually contribute to higher grades and academic success too.

There are a lot of clubs and activities available in your local area so if possible, I would encourage you to take your child along and try it out. Joining local clubs will help your child make friends in their community, keep your child active which will develop their fine and gross motor skills, it will also teach them teamwork, sportsmanship and respect.



K1:  
Learning  
About The  
Three Little  
Pigs!



K2:  
Creating  
Monet-like  
Water  
Lilies  
and  
Making  
Bubbles!



K3:  
Making &  
Tasting  
Honey  
Sandwiches!



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## MIS Celebrates Calligraphy Week!

Students enjoyed their calligraphy in Kokugo lesson this week. It takes time to improve their skills with brush and ink. They were excited to make most of this opportunity. Students wrote the following kanji: G3 「力」ちから power, G4 「元気」げんき healthy and energetic, G5 「自然」nature, G6 chose the Kanji they wrote by themselves individually.



## What's an Anemometer?

In Science, G3Y created anemometers to measure wind speed and to conduct and compare different ways of creating wind. They tested these successfully and discussed the importance of measuring wind in the real world.



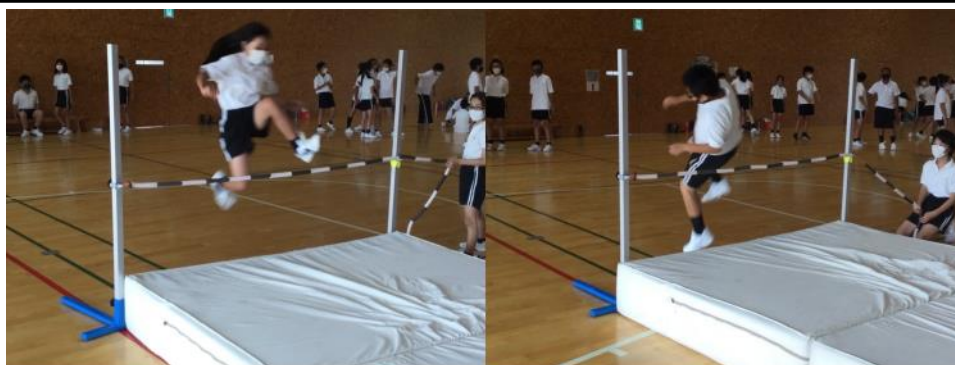
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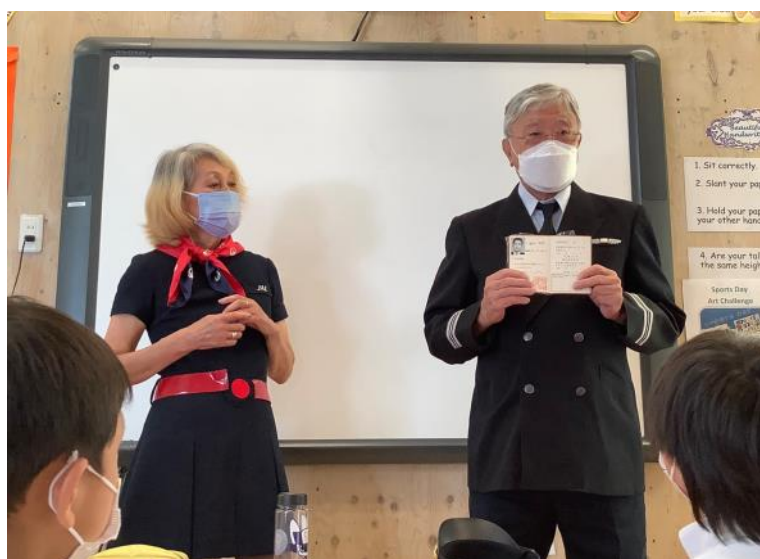
## Grade 5 Reach New Heights!

As part of their athletics work, Grade 5 attempted the high jump. It was much harder than it looks – scary, but fun! They found different ways to get over the bar which was set at 85cms!



## Community Helpers Visit MIS!

As part of their PSNS unit on Communities and Community Helpers, recently G2Y had wonderful school helpers come to visit our classroom to talk about their jobs (and former jobs) and how they help their communities. Big thanks to two such helpers - bus assistants (and former flight attendant and pilot), Ms. Smith and Mr. Morita!



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## Grade 4 Love to Swim!

Grade 4 have really been enjoying their swimming lessons this term. They are all learning new strokes and skills and the teachers can see improvements every week. We are loving watching them grow in confidence in the water and have fun with their friends.



## Mangia Mangia, Grade 6!

Some more fine cooking and fine dining from the Grade 6 students! The young chefs created some simple but delicious (and nutritious) grilled pizza buns. To keep things fresh, they added passata, garlic, onions, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes – and of course, a load of cheese!



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# BOOK WEEK 2021 AUTHOR VISIT

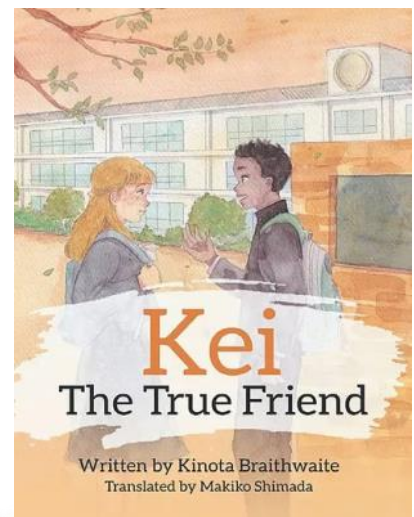
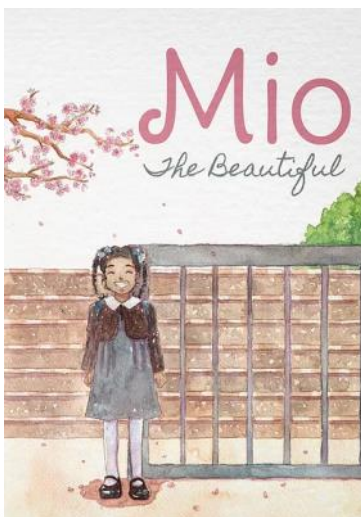
Book Week 2021 is just around the corner! To celebrate our Book Week at MIS we have invited local author Kinota Braithwaite to join us on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Braithwaite is the author of “Mio The Beautiful”, a story about a Biracial Japanese girl who with the help of her kind and caring teacher confronts racism and bullying at her elementary school in Japan. The book has been nominated for the Sakura Medal 2022 Award and has been featured in many media outlets such as The Japan Times.

Mr. Braithwaite has been presenting at other international schools here in Japan, sharing his daughter’s story, discussing racism & bullying with students and explaining his process as an author. He is an extremely passionate speaker and is very excited to visit our school.

It is a rare chance to invite a Sakura Medal nominated author and will certainly be an invaluable experience for our students. If you would like to read more about Kinota Braithwaite please visit his website:

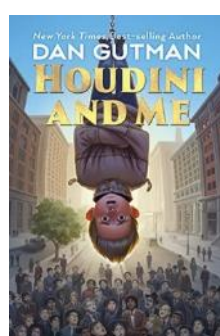
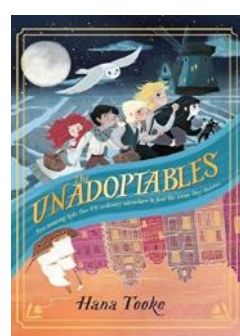
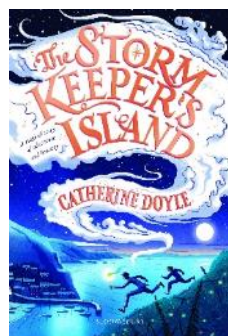
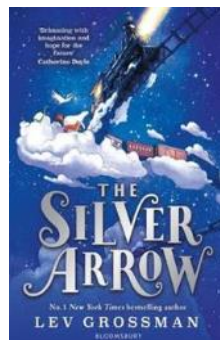
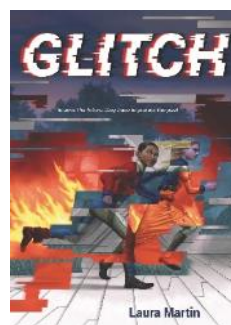
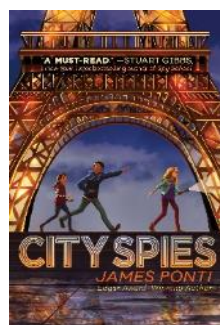
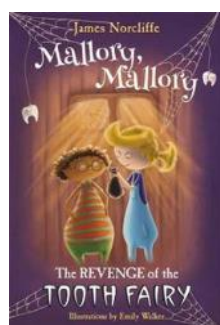
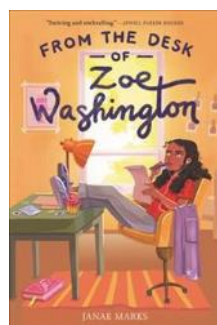
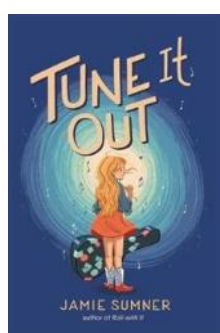
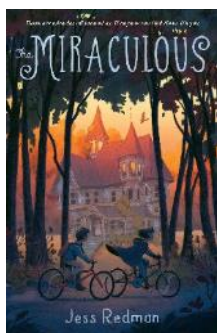
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# Sakura Medal 2022 English Chapter Books Are Here!

This year's selection of Sakura Medal 2022 English Chapter Books has landed on the shelves in the Media Centre Library and ready for borrowing. In total, there are 20 fantastic books for students to choose from. The Sakura Medal book selection for 2022 offers a wide variety of genres and quality reading. These books will also be used for the Sakura Medal Book Bowl Competition held in April 2022. (Sakura Medal 2022 English Picture Books Coming This October!)





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