



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



We were fortunate this week and last to hear and experience the music produced and performed by our student-musicians in their Music Recitals. This year brought on pianists, violinists, solo singers, duets, trios, quartets, guitarists of all ages. There wasn't a single recital where the audience was not left in awe of the talent on display. Thank you to all of the young musicians as well as their parents for supporting their development. Additionally, I'd like to thank Mr. Satterwhite for organizing not only the recitals, but also the recording of them. Parents should have received an email on Wednesday to the secure links to watch the various recitals. Please enjoy watching and listening to these as well as the photos below and on Page 6 of this week's Nanohana.



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**
- ⇒ **Long black socks**
- ⇒ **Black leather shoes**
- ⇒ Optionally, students may also wear a vest or cardigan
- ⇒ Students should also have a properly fitting blazer and necktie 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

Sat 09 – Sun 17 October

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 18 October

Change to Winter Uniform

Tuesday 19 October

Grade 6 Student
Mock Interviews Begin
(Please see schedule)

PTA Board Mtg - 2:15pm

Wednesday 20 October

G3 & 4 Swimming - Day 7

Friday 22 October

Kindergarten Sweet Potato
Picking Trip

K2 Grade Level Assembly
G5G Class Assembly

Global Citizenship Time in
Elem Creative Studies
(G3-6 students should make
sure that their GCA Journals
are at school)



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. This week, Grade 5 went on their Residential Trip to the Chiba City Children's Nature Home. Leaving from school on Wednesday, students and teachers first hiked up to the famous Kasamori Kanon Temple and then toured the grounds before continuing on to check in and get settled into their cabins at the Children's Nature Home. Through the remainder of the time at the home, we were impressed at how well the students worked in teams. This helped them to bond together and make the most of the experiences that were provided for them.

A big highlight for many students was the building of a fire in preparation for making their own versions of chicken curry rice from scratch. The teachers were the lucky ones as they got to sample all of the different versions. Stuffed from all of this eating, the students worked hard to scrub down every pot, pan, utensil. The carving of their own personalized soap stone necklaces was another challenge and all children rose to it. Again, the creativity of the kids showed through, with some amazing creations being made.

On Friday morning, they woke up early, did a quick pack up, cabin clean-up and inspection, and enjoyed another scrumptious breakfast. After a brief hike, the group said their farewells to the Nature Home to enjoy a few hours of exploration at Kodomo no Kuni for more fun and laughter. They were all pleased to stop at a local souvenir shop on the way home so that they could get some omiyage for their families. I would like to thank not only the students, but also Mr. Suzuki, Mrs. Frederick, Ms Currie and Ms. Kadoya for all of their hard work and positive attitudes – making this another

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

MIDORI STAYS ON TOP!



Grade 5 Residential Trip Was Great Fun for One and All!

SALE

School Photo Sale

Sports Day photos are being sold until November 08

Order at:

<http://snapsnap.jp/>

Passcodes were sent home

SALE



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Reflecting on the Term So Far..

This week starts our grade-level assemblies where children are asked to reflect on their learning so far. First we had K3 sharing their learning from their 'The World Around Us' topic. It was wonderful to see the children discuss what they had learned about plants and insects. The children have taken a particular interest in planting seeds and taking care of the plants outside. Well done, K3!

Next week K2 will share their learning from 'Our Wonderful World' followed by K1.

I wish everyone a peaceful half term break and we can't wait to see the children again after the holiday.



K1:
Making
Autumn
Apple
Crafts!

K2:
Learning
about the
letters and
sounds
f/ff & l/lll

K3:
Reusing
Materials to
Junk Model
and Care
for our
World!



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Grade 6 Become Archeologists!

On Wednesday, G6 children had a guest teachers for Japanese Social Studies. They learned about our local area's ancient culture and how archeologists work. They also brought in real, ancient pottery that was found in Chiba. Children were able to handle the various bowls, vases and tools used by ancient Japanese. Children even tried to make a fire just like ancient people. It was hard but really fun and worth it!



Please Join Us for the
MIS Terry Fox Run
Saturday, 06 November 10am-Noon

Where: MIS Field and Playground
What/Why: Family fun walking/running to raise money to support cancer research
How: Sign up using the information that went home on Mon, October 4th. Ask friends/family for pledges to raise money

See you on November 6th!



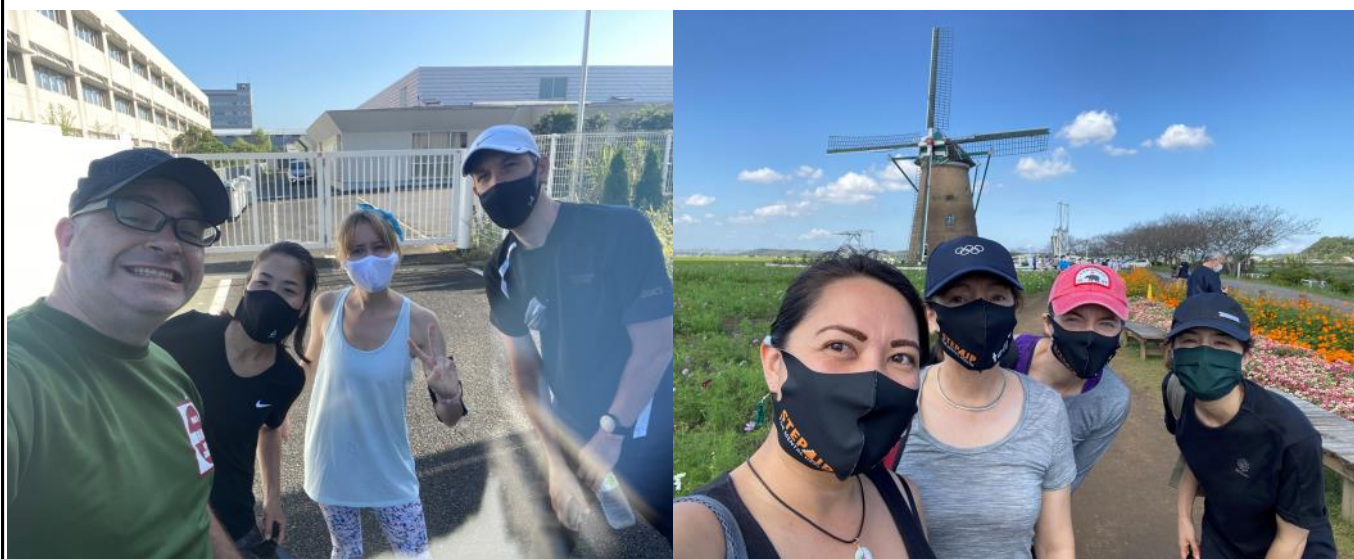
Learning is Electric in Grade 4!

Grade 4 have been using everything they've learned in science about electric circuits to make a 'Skill Tester.' By passing a current through a metal wire, we made a fun game to test patience and dexterity.



MIS Teachers Model Global Citizenship!

On Sunday October 3rd, by coincidence, two groups of MIS teachers were on two separate Global Citizenship missions - one group ran the London marathon virtually, and the other walked over 20,000 steps to raise awareness for TELL's World Suicide Prevention Day. Thank you to Mr. Crowe, Ms. Sekiguchi, Ms. Ganson, Mr. Mills, Ms. Loh, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Hassan, and Mrs. Maino for being models for making our world a better place!



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Grade 6 - Masters of the Chicken Wrap!

Move over Bourdain, G6 are back in the kitchen! This week, the Grade 6 team moved onto shallow frying and meats (chicken to be exact!). They made some wraps with a selection of vegetables and sauces. Some great teamwork was shown and the food was really quite delicious! Get ready G6 families for more home cooking over the holidays.



Geometry, Geometry, Geometry in Grade 2!

In Maths, G2 have been learning about 2D shapes and their attributes. This week they created a 2D shape artwork, identified the different shapes in their picture, and the properties of those shapes. Look at their creative designs!



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BOOK WEEK 2021 AUTHOR VISIT

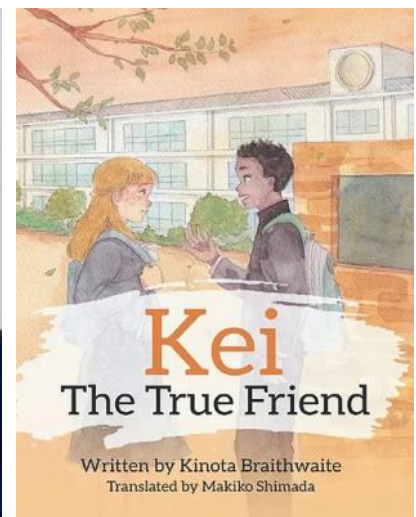
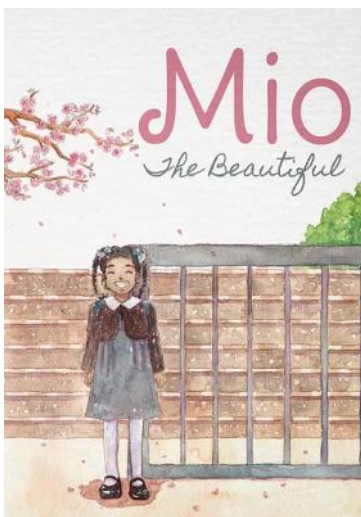
Book Week 2021 is just around the corner! To celebrate our Book Week at MIS we have invited local author Kinota Braithwaite to join us on Tuesday, October 26th. Mr. Braithwaite is the author of “Mio The Beautiful”, a story about a Biracial Japanese girl who with the help of her kind and caring teacher 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:

<https://www.learnwithkinota.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/MioTheBeautiful>



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!)

