



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



This week, across the school, we celebrated the superpower of reading with our annual Book Week. Students started the week by solving the mystery of where their hidden Sakura Medal class book was. These were ornately wrapped to build excitement and the students truly enjoyed unveiling their class book.

Tuesday brought us a visit from esteemed author Kinota Braithwaite who shared his bilingual picture books about the power of supporting biracial children who may look different than us but who deserved to be cherished and included, just as all people should be. The children were able to read his stories and also had workshops with Mr. Braithwaite and learned about his family's background from Africa to America to Canada to Japan. You can see more information later in this edition of Nanohana.

Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to take their photos on superhero backdrops & visit amazing displays in the Gym created by students with QR codes that, when scanned with the school iPads, played book reviews of students' favorite books.

On Thursday, three times during the day, the whole school stopped, put on their superhero masks, and read like superheroes, just for the sheer pleasure of reading. Of course, the week culminated in the always-treasured Book Week Parades. Students and staff really went all out this year, wearing costumes of characters from their favorite books. We all enjoyed hearing staff and students alike sharing what makes their book so special. We look forward to seeing the class movie trailers about their class Sakura Medal books which will be shared with the whole school in the near future!

Calendar

Wednesday 03 November

National Holiday
Culture Day
No School

Friday 05 November

Kindergarten
Potato Picking Trip

Saturday 06 November

Terry Fox Run
10am-Noon
MIS Field and Playground
Hope to see you there!

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!



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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 conclusion of this year's Grade Five rice growing project. As you may know, every year, Grade Five students are involved in a project to improve their knowledge about the growing of rice around the world. This is a fascinating part of their curriculum that includes the chance to actually be involved in the planting of the rice seedlings in May to the harvesting of the fully-grown crop in September. The autumn season seems to have been kind to the plants and there appears to be seeds growing again, so we may get a second, smaller harvest to add to the first.

To chart the progress of the project, the students create a journal in their global citizenship books and also post images on Seesaw. Their knowledge of rice cultivation is also enhanced in their social studies lessons. Overall, it is a fully immersive experience that gives the Grade Five students a chance to understand how the rice they enjoy ends up on their dinner table. Usually, the rice grown by Grade Five is cooked in school and shared with the MIS students, but COVID restrictions have stopped us from doing this. That said, the rice grown did not go to waste. This week, Mr. Endo and two Grade Five representatives took the 13.2kg of rice to a Chiba City Food Bank and donated the grain to their cause. All in all, this is a wonderful learning experience for the fifth graders and they did themselves proud with their rice growing efforts this year.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

MIDORI STILL SOLIDLY ON TOP!



SALE

School Photo Sale

Sports Day photos are being sold until November 08

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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



MIS Kindergarten Celebrates Book Week!

This week the children of kindergarten immersed themselves in Book Week activities. This year MIS celebrated Book Week by focusing on books that received the 2021 Sakura Medal. Each Kindergarten grade had fun joining together to hunt and solve clues to launch Book Week then had fun discussing the title, illustrations, vocabulary and theme. Not only did the books provide opportunities for rich discussions but also provided stimulus for great art work, crafts and pieces of writing.

To further celebrate Book Week, Kindergarten also took part in 'stop, drop and read' to demonstrate that they have the super power of reading as well as dressing as an inspirational story book hero.

I hope you enjoy viewing our photographs we share on Seesaw and also watching the Book Week Parade from home.



K1:
Having
Some
Halloween
Fun!



K2:
Flying
Through the
Sky as
Super
Heroes!



K3:
Exploring
Capacity to
Make a
Drink for an
Astronaut!





Author Teaches Us to be Inclusive!

On Tuesday we were honored to have Sakura Medal 2022 nominated author Kinota Braithwaite visit our school. It was a special Book Week treat to have Mr. Braithwaite present his book 'Mio The Beautiful' to Grades 1-6. He spoke with students about his own daughter's experiences with racism and bullying which the book is based and explained the power of words have on others. He also gave then insight on his experience in writing books. A truly fun and enriching opportunity for all who attended.

If you would like to know more about Mr. Braithwaite and his books please visit the links below:

Kinota Braithwaite - Author of 'Mio The Beautiful' and 'Kei The True Friend'

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

Instagram: kinotaet

If you would like to purchase his books:

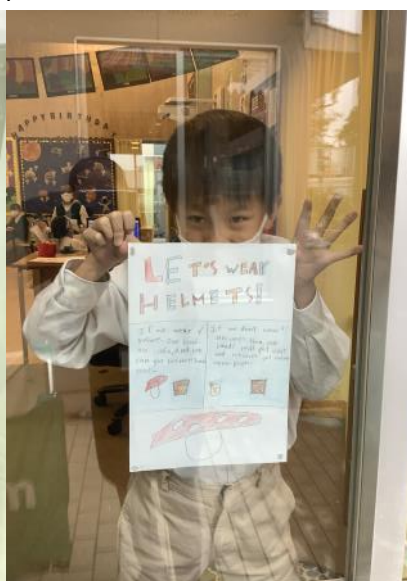
Mio the Beautiful: <https://www.amazon.co.jp/dp/B08V4VWXXN>

Kei the True Friend: <https://www.amazon.co.jp/dp/B095GJ2GFW>



Grade 3 Want You to Wear Your Helmet!

One of the Grade 3 Global Citizenship initiatives is promoting bicycle safety. Recently, G3G students created 'Helmet Safety' posters and posted them around school. The posters are meant to help students remember to wear bicycle helmets on their journeys to school. They also provide reasons why helmets are useful. Don't forget to wear your helmet; you may get lucky and get a helmet house point!



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What Smells Sooo Good, Grade 6?

This was another week of culinary showmanship from the Grade 6 Master Chefs. The weather was perfect for some Japanese vegetable curry. Students grouped up to clean and cut up their veggies, adding Japanese curry roux and water once ready. They even left some for staff as we made so much. The teachers gave rave reviews of the delicious offerings!



SALE

School Photo Sale

Music Recital photos are being sold until November 18

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What a week in G5Y! We listened to stories, scavenged for clues, measured our heads and been superheroes too!



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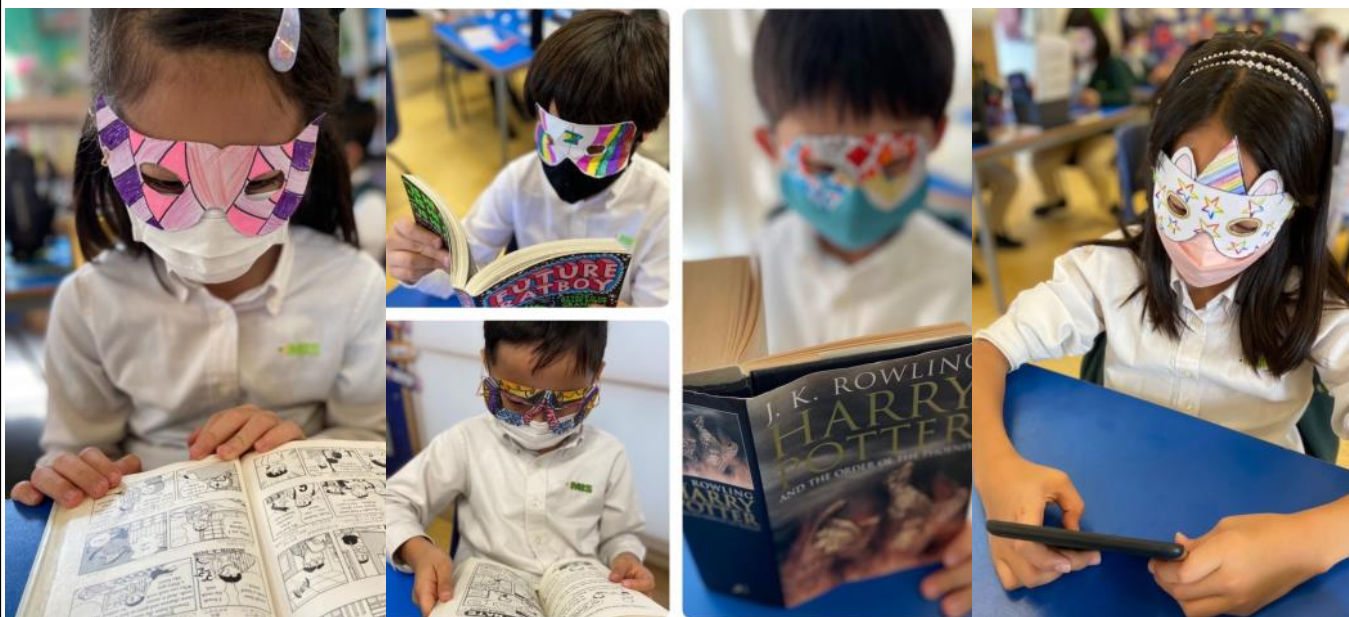
Japanese Teacher Swap Brings Excitement to Reading!

As a part of the Book Week activities, the Grade 1 and Grade 2 Japanese teachers swapped classes and read books to different groups of students than they usually work with. The children enjoyed this new experience and listened intently to their guest teachers' stories.



Reading is Grade 4's Superpower!

On Thursday in Grade 4, as with all grades across the school, three times a day students donned the masks that they created as part of the Summer Homework and read like super heroes! The children enjoyed this new experience so much that they asked if they could do it again in the future.



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Book Week Parade



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**Terry Fox Run - Saturday, November 6th - MIS Field
Reply Slip**

I would like my son/daughter to attend the MIS Terry Fox Run for Charity. I understand that transport will not be provided by the school. I understand that all children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Name(s) of Child(ren) / class _____ / ---- _____

_____ / ---- _____

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Family _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ -

Telephone No. / Mobile No.: _____

Return to Mr. Citrano by 02 November 2021



Please support me at the MIS PTA Walkathon by making a pledge
– together we can beat cancer!

Student Name _____ Class _____

Name	Amount Pledged (₹)	Amount Re- ceived(₹)
	Total	

You can pledge so much per lap, or a total regardless of laps. Eg. If you pledge ₹1,000 per lap completed, then if the student completes 5 laps, you need to donate ₹5,000. Or you can pledge ₹5,000 for any total number of laps completed.

Or, if you can't make it on Saturday, you can simply make a donation.

*Please return money to your class teacher with your **Name/Class** and **amount of money** marked clearly on a sealed envelope.*

Thank you, and good luck!