



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I'd like to thank everyone who was able to come out to last weekend's Terry Fox Run at MIS. We had well over 200 people participate which was an all-time attendance record!

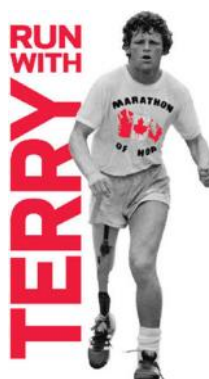
I would like to thank the MIS PTA for their organization and support on the day. We couldn't do it without you!

As you know the Terry Fox Run is a way for us to raise money to support international cancer research. We look forward to receiving your donations. If you need a Terry Fox Run Pledge Form, please simply print out the last page of this issue of Nanohana. **Please bring in donation money to your child's teacher in an envelope with the amount enclosed and your child's name and class on it, by Wednesday, November 17th.**



I will then count up all of the donations and send them off to the Terry Fox Foundation so that our efforts can help save lives worldwide.

Thank you again to each and every one of you for your contributions to make our world a healthier place to live!



Calendar

Tuesday 16 November

Earthquake Evacuation Drill

9:30am

PTA Board Meeting

2:15pm

Wednesday 17 November

Non-Returnee Applicant

Screening & Parent

Interviews

G3&4 Swimming - Day 9

Friday 19 November

K3 Trip to Chiba Science Museum

G4G Class Assembly

Global Citizenship Time in Elem Creative Studies

(G3-6 students should make sure that their GCA Journals are at school)

Saturday 20 November

New Applicant Screening Day



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this week's Nanohana, I would like to share some extra details with you about the Central Community Chest of Japan (CCCJ) who are the organisers of the Red Feather Campaign. As you know, each year MIS children raise money for this good cause and in doing so raises awareness of the good work that the CCCJ does around Japan. Beginning on the 22nd of November, your child can bring in small donations to put in to the collection box and receive a Red Feather for their kindness. The last day to donate will be the 17th of December.

Since 1947, the CCCJ has been directly involved with local communities to bring about improvements in society and aid for families in times of need. In total, they have raised well over 940 billion yen for good causes. The money that the MIS children help to collect is used by the CCCJ to support disabled people to access their community; provide help to the elderly; protect the rights of children, and fund the provision of aid for victims of natural disasters.

I am sure you will agree that these are all very worthwhile causes that enrich communities around Japan, and we are always happy to do all we can to support the CCCJ. That is why for each of our spirit days, we ask that your child brings in at least 100 yen, which goes into our Red Feather collection. Thank you in advance for your support. If you would like to find out more about the work of the CCCJ please take a look at their website at <https://www.akaihane.or.jp/english/>



Grade 6 Chemists Explore Alkalinity!

G6 students used their understanding of PH to test the acidity and alkalinity of 10 different liquids – everything from sparkling water to hydrochloric acid to soy sauce! A great hands-on learning opportunity. Which do you think is the most acidic?



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

NILA IS THIS WEEK'S WINNER!



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



The Lasting Effects of Real Life Experiences

Last week the children enjoyed their first whole Kindergarten trip to pick sweet potatoes. This week this experience continued to create lots more opportunities for discussions and play. As the children were sweet potato picking as a grade and social distanced we never had the opportunity to see how many potatoes we collected as a whole group. On Monday the children were able to observe the total number of sweet potatoes that were collected which shocked and amazed the children. I heard lots of children shouting excitedly, 'Wow! So many potatoes!' and 'I think there is more than 1 thousand potatoes!'

The children were also able to observe the vast variety of sizes and shapes of the potatoes comparing them to things in their own lives – 'this one looks like a banana!'

Throughout kindergarten the children have relived this experience by pretending to dig for food during their play or visiting the kitchen role play areas in class pretending to cook foods for their friends.

I hope you have also enjoyed sharing sweet potatoes at home and remember to share your best recipes with friends.



K1:
Finding the
Biggest
Sweet
Potato!

K2:
Making
Number
Bonds &
Cooking
Porridge!

K3:
Creating
Paper
Mache
Solar
Systems!



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Learning is Erupting in Grade 2!

In English, students in Grade 2 have been reading all about volcanoes. Here the students are constructing their own volcanoes! They used baking soda and vinegar to create an eruption. What a great way to make real life connections with their reading!



Grade 5 Get Creative While Constructing Hats!

The Grade 5 hat creations in Art are progressing! It's a long process but it's worth it. The students are using glue guns, tape, cardboard and fabric to shape and model the structures. Oh, so technical, creative and fun!





Goalball Club Teaches Overcoming Adversity!

This term, a number of students in upper elementary have been enjoying the challenge of playing a Paralympic sport, Goalball, as part of the MIS Clubs and Activities. The children wear eye masks, so they need to use their senses of hearing and touch to play the game. What a valuable and fun way to learn how to overcome adversity.



SALE

School Photo Sale

Music Recital photos
are
being sold until
November 18

Order at:
<http://snapsnap.jp/>
Passcodes were
sent home
previously.

SALE



Upcoming Student Council Sponsored Spirit Days



Friday, November 26 – Non-Uniform, Crafts and Play Day. On this Spirit Day, children get to wear non-uniform all day and have fun by bringing in a toy, game or craft from home to play with during the afternoon.

Friday, December 10 – Non-Uniform, Movie and Popcorn Day. On this Spirit Day, MIS students can wear non-uniform and, in the afternoon, children will enjoy a movie and popcorn with their classmates. The Student Council will purchase individual bags of popcorn for each child. If you prefer that your child not eat popcorn on the day, please let your child's teacher know by sending them a message on Seesaw.

All MIS students and staff are welcome to participate! In order to take part, each person must donate ¥100 or more per Spirit Day for our Red Feather Campaign collection to help support those in need all over Japan. This is an excellent way for us to have fun and make a positive difference in our world! Global Citizenship in action!

The MIS Student Council hope that all of our students and staff will participate in the interest of school spirit and in support of a great cause!

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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!