



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

Edition 371 – Friday 19 November 2021

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I'd like to make two very exciting announcements. First, I have the grand total of the donations raised from our Terry Fox Run. The last time we had the run in 2019, we raised an impressive ¥256,000. But that is nothing in comparison to the outpouring of support this year. In total this year, the MIS Community raised **¥530,000!!!** Over double what we raised previously! This

shows what a remarkable community full of global citizens MIS is. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We will be sending off these funds shortly to the Terry Fox Foundation so that our donations can begin funding cancer research around the world. You are remarkable, MIS!



Additionally, we have an amazing new addition to our school. Just today, we held a ribbon cutting ceremony for our expansive, new Sand Pit and Outdoor Learning Space on the kindergarten playground. The kindergarten children immediately climbed right in and began digging, building, creating, sharing in the sand as well as climbing on the various climbing features. Our Grade 6 Green students who attended the ceremony were the first to use the external bouldering wall. We want to thank the MIS PTA for their generous contributions to this project that we are convinced will bring years of joy, exploration, and rich learning for our students!



Calendar

Tuesday 23 November

National Holiday
Labour Thanksgiving Day
No School

Wednesday 24 November

G3&4 Swimming - Day 10

Friday 26 November

G5Y Class Assembly
Student Council-Sponsored
Spirit Day
Non-Uniform Crafts
& Play Day
(¥100 Donation
to Participate)



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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 draw your attention to the outcomes of our recent earthquake drill. The outcomes of our drills are very important for us as they indicate how well our staff and children would act in a real emergency. We believe that regular drills enable us to fully prepare children and staff should the need arise for real.

Due to the return to school protocols put in place to safeguard against the spread of Covid-19, we had stopped the completion of whole school drills and instead relied on the teachers to complete class-based drills. These drills allowed the children to understand what they need to do in the event of an emergency situation but they lacked the authenticity that whole school drills provide. It was a relief to complete a whole school earthquake drill after all this time, and Mr. Citrano and I were very reassured that the staff and children are still keenly aware of what they need to do in the event of a serious earthquake. I hope this reassures you as well. Hopefully, we will never need to complete the process for real, but should we need to, we will be able to act safely.

Also, last Friday night, Grade 4 had their annual Science Sleepover. The children did a load of science experiments, drank hot chocolate under the stars, and ate pizza and hot dogs for dinner. It was a great time, full of science and fun! Please enjoy the photos below of this exciting learning opportunity for our students.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

SARI IS THIS WEEK'S WINNER!



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Kindergarten News



K1:
Learning
About and
Experiment-
ing with
Shapes.
Plus
Practicing
their first
Earthquake
Drill!!



K2:
Learning
About
Hibernating
Animals
and
Making
Geometric
Castles!



K3:
Experiment-
ing with
Tracing
Shadows
at Different
Times of the
Day to
Learn About
the Rotation
of the Earth!





Grade 3 Bring Sakura to MIS!

G3Y planted a sakura tree near to the school rice paddy. Liam, our student council representative and great global citizen, had a lovely idea of planting the tree to improve the school environment. Ito-san helped us to choose a good spot. What a wonderful idea to see this tree grow up as we grow too!



Something's Fishy in Grade 2!

In their Kokugo lessons, the students in Grade 2 started learning about the life of salmon. They experienced how big salmon grow using real life-sized pictures. It was impressive for everyone!



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Midori Dominate MIS House Soccer Tournament!

About 130 children participated in the MIS Soccer Tournament over the past two weeks. Our student-athletes were excited to play soccer together. It was such a pleasure to feel their house team spirit yet again. Some children who don't usually play soccer in break time even participated. We are pleased to announce the winning house teams: the Lower Elementary winners are Midori and Upper Elementary winners are also Midori. Well done! Please watch the video in MIS News for more action!



School Photo Sale

Book Parade photos are being sold until December 9th.

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



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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Road Safety Week 2021 Autumn

- Looking for the Crosswalk Monitors -

Dear Parents,

Road Safety Week - Autumn is approaching! It will be held for the week of 13th December 2021 (13th December 2021 - 17th December 2021).

MIS PTA plans to monitor the crossings near the school semi-annually in spring and autumn. If you can find a time to spare for

any time slots during that week, please volunteer yourself as a Crosswalk Monitor before and/or after the school. It takes only about 30 min in the morning and afternoon while all the students come to/leave from the school.

Road Safety Week 2020



13th December - 17th December 2021

Morning: 8:30 - 8:50 (meet at Aeon Style Makuhari Bay Park at **8:25**)

Afternoon: 15:15 - 15:35 (meet at Aeon Style Makuhari Bay Park at **15:10**)

Join Us
Now!

To sign up for the volunteer, please click the URL below:

<https://forms.gle/6L6Vzp8stcDLHZwD9>

It would be a great opportunity not only to watch over the safe commute of our children, but also to greet to the MIS students as well as the neighborhoods of the school!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact misptaevent@gmail.com. Thank You!

The MIS PTA

Road Safety Week 2021 Autumn

- Crosswalk Monitors 募集中！ -

2021 年 2 回目の交通安全週間が 12 月 13 日（月）

～12 月 17 日（金）に実施されます。

MIS PTA では 2020 年より交通安全週間に合わせ年に 2 回ほど（春と秋）学校周辺の横断歩道の見守りを実施しています。

保護者の皆様には、この期間中の登下校時間帯に学校周辺の横断歩道の見守りにご協力を頂きたいいたします。朝・午後のいずれかでも、1 日のみの参加も可能ですので、ぜひ多くの皆様のご参加をお待ちしております。



2021 年 12 月 13 日（月）～17 日（金）

朝：8:30 - 8:50 （8:25 にイオンスタイル幕張ベイパーク前に集合）

午後：15:15 - 15:35 （15:10 にイオンスタイル 幕張ベイパーク前に集合）

Join Us
Now !

お申し込みは以下のリンクからご確認ください。

<https://forms.gle/6L6Vzp8stcDLHZwD9>

登下校中の子供たちの明るい挨拶から元気をもらえて、学校近隣の方々と交流もできる大変よい機会になると思います。ぜひご協力のほどをお願い申し上げます。

ご質問はこちらまで：misptaevent@gmail.com

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