



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



All throughout this year, our theme has been “We All Have Super Powers!” This motto has allowed us to have so many conversations with the students about what they perceive to be their super powers or strengths and how can they share these with others. After all, the more we understand our selves and share our strengths with others, the more powerful we are as a community.

Students have also learned the strengths of their peers and their teachers, and, as a result, know that they can rely on others for their support in areas where - or at times when - they may not be so skilled or confident. I hope that as parents you will reflect on your personal strengths (super powers) and share them, as well as letting your child know what you feel are their strengths.

I’ve been so pleased to see how this has played out not only during our day-to-day interactions, but also in our major events such as Book Week, Sports Day, and - as you saw this week - in your child(ren)’s Winter Performances! Bravo to our students and teachers for harnessing their super powers and sharing them with us!



Calendar

Mon-Fri 13-17 December

MIS Road Safety Week
in collaboration with
the MIS PTA

Monday 13 December

Board Meetings
1pm & 3pm

Tuesday 14 December

PTA Board Meeting
1:15pm via Zoom

Thursday 16 December

Black Stripe Theater
Perform
‘A Christmas Carol’
for Grades 3-6 - 9:15am

Friday 17 December

Last Day of Term

Sat 18 Dec - Mon 03 Jan

Winter Holiday

Tuesday 04 January

First Day of Term 3
Calligraphy Week Begins



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this week's Nanohana, I would like to give thanks to everybody involved for making this year's Winter Performance the success it was. About eight weeks ago, Mr Satterwhite and the teachers were told about the theme for this year's performance. Since then, they thought creatively about how to deliver a song and dance for your entertainment. It is always amazing to see the transformation that happens in the intervening weeks. The students go from not knowing a single step of their dance or note from a song's melody to being able to perform with such confidence on the stage. Credit must go to the teachers for the change they bring about in such a short space of time.

Being on the arts team this year, I have also been fortunate to work with the creative team that plan for the logistics of the kindergarten and elementary shows. I have been so impressed with the amazing team ethic that our teachers and administrators display to make sure that everything is perfect for not just the shows themselves but also the rehearsals and the practice times. The winter performance is truly a collaborative and community building experience and every year, I have felt so privileged to be a part of it all.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the support that you gave your children in the build up to the show. Of course, they wouldn't look as sparkly in their costumes without your efforts to get just the right clothing and accessories as well. I hope that you thoroughly enjoyed seeing your child on the stage dancing with passion and confidence. It was so heart-warming to have parents in the audience again and I thank you for your attendance as it helped to make the event even more special for the students. Thank you for all of your support. It is truly appreciated.



**HOUSE POINT
TOTALS
MIDORI IS THIS
WEEK'S
WINNER!**



**Please
Check
Lost &
Found**

The office will dispose of the remaining Term 2 lost & found items on Friday, December 17th.

Please check for missing items before that.

Thank you!



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Kindergarten News



K1:
Getting
in the
Christmas
Spirit with
Crafts
and
Decorating!

K2:
Playing in
the Snow
with Artic
Animals!

K3:
Making
Christmas
Decorations
For the
Classroom
And
Using
Strategy
While
Playing
Gaga Ball!





Grade 1 Work As Civil Engineers!

In Grade 1, the students have been designing their own towns. Working as a team, they have had to think carefully about how to share their ideas, how buildings for different purposes are different sizes, and most importantly... how many ice cream shops a town really needs! It has been a great learning experience.



What Will the Grade 6 Students Create for our Playground?

This week G6Y continued to develop their carpentry skills by working on their play equipment sculptures. Students have learned how to use saws, vices, hand drills, and of course glue guns. Almost done!



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It All Measures Up in G2G!

This week, Grade 2 Green started their new unit on measurement. Students had 3 challenges to complete in groups. The first challenge was to try to make a line equal to 1m. The second challenge was to fill a container with 1L of water. The final challenge was to collect objects around the classroom that were equal to 1kg. Once the students made their guesses, they then checked how close they were using different measurement tools. The groups that were the closest to the target were the winners!



Grade 5 Dialogue About Fairness and Equality!

This week, G5G had a philosophical discussion as part of their Global Citizenship work. The children discussed the idea of fairness and equality in the world and in their school community. The children thought deeply and shared many interesting and perceptive ideas.



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Kindergarten Winter Performance



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