



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



As I reflect back on Term 2, the longest and most productive term of the year, I'm struck by just how many accomplishments we have made and how many opportunities we have provided our students.

This term we restarted clubs and activities five days a week, opened After School Care to all grades, gave Grades 3 & 4 the chance to have swimming lessons, held virtual class and grade-level assemblies, held Calligraphy Week as well as a number of trips (including the Grade 5 Residential and Grade 4 Science Sleepover), held Sports Day, the Terry Fox Run, Music Recitals and the Winter Performances with parents in attendance.

Moreover, we were able to invite in an author with a truly important message and offer a number of wonderful literacy-oriented activities as part of Book Week. Our Student Council have hosted fun Spirit Day as part of their Global Citizenship work in supporting the Red Feather Campaign. With the help of the MIS PTA, we were able to build and open a one-of-a-kind Kindergarten Sand Pit Learning and Exploration Area and we had more applicants than ever in the history of the school to enter in April (our reputation is spreading). We refined our teaching and learning policies, approaches, and practices, drastically increased technology provision so that our students and staff can better integrate technology into their learning and teaching.

All of this was achieved while facing some of the highest numbers of cases of COVID-19 that the nation has ever experienced. We wouldn't say that it has been easy, but then rarely are the really great opportunities in life - we must work together to achieve great things, and this we have done this term! Thank you to all of the members of the MIS Community for your passion, creativity, perseverance, hard work, time, support, empathy, and commitment. As we enter the Holidays, we should truly be thankful for all that we have collectively. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you. We hope that you will have a restful and fun-filled holiday. You deserve it!

Calendar

Sat 18 Dec - Mon 03 Jan

Winter Holiday

Tuesday 04 January

First Day of Term 3
Calligraphy Week Begins

Wednesday 05 January

G1&2 Swimming - Day 1

Friday 07 January

G2 Japanese
Oshogatsu Assembly



KINDER SAND PIT WITH NEW TURF SURROUNDING IT! THANK YOU, PTA!



NEW SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS! THANK YOU, PTA!



Check out the latest efforts of the MIS PTA by visiting the MIS PTA Website at:
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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. Term Two was a great success in so many ways (as covered by Mr. Citrano) and we have been so thankful for your support during the past sixteen weeks. Where did the time go? I would like to look ahead to the highlights that we have in store for Term Three.

The third term is our shortest, lasting eleven weeks, but we try our best to squeeze in as much learning and enjoyable experiences as possible. The first day of term will be Tuesday the 4th of January and we will happily welcome back the students after the winter break. G1 and G2 will begin their ten weeks of swimming lessons in the first week. Clubs will begin in the third week of term and end on Friday the 25th of February. We will have the MIS Spelling Bee contests in the third week and a new champion will be crowned. The MIS Maths Challenge will take place at the end of January and will give the children a chance to flex their mathematical muscles. The second week of February will usher in the ISA tests for grades three, four and five. In the third week of February, we will host parents again for the MIS Science Week and during that week, Grade Six will travel to Gunma for their annual Ski Trip. The 25th of February will roll around quickly and, on that day, you will receive your child's final report of the year. Parents' evenings will be hosted during the week beginning February 28 and will provide you with the chance to hear from your child's teachers about the progress they have made this year. Before you know it in the penultimate week of term, we will be hosting the annual award ceremony and will celebrate the achievements of the award winners. This will then lead us to the final week of term and the graduation celebrations for K3 and Grade Six. The last day of term will be the 18th of March and will lead to a much-needed recharge before we begin a new school year in April 2022.

As you can see from the details above, Term Three will be packed with events and learning and as ever, the MIS staff will be committed to doing all they can to support your child's learning needs. I would like to thank you in advance for all of the effort you put in to supporting the school's plans. Between now and January 4, I hope you have a wonderful holiday time with your family. All the very best to you. Mr. Hall

HOUSE POINT

TOTALS
NILA IS THIS
WEEK'S
WINNER!



Beautiful Pillows, Textile Club!

The girls in Textiles Club finished their latest project making star cushions. They used the sewing machine to sew most of the edges and then stuffed the cushions so they were nice and comfortable. Finally, they hand stitched the remaining parts and the cushions were complete!



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Kindergarten News



K1:
Starting to
Make
Friendship
Bracelets!

K2:
Playing in
the Snow
with Artic
Animals!

K3:
Showing
Off
Their
Beautiful
Christmas
Cards!





Newton Would Be Impressed with G3Y!

G3Y have been getting skilled at all sorts of measuring. Using a Newton meter, they measured mass in grams. They are becoming much more accurate at estimating, measuring, and finding the difference between these numbers.



Check Out Our Grade 4 Playwriters & Actors!

Grade 4 have been studying playscripts in their English lessons. They learned how to use the stage directions to give some very entertaining performances of Hansel & Gretel. Using great teamwork, the children presented different interpretations of the same tale and we had such fun!



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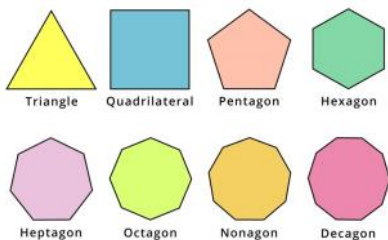
Candy Cane Science in Grade 4!

Grade 4 have been completing the term with some Christmas science! We experimented with candy canes to see what effect different temperatures had on their rate of dissolving. We also tested how snowman popping candy would react with different liquids. It did nothing in the oil, but released lots of CO₂ in the lemon juice and made some great loud pops! Great observations and conclusion, Grade 4 scientists.



Grade 1 Really Come Together and Get in Shape!

Students are thinking about shapes this week, and used their whole bodies to make the sides of each shape. Count the sides (edges) and corners (vertices) of each polygon! Can you see which one is a triangle (3 sides), square (4 sides), pentagon (5 sides), hexagon (6 sides), heptagon (7 sides), octagon (8 sides), nonagon (9 sides), and decagon (10 sides)? Did you know that the word “polygon” means “many (poly) angles (gon)”?



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Black Stripe Theater's - A Christmas Carol



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