



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I'd like to wish everyone in the MIS Community a very Happy New Year! These first two weeks back at school have been packed with incredible learning opportunities and engaging activities for our students. On top of that... SNOW! What an unexpected day of fun in the white stuff that was for our children (and the adults too)!

We look forward to many more exciting opportunities as the rest of the term unfolds. We have swimming for Grades 1 & 2, clubs which start next week, spelling bees, the MIS Math Challenge and Science Fair, and Grade 6 Snow Trip. We know that with creative planning by our talented staff, these events will be as special as ever for the students.



Calendar

Monday 17 January

G3-6 Spelling Bee

Tuesday 18 January

PTA Board Mtg - 1:15pm

Wednesday 19 January

G1&2 Swimming - Day 3

Thursday 20 January

G1&2 Spelling Bee

Friday 21 January

G1G Assembly

Global Citizenship Time in
Elem Creative Studies

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



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. Happy new year to you all in the MIS community. I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable time together as a family during the vacation. We are pleased to be back and are looking forward to the learning journey ahead over the coming weeks of Term 3. In this week's edition of Nanohana, I would like to touch upon the importance of developing grit and determination in your children. When life becomes challenging, the easiest thing to do is to give up on the goals that are presenting us with challenges or to hide away from the difficulties we face. Of course, you will be aware that this attitude gets you nowhere in life and in times of challenge, what one requires to overcome adversity is grit.

At MIS, I see many opportunities for our students to develop this important personality trait. Once such example happened this week in PE when Grade Five completed the termly 'Beep Test'. This termly test of stamina and endurance sees the children run between two points during an ever-diminishing time frame. As the time between the beep shrinks, so the speed at which the runner has to move increases. This proves to be a challenge for all because they are essentially competing against themselves. By overcoming their body's desire to give up they create the chance of beating their personal best distance. I am pleased to say that many students improved upon their personal best and showed grit and determination to push themselves to their limits.

This is one such way that students are given the chance to improve their grit. I would encourage you to consider ways to support 'grit' development in your children at home.



Telling Analog & Digital Time in Grade 2!

The students in G2G have been studying analogue and digital time. They used mini-clocks to show the time and learnt the different ways you can say the time.



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



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Back Together Again!

This term Kindergarten children were pleased to hear that we are now able to play together outside. It has been a long time since children in different grades were able to see each other and socialise so it was exciting for the children to have the opportunity to make new friends in different grades.

At breaktimes the children are now able to access the grass, the new sandpit and the large blue playground. We celebrated being able to use this large space by buying new scooters and balance bikes to challenge the children's physical skills. Look at how much fun the children are having!



K1:
Playing Bingo
and
Connecting
with One
Another!



K2:
Drawing
Digitally
in the
ICT Suite
and
Working on
Doubling!



K3:
Experimenting
With
Magnets,
Exploring
Transporta-
tion in the
Community &
Counting by
Fives!





Celebrating Calligraphy!

The New Year started with Calligraphy Week at MIS. Children did the first calligraphy of the year. The students wrote G3 正月 New Year, G4 美しい空 Beautiful sky, G5 新しい風 New wind, & G6 夢の実現 Dreams come true. The fourth to sixth graders used long pieces of paper and wrote their letters carefully.



G3 Create Aboriginal Art!

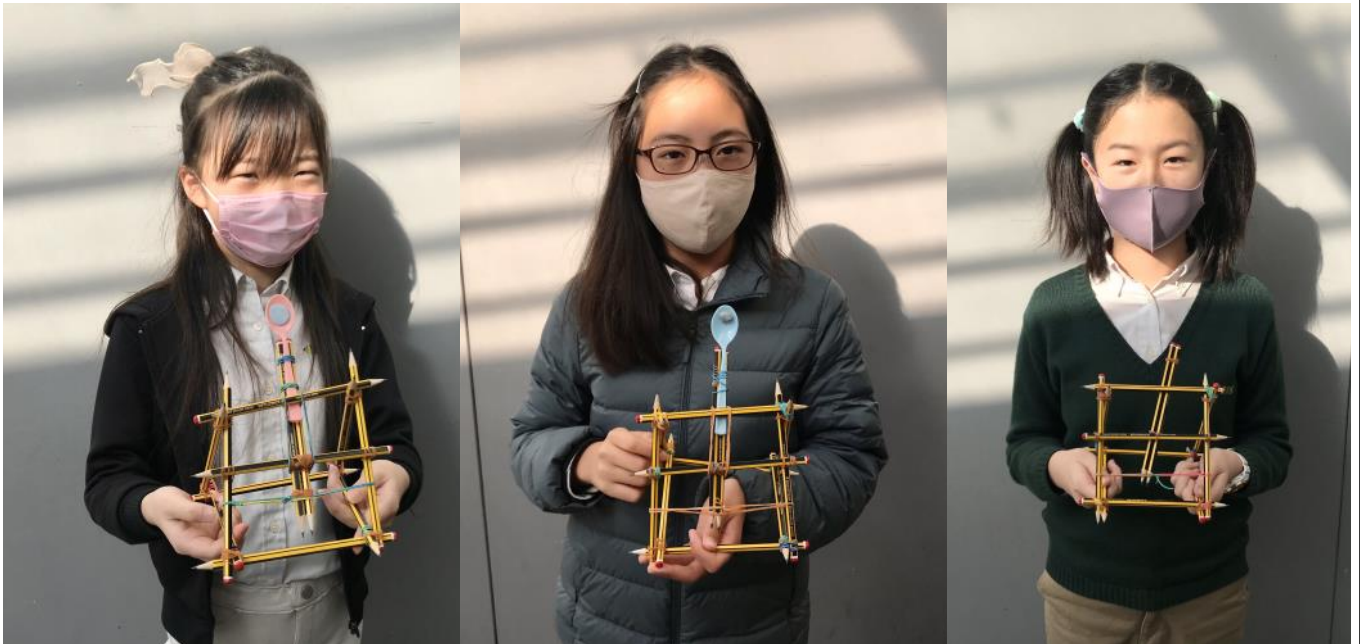
Grade 3 Yellow created their own dreaming pieces of aboriginal artwork. They had studied the journeys and traditional tales from the aboriginal culture and used original dot styled paintings. Can you see our creatures within our artwork?





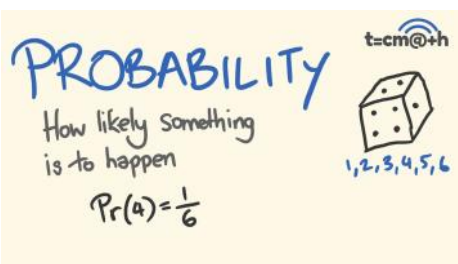
G6Y Catapult into Science!

This week in science G6Y students learned about the properties of levers. They used these principles to build catapults using only pencils and rubber bands. After a slow start for some, all the students were able to successfully finish the project. Well done!!



How Probable is it Grade 5?

Grade 5 are starting to learn about Probability in maths. We played a horse racing game to begin our understanding and learned about possible outcomes. It's a good job that we didn't spend any money on these "horses"!!



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