



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



One of the things that I truly love about our school is the combining of languages and cultures, creating a rich international and Japanese experience for our students (and us adults alike).

As is our annual Setsubun tradition here at MIS, on Thursday, the children in Kindergarten all gathered together on their field - with their adorably decorated oni hats - and were visited by a very active oni who danced, growled, jumped, and banged his giant club on the ground. He was no match for our Kindergarten students though, who jumped up grade-level by grade-level to shout “鬼は外! 福は内! Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!” and attack the bad luck oni with loads of beans.

Huge thanks to our Kindergarten children for chasing away the evil spirits from our school and welcoming in good luck for the remainder of the year! Thanks also go to the Kindergarten Japanese teachers for creating this special cultural celebration!

Calendar

Tuesday 08 February

ISA Tests - Gr 3-5

Wednesday 09 February

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Thursday 10 February

K3 Assembly

New Parent Orientation
& Uniform Session

Friday 11 February

National Foundation Day
No School



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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 highlight the recent MIS Maths Challenge for you all. The annual Maths Challenge Week has been a favourite for many students since it started in 2020. Each year, the teachers create a variety of novel challenges that encourage the application of mathematical skills and understanding for all involved.

The students are grouped up in their house teams and are tasked with completing each challenge using the best teamwork possible. We find that this gives our students a wonderful opportunity to develop not just their maths skills but also their interpersonal skills. The element of competition between the houses adds to the fun and creates a sense of determination to succeed as well. It was nice to hear stories from the children about how much they enjoyed this year's challenges.

Looking at the photos this year's competition was thoroughly enjoyed by the MIS students and teachers alike. I hope that at home, you are able to play games that involve the use of maths with your children because the using and applying of mathematical concepts really cements understanding and brings about a sense of purpose for learning mathematical concepts in the first place.



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



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



A Week of Celebrations in Kindergarten

This week was very special in Kindergarten as we had two big celebrations. On Thursday the children celebrated the cultural tradition of Setsubun. The children were very excited that Oni appeared and then they threw their soya beans at him while yelling "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi! After they defeated Oni they then enjoyed a scavenger hunt.



This week was also Maths Week at MIS. The children enjoyed using what they had learned in maths in lots of new and fun ways. Please check Seesaw for more photographs of your child having fun celebrating.



K1:
Learning
Patterns
in Maths!

K2:
All Dressed
Up for
Setsubun
and
Working on
Phonics!

K3:
Celebrating
Maths with a
Maths Party
and Practicing
Throwing
Skills in PE!



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Grade 5 Explore and Create まんが Manga

Are the same techniques used in Japanese manga and English comics? In Kokugo lessons, the G5 students started finding the techniques used in まんが by reading the text. Later on, they found those techniques in Manga books and wrote explanations of the techniques that they actually used to draw their own comics in English lessons.



G1G Explore Their Own Growth!

In Grade One, children displayed photos of themselves growing up. They are preparing to create a scrapbook to show the different stages in their lives, and to enrich their learning within the theme "Health and Growth". Children think about how they have changed over the years, and the people involved in their growth. They truly enjoyed perusing each other's photos in a museum walk!



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What is Mathematical Art?

All throughout the week, Grade Four have been having lots of fun with the MIS Maths Challenge. In these challenges, the students worked in house team groups to solve problems/puzzles and create their own mathematical art.



Grade 6 Frame Their Beautiful Landscapes!

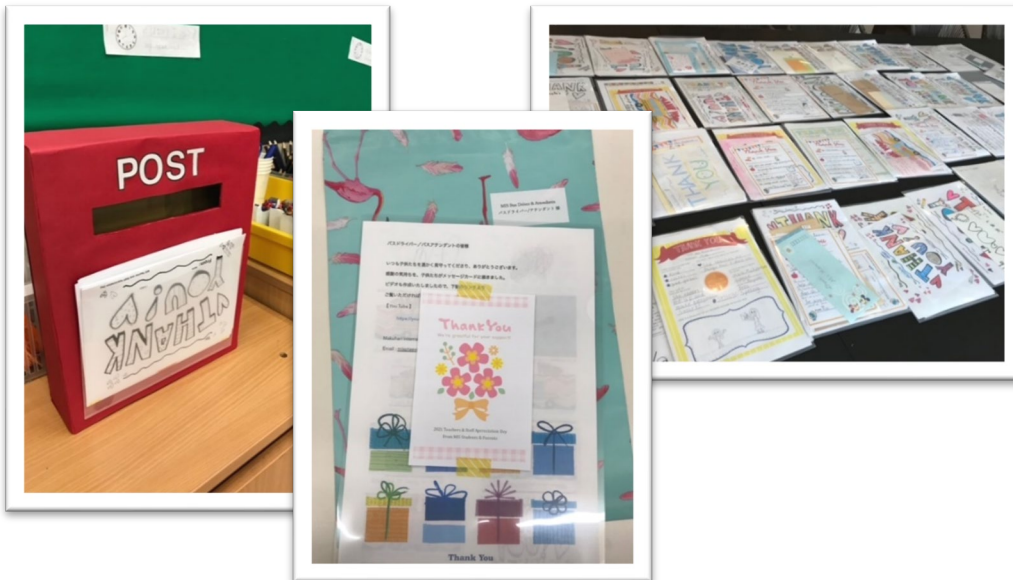
This week the G6Y students were building wooden frames for their final water color landscape paintings. Developing artistic and carpentry skills at the same time! Awesome!



MIS PTA Newsletter

We can help create the best possible environment for learning and growing.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day



We are excited to announce you that we will be holding the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day on 28 February 2022. This is a special day to express our gratitude to the teachers and staff for their everyday efforts for our children. Just like last year's event, we would like all students to participate writing thank you messages for their teachers and MIS staff (administrative office representatives, custodians, bus drivers/attendants etc)

How to participate ??

- (1) Write your thank you message to your teachers !!!
Also remember to express your appreciations to MIS staff !!!
- (2) Post the message cards to the Red Post Box in your classroom OR
send your messages attached to email to MIS PTA at
misptaevent@gmail.com **by Friday, 18 February 2022.**

*You can use the templates in the following pages or create your own !
(Printed templates are also provided with the Red Post Box in each class)*

**We will also prepare a small gift to each teacher and staff.
The gift will be delivered along with all your messages on 28 February 2022.**



The Red Post Box
in each class!
The simplest way
you can submit your
message cards!



Take a photo and
send it to us!
You can send your
message by
attaching via
email!

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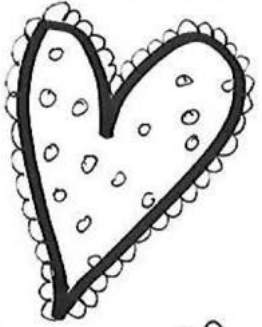
**DO NOT
FORGET!!!**
Your name, class
and staff
member's name
to the message
card!!!



To: _____



THANK
YOU!



From: Name _____

/ Class _____



MIS Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day

To: _____

Thank You

For being a great teacher!



By: _____



My Favorite thing about my teacher is _____



My teacher always says _____

My teacher likes when I _____



My Favorite memory is _____

What I am going to miss most is _____



Name _____

/ Class _____

From: _____



Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day

Thank You Printable

Help your child thank their teacher and staff for being so wonderful! Print this out, have your child fill it out, and send it to us!

Thank you cards for teachers

1. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HU3pAvSmYzSkN2hYdIbXmP-vHj9DIHvo/view?usp=sharing>
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Thank you cards for bus drivers and attendants

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KPfKld1mlHgfnfOyAFQadodKzTIQG576/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you cards for custodians

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yl445m8FFiIODjThuFfqFQqFmv74tsRW/view?usp=sharing>