



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



This past month has proven to be filled with many opportunities for our students to have rich learning experiences both in and out of the classroom. Classes are out on trips making real-life connections with their learning in the classroom and are presenting creative virtual assemblies aligned with our Ethics curriculum. The MIS News continues to highlight special events around the school on a weekly basis. Children in Grades 3-6 celebrated Calligraphy Week with their smooth flowing strokes. As part of Road Safety Week, students in Grades 1 & 3 learned from the Chiba Nishi Police how to walk and bike safely in our community. Please make sure to check in on your child's Seesaw learning journal regularly so that you can know exactly what and how they are learning.

Students continue to receive their medical check ups which are so important to ensuring each and every student is healthy. We appreciate your support in following up with your child's doctor, if you receive a notice from the school nurse. It was so nice to see all of the students dressed up in their coats and blazers for individual photos and the Grade 6 students in their caps and gowns!



I'd like to thank our MIS PTA for patrolling the crosswalks this week, not only ensuring that our students are safe and practicing sensible walking and biking but also greeting our wider community and leaving a positive impression of our school. We are excited about this Saturday's MIS Family Picnic & Games Day from 10am-1pm. Approximately 120 families have RSVP'd so it promises to be a fun-filled day where we can reconnect as a community!

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate our Poetry & Handwriting Competition Winners (see p. 9) as well as our 2022-2023 MIS House Captains who were recently elected by all of the members of their Houses across the Elementary School (learn more about the ways we are fostering leadership opportunities for students in Mr. Hall's article on the next page). Impressive! We look forward to your leadership in the upcoming Inter-House Challenge and in other events throughout the school year. Please join me in congratulating this year's MIS House Captains (photos on p. 8)!

2022-2023 MIS HOUSE CAPTAINS



MIDORI HOUSE CAPTAINS

Chelsea Kuronuma
Alen Kobiah

NILA HOUSE CAPTAINS

Kate Nishihara
Yuito Tsukahara



SARI HOUSE CAPTAINS

Asei Komatsu
Yulina Minami

ROSSO HOUSE CAPTAINS

Lian Tsuda
Ellen Ishikawa



Upcoming Events

Saturday 25 June

PTA Family Picnic & Games
Day - 10:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday 28 June

G6 to Sodegaura
Seaside Park
Grade 5&6 Parent School
Transfer Meeting

Wednesday 29 June

G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Thursday 30 June

G4 to Chiba Zoo

Friday 01 July

G3 to Chiba Zoo

Wednesday 06 July

Inter-House Challenge

Thursday 07 July

G2 to Aoba No Mori

Friday 08 July

K1 to Kaihin Makuhari Koen
K2 to Tobu Railway Museum
K3 to Kaihin Makuhari Koen
Reports Home

Tues-Thurs 12-14 July

Parents Evenings



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. This month, for the fourth time in our history, we held house team captains elections. The students in grade four to six had been asked to decide if they would like to nominate themselves and were given the time to prepare a short speech to explain why they would be ideal house captains. Two weeks ago, the students spilt off into their houses and the exciting elections took place.

I had the pleasure of walking around the school to listen to the nominees passionately explain why they would be the best captain. We were all so impressed by the variety of ways that the nominees promoted themselves and the confidence they displayed at speaking in public to such a large audience. Needless to say, it was not easy for the house team members to choose a leader, but choose they did.

Congratulations to all eight of our new house captains. As the year progresses, they will have opportunities to lead their house in a variety of ways and will no doubt aim for glory. This will begin on the 6th of July, when the elementary students participate in the *Inter-House Challenge*. This is the first chance for the captains to lead the way and support their team. Elementary children will need House t-shirts for this event. If a new one is required, please visit the Top of the Class uniform website at <https://www.schooluniform.jp/makuhari-international-school/>.



Finally, please be reminded that the final day for clubs this term will be Friday the 1st of July. Please be sure to remind your children to thank their club leaders for their support this term.



Farewell, Our Beloved Ito-san!

Students and staff across the school showed their gratitude to Ito-san when he left school this month. The students in G3G thanked him for helping them with their science sunflower project, and for all the support he has given over the years – especially in the gardens. The children created butterflies and flowers to symbolize the help that Ito-san has given in sharing his love of the outdoors and nature. Then, they were made into a topiary bunch of flowers which was presented along with a card full of personal messages. We wish you the very best, Ito-san!



HOUSE POINT TOTALS ROSSO STAYS ON TOP!



Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before July 15th.

After that, items will be donated or disposed of.



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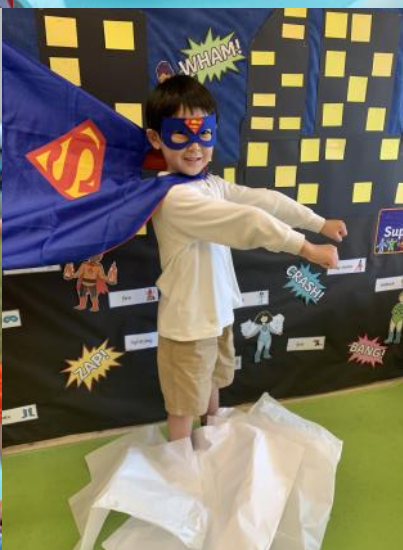
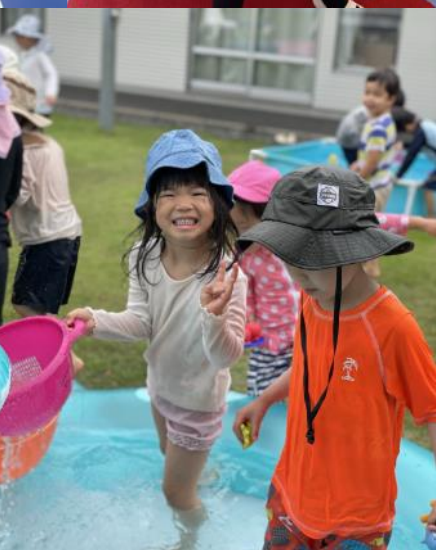
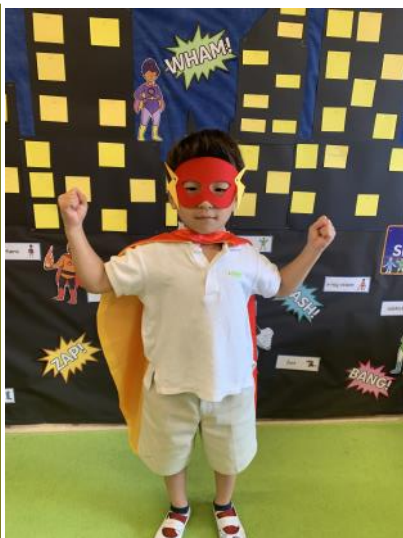
Kindergarten News



K1:
Exploring
Types of
Transporta-
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People Who
Help Them
In Their
Community!!

K2:
Enjoying
Water Play
and
Celebrating
Fathers Day!

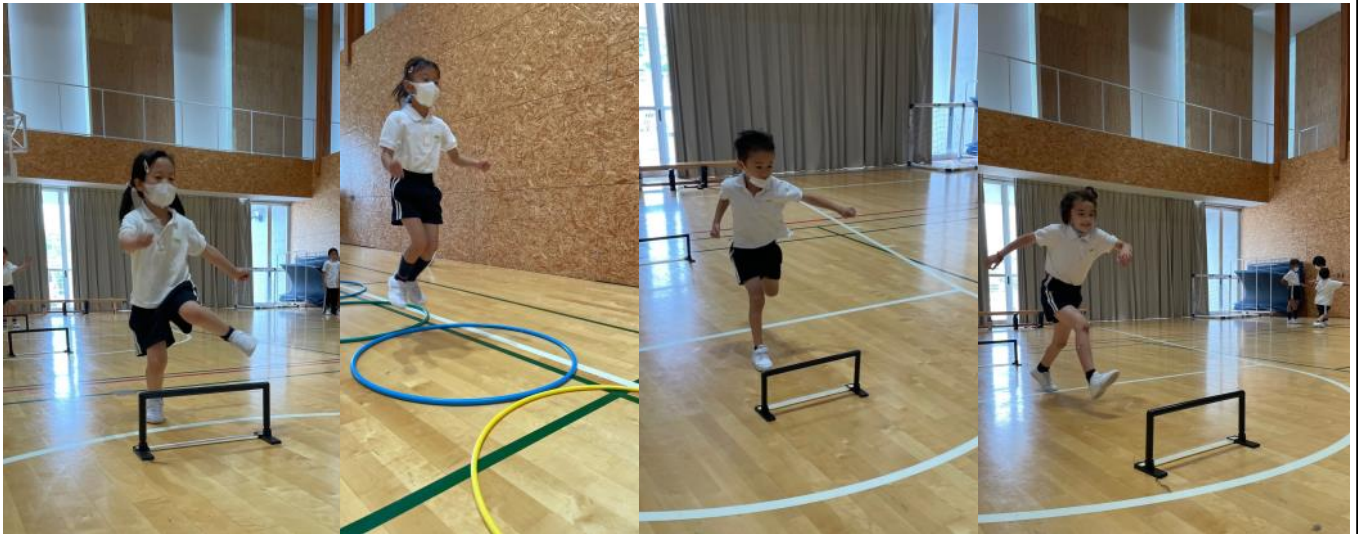
K3:
Imagining
Their
Superhero
Powers!





Grade 1 Build On Their Agility Skills!

Grade 1 have been practicing running and jumping skills in their PE lessons recently. This week, they worked to improve their running form, jumping skills, and general motor coordination by running over hurdles and hopping in and out of hula hoops. They also worked on their agility skills by practicing the shuttle run.



Grade 2 Multiply, Multiply, Multiply!

G2 have just started learning about multiplication. The students have been building arrays to demonstrate the Commutative Principle, that is, understanding that 6×3 is the same as 3×6 . This has helped them to understand exactly what is happening when we multiply numbers. They enjoyed creating their own multiplication problems to challenge themselves!





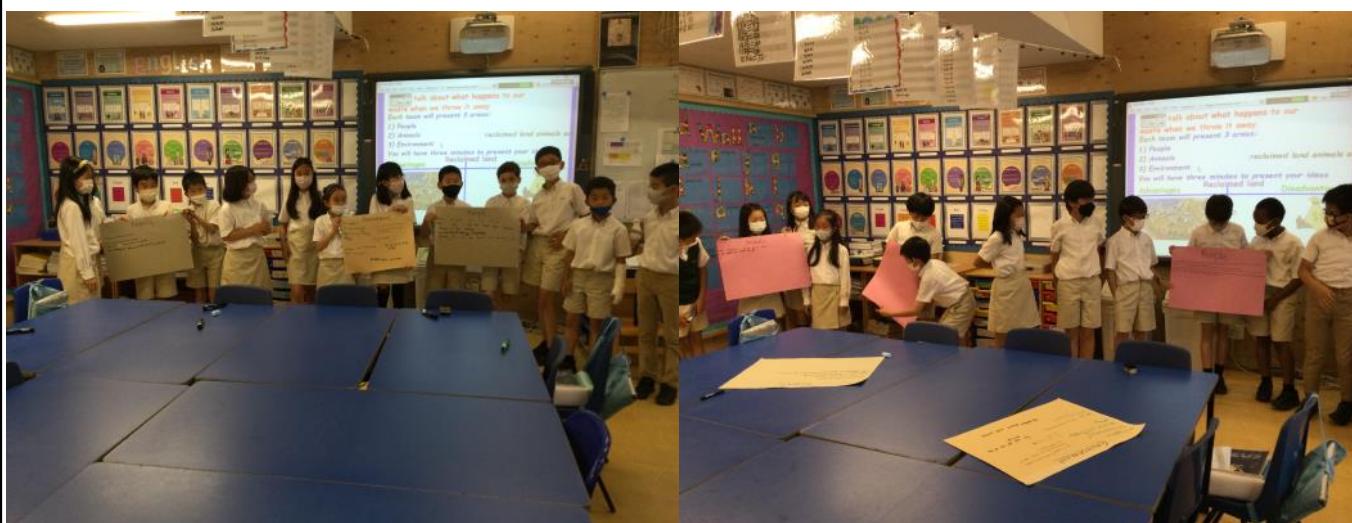
Grade 3 Practice Bike Safety and Map their Community!

This week, the students in Grade 3 were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to have a bike safety lesson from the Chiba Nishi Police. Students road their bicycles through intersections controlled by electronic traffic signals. Additionally, as part of their work on maps and symbols for Social Studies, G3Y went on a trip around the local area to learn and understand more about facilities and services in our area. They needed to add their own symbols and a key to a map that they had drawn themselves while navigating around the local area.



Grade 4 Debate Pros & Cons of Reclaimed Land

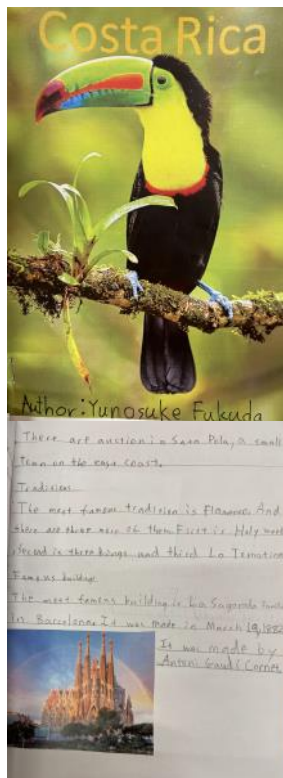
In Social Studies, G4G had a debate on the pros and cons of reclaimed land. We debated the impact on the environment and on people's lives. Because MIS and the homes of many G4 children are built on reclaimed land, arguing against reclaimed land was quite a challenging position to be in! However, all children did very well trying to see reclaimed land from different points of view and a very interesting debate followed!





Grade 5 Research Countries & Cultures Around the World & Explore Rice Paddy Terraces

Using both ICT and research books, Grade 5 Yellow are proud of the country study booklets that they have created. They have learned and shared a lot about the many different nations in the world! A truly rich cultural experience for everyone. On their exciting trip combining their learning in Social Studies, Science and Global Citizenship, all of Grade 5 explored the Oyama Rice Paddy Terraces. Besides seeing rice paddies like their very own on campus, students discovered lots of other plants, animals, and insects. It was a beautiful day to be out and about!



Grade 6 Create Human Lungs!

As part of their studies in Science, the Grade 6 students were working on building a model of the human lungs. G6 worked hard to follow the directions carefully and quickly. Two balloons represented the lungs and one represented the diaphragm muscle. Another diligent effort!



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Calligraphy Week Showcases Students' Artistic Kanji Talents

This month, students in Grades 3-6 celebrated Calligraphy Week at MIS. The children worked on their calligraphy, thinking about the shape of the letters and enjoying the feel of the brush. Students created the following kanji: G3 「土」 soil, G4 「花」 flower, G5 「米」 rice, G6 「愛」 love. They demonstrated that they are talented calligraphy artists by the way they concentrated on their work. Let's keep up the great work in the next Calligraphy Week in September!



Thank You, PTA, for a Successful Road Safety Week!





Congratulations to the 2022-2023 House Captains!



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*The most overwhelming
key to a child's success
is the positive involve-
ment of parents.
- Jane D. Hull*

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efforts of the MIS PTA by
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CONGRATULATIONS

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