



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

Edition 389 – July 2022

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I'd like to thank all of the parents who were able to come to this week's Parents' Evenings. It is so important that we are able to work in partnership to support our students' success. We hope that you were able to better understand where your child is at academically and socially as a result of these meetings.

I'd also like to thank the PTA for putting on such a wonderful PTA Family Picnic & Fun Day in June. It was so nice to be able to come together and play games, dance, compete in sports, share lunch and - most of all - just share time together once again. This year, the PTA's vision is to reconnect the MIS Community to support our children's education. I think that anyone who attended this special event would say that the PTA certainly achieved that vision. It was a precious day to see so many smiles!

For the Grade 5 & 6 parents who were able to attend the School Transfer Meeting at the end of June, School Liaison Officer, Mr. Suzuki and Deputy Head, Mr. Hall look forward to supporting your child's transition to junior high schools or middle schools. Individual parent meetings will be scheduled in late September, but feel free to reach out to Suzuki-sensei with any questions you may have before that.

We were able to hold our Inter-House Challenge once again on July 6th and it proved to be a powerful team building experience for all of the students in Grades 1-6. In their cross-grade-level house teams, we were able to work together to complete a variety of challenges - from making hats out of recycled materials, to an MIS Quiz with iPads on Kahoot, to rehearsing and performing an intricate house team dance, to a series of Japanese challenges. The students truly enjoyed working together to achieve great things! Congratulations to all of the students who participated and a special CONGRATULATIONS to House Team NILA for being the overall winners of this year's MIS Inter-House Challenge! You can find photos of this event later on in this edition of Nanohana.



Lastly, I want to wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer. We hope that you are able to travel near or far and reunite with friends and family, get out in nature, read a good book, or do whatever fills your heart. We will see you back at the end of August.

## Upcoming Events

**16 July-28 August**

Summer Vacation

Don't forget to send a post-card and enjoy the Tic Tac Toe Holiday Homework

**Monday 29 August**

First Day of Term 2

**Wed Aug 31 & Thurs Sept 1**

K1-G5 Class Group Photos

Tie & Blazer for Elementary Students

**Wednesday 07, 14, 21, 28 September**

G3&4 Swimming - 1pm

**Thursday 08 September**

Open Day - 9:00am-Noon

**Thursday 15 September**

Board Meetings

**Mon & Fri 19 & 23 September**

Public/School Holidays

**Tuesday 20 September**

PTA Board Mtg - 12:15pm

**Friday 23 September**

Information Day for Prospective Families



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**From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School**



Greetings from MIS. The end of Term 1 is upon us and the summer vacation begins. It has certainly been a term full of wonderful learning adventures across the school. I am always awestruck by the vibrancy of our students, who right up until the last day of the term, go about their learning with commitment and enthusiasm. The teachers really do well to keep up with them and no doubt need a rest now. You should have received the holiday homework for your children be it the post-card challenge for K1-K3 (via a Seesaw message) or the Tic-Tac-Toe Challenge for elementary students. I hope your children enjoy completing some or all of the challenges, and we look

forward to seeing what they come up with after the holiday.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the term. At MIS we are really fortunate to work with so many brilliant individuals and your support is a key reason why they are such incredible children to work with. Have an amazing holiday and we look forward to welcoming your children back to MIS in August.



## Grade 1 Take Pride in Taking Care of their Asagao!

As part of their studies in Science and Kokugo, student in Grade 1 planted asagao (morning glory) seeds in June and have been taking care of them every day since then. The seeds were so tiny but look at them now! The children enjoyed making observations using their senses and writing them down. The asagao are going home with the children for summer. We can't wait to read what the children write about them when they have flowers!



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS WITH INTER HOUSE CHALLENGE



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## Kindergarten News



### K1:

Exploring the Colours of the Rainbow, Enjoying a Trip to the Park, and Splashing Around During Water Play!



### K2:

Learning All About Transportation at the Tobu Railroad Museum!



### K3:

Creating Cityscape Collages in Art!







## Grade 1 Practice Digital Citizenship

G1Y has been learning about being safe on the internet in their ICT lessons recently. They discussed what to do if someone they don't know sends them online messages. They also looked at places on the internet that are safe for children, such as Junior Safe Search and National Geographic Kids.



## It's Pizzalicious Learning for Grade 2

G2 has been learning about instructions in English. After completing our non-fiction unit, students went to the Cooking Room and, following instructions, made delicious pizza! What a fun and delicious activity!



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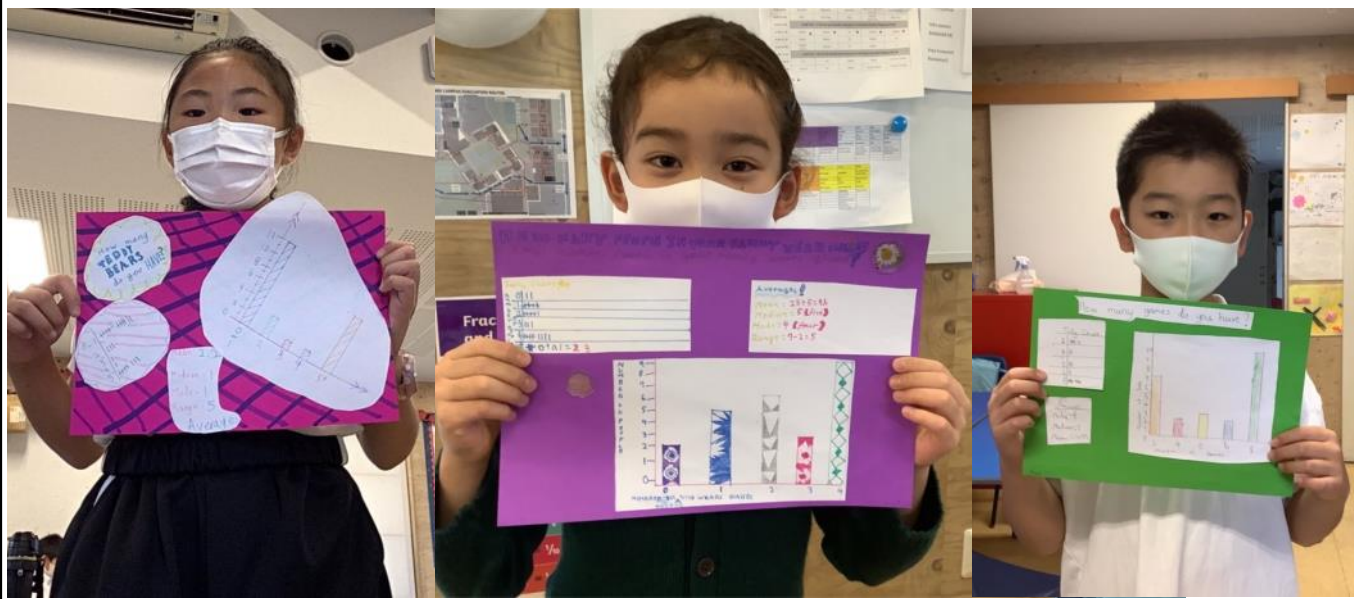
## Grade 3 Go on Safari at the Chiba Zoo

As part of their work in Science on animals in their habitats, Grade 3 went on a field trip to the Chiba Zoo on July 1st. They explored the different areas, located the different features of the animals, and thought about how they have adapted to their habitats.



## Grade 4 Are Absolutely Not Average (but they can calculate averages)

In Maths class, Grade 4 have been learning about averages. They wrote survey questions to ask the class, collected data, then made charts and calculated the averages. Very impressive mathematicians!



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## Grade 5 Creatively Combat World Hunger

This past month, students in Grade 5 have been learning about health and nutrition. To challenge themselves, students have been coming up with their own plans to combat world hunger. They presented their plans to their classmates so that they find ways that might combine efforts. Using the SDG's "Zero Hunger" Campaign, they hope to bring about ideas to eliminate hunger by 2030!



## Clams, Clams, Clams for Grade 6!

The students in Grade 6 went on an excellent field trip to go clam digging at Ushigome Beach in Sodegaura. It was connected to an upcoming Science unit on 'moons, tides and planets'. It was a sunny day, and the student worked diligently to dig up enough clams for a meal back home. While there were fewer clams this year than normal, everyone enjoyed a beautiful day at the beach!



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## Grade 6 Explore the Possibilities and Impact of Renewable Energy

As part of their work in Kokugo, students in Grade 6 researched renewable energy and compiled their findings in a digital brochure. They were then divided into teams that had researched the same renewable energy sources. Students considered the good points, challenges, and ways in which renewables could be expanded and promoted in the future. True global citizens in action!



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*Thank You, Parents, for your Partnership & Support!*



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## *Great Teambuilding at the Inter-House Challenge!*



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# MIS PTA Newsletter

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

## Report of activity Term 1

### PTA Family Picnic & Fun day (June 25th, 2022)

Our PTA theme for this year is to "Reconnect the MIS community for supporting our children's education". The first event of 2022 used this vision as a guiding principle. We hope to bring together the MIS family for more opportunities in the 2022-23 school year. Thank you to all parents and children for their support.



MIS families gathered at the school on Saturday 25th June for a morning of games and activities, followed by a picnic lunch. Over 100 parents and children participated in the PTA Family Picnic and Fun Day!! We had wonderful weather...though extremely hot so we had to pay attention and let kids drink water between activities to take precautions against heat stroke. Participants said "We haven't been able to meet or do something with other families because of COVID19 ,so it was a great event and nice opportunity to strengthen the bond." Thank you for coming to all and Mr.Citrano,we really appreciated the cooperation to make this event go smoothly.

**We are looking forward to seeing you again!**





## Crosswalk Monitor (June 20th-24th, 2022)

This spring semester the PTA organised the regular crosswalk monitoring around the MIS school campus on the mornings and afternoons of June 20th-June 24th. The main areas for monitoring are the busy crossings near the Aeon Style shopping area and the near Shibuya Makuhari school. Children go to school by bicycle, scooter and on foot, so the flurry of activity near the start and end of school is lively and full of excitement. Children gave happy greetings and called out 'thank you' while passing, with some children recognising PTA members while on the way to school. Many PTA members joined the monitoring for the first time, and got to know each other during the event. We thank all PTA members for their time and contributions to school life.

**The next monitoring will be held in the week of 3rd-7th October.**



## PTA General Meeting (May 31th, 2022)

We had PTA General meeting on 31th, May.

Topics were as follow,

1. Introducing New Three Positions.(President, Vice President, Auditor)
2. Accounting Budget for FY2022 Approval
3. Presentation of the Plan for FY 2022-23 (Each Committees)
4. Q&A

Thank you for your participation!



### ☆Schedule for Term2☆

OPTA Monthly Board Meeting (the third Tuesday of each month) 12:15-13:15

○Autumn • Terry Fox Run (TBA)

○Autumn • Crosswalk Monitoring(TBA)



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