



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



August and September were certainly filled with loads of learning experiences for all of us at MIS. Before school resumed, the staff participated in a valuable day of professional development focused on our school's Vision, Mission & Aims as well as looking at how as a school we can foster intercultural understanding and global citizenship.

Term 2 had a fantastic start with five experienced new faculty members joining us. Please welcome Ms. Park, Mrs. Meriwether, Mr. Reimann, Mr. Meriwether, and Mr. Smith. Of course, many parents were able to see their children in action on Open Day. We were so impressed at the number of parents who came out in support of learning more about their child's learning. Thank you, MIS parents, for your support and partnership!

Over 160 prospective families attended our Information Day last Friday. Year on year, the number of participants grows, showing that our school's reputation for fostering innovative bilingual education is widely recognized and respected.

As part of their studies in Science, Social Studies and Global Citizenship, on September 9th, the students in Grade 5 harvested the MIS Rice Paddy which they planted in the spring. This year was a bumper crop thanks to the care and attention of the Grade 5 students and our agricultural consultants, Uki-san and Watanabe-san - 本当にありがとうございました！ After threshing, the students found out that they had grown over 12kg of rice! Today, the Grade 5 students cooked some of the rice to make onigiri for themselves and will donate the remaining rice to the Chiba Food Bank as part of their Global Citizenship efforts to make our local world a better place. You can see photos of the MIS Rice Paddy harvest on page 7 of this edition of Nanohana.

Please join us for the
MIS Terry Fox Run

Saturday, 05 November 10am-Noon

Where: MIS Field and Playground

What/Why: Family fun walking/running to raise money to support cancer research

How: Sign up using the information that will go home next week
Ask friends/family for pledges to raise money

See you on November 5th!

Upcoming Events

Saturday 01 October

MIS Sports Day

Tues-Thurs 04-06 October

G6 Mock Interviews

Wed 05, 19, 26 October

G3&4 Swimming - 1pm

Friday 07 October

Music Recitals

Sat-Sun 08-16 October

October Break

Tuesday 18 October

PTA Board Mtg - 12:15pm

Monday 24 October

Change to Winter Uniform

Mon-Fri 24-28 October

Book Week

Friday 28 October

Book Week Parade in AM
Student-Council Sponsored
Halloween Scavenger Hunt
in PM

Saturday 05 November

MIS Terry Fox Run
10am-Noon at MIS

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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. We are already five weeks into Term Two and many exciting events have already happened. The G5 students thoroughly enjoyed the harvesting of the rice field; the Open Day saw many parents enjoy quality learning experiences with their children; and the Information Day for prospective families was the most popular to date, with approximately 160 families visiting the campus to see if MIS could be the ideal school for their children. In addition to these great events, our new teachers have settled in very well and are already making a positive difference to the lives of their new students. MIS is as vibrant and cheerful as ever and remains a wonderful place for children to learn together.

One excellent example of this has been shared with me by many teachers recently. Due to the operational protocols, we had separated the grades at break times to create more distance. This term, we went back to normal, with the elementary grades playing together again. This has led to the older children and younger children playing together more freely and new friendships blossoming. Mr. Centrone shared that he had never seen older grade students playing so nicely with younger grade students and was touched to see older siblings playing happily with their younger siblings and their friends. This unity and togetherness have been lacking over the past three years and it is a most welcome return to normality for our students and staff.

The MIS clubs have started up positively, and these after school enrichment activities also provide the students with a chance to make friendships across the grades. This term, there were 30 clubs to choose from and club attendance is excellent with 385 club members in total.

Exciting new club opportunities include Molkkky (a Scandinavian throwing game), hip-hop dancing, digital art, advanced strings, hand ball, and the return of the MIS Dolphins. I would like to thank parents for signing up on the Google form. This has made the club administration much more efficient and has saved a lot of paper in the process.

Finally, the Student Council will be raising money at the Sports Day by selling drinks. They hope you feel very thirsty. See you there.

**HOUSE POINT
TOTALS**
**ROSSO STAYS
ON TOP!**
**MIDORI CLOSE
BEHIND!**



A Full House at the MIS Information Day for Prospective Families



SALE

**School
Photo Sale**

Inter-House
Challenge
photos are
being sold until
Sept 30, 2022.
and Open Day
photos until
Nov 4, 2022

Order at: <http://snapsnap.jp/>
Passcodes were
sent home
previously.

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Kindergarten News



K1:
Having Fun
with Phonics
and Reading
Traditional
Tales!

K2:
Exploring
Nature and
Mini Beasts!

K3:
Hunting for
Spiderwebs
and Sketching
for their
Studies of the
Environment!





Grade 1 Rehearse and Prepare for their Big Performance

Grade One classes got into small groups to prepare for a performance of the traditional tale "The Magic Paint-brush". Children decided on their roles and how to act out each part of the story. They enjoyed creating props for the play and rehearsing in their groups.



Grade 2 Students Collaborate to Improve their Writing

Using a peer review rubric, students have been working together to check and revise their short stories this week in English. Students are focusing on writing a clear beginning, middle and end as well as making sure to use correct punctuation and include speech marks in their writing. Students worked diligently to help improve each other's writing!





Grade 3 Gain New Perspectives on Chairs

As part of Art, the students in Grade 3 have been studying different sketch designs. They looked at the features of different chairs and also learned how to draw with perspective. They will continue on to design and create their very own chairs.



Grade 4 Ask 'What if?' and Create Amazing Fantasy Stories

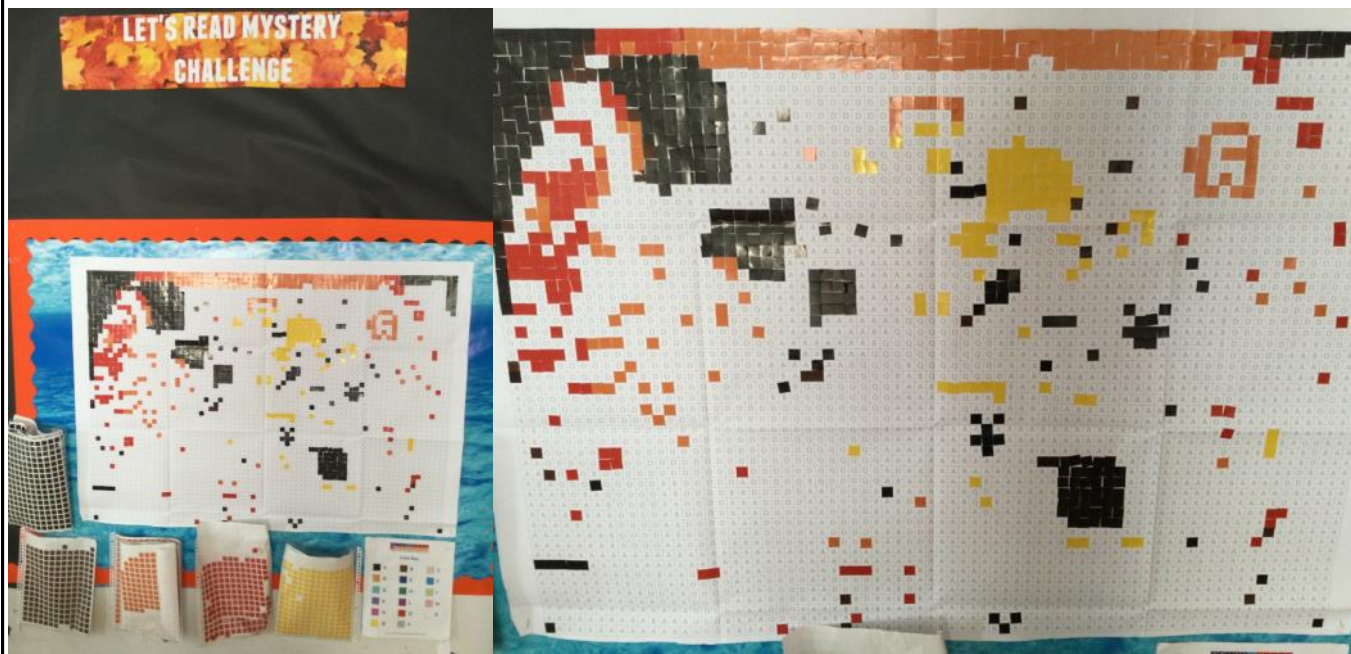
In G4, the students have been planning fantasy stories. They have been using what they have learned about similes and contractions to make their writing really stand out. During their first planning session, they started with the question, 'What if?' to begin thinking about the setting of their fantasy stories. The students had ideas like; 'What if the earth was flat?', 'What if there were no numbers in our world?', 'What if the earth was completely covered in water?' Some of their stories sound like interesting movie ideas!





The Reading Mystery Challenge is Alive & Well in Grade 5

In Term 2, G5G students have been working hard on reading stamina. But what does reading stamina look like in G5G? For G5G, it has been a focus on increasing the amount they read each week. To do this, Mrs. Roberts proposed the "Let's Read Mystery Challenge". Every time a student reads one chapter, they put a sticker on the mystery photo. If a student finishes their book they receive ten stickers to put on the board. This has greatly increased the amount of time students spend reading in G5G. Students are now excited to read their books and see the image slowly appear on their classroom board. What do you think the image is?



Grade 6 Chefs Are Culinary Geniuses

G6Y students cooked a favorite dish - tomato sauce penne - this week. Each of the 3 cooking groups added extra vegetables and spices (peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, garlic) to their sauces to improve the taste. Final verdict: Super Yummy!



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MIS Calligraphy Week Highlights Students' Talents

This week was Calligraphy Week, with students from G3 to G6 focusing on their work as they learned the brush strokes. Children tried their best to work out what went wrong and preserved to improve their work by watching the examples.



Grade 5 Harvest the MIS Rice Paddy!



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Thank you MIS parents for being an integral part of your children's learning on Open Day (and every day)!



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



Sakura Medal 2023

The Sakura Medal 2023 Picture & Chapter Books are set to go! All 20 books from each category will be on display and ready to borrow starting October 3rd. Lots of fantastic books in this year's selection so please have a read during your next library visit.

