



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

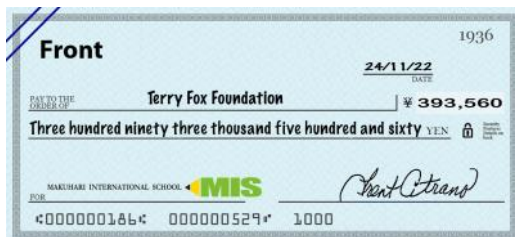
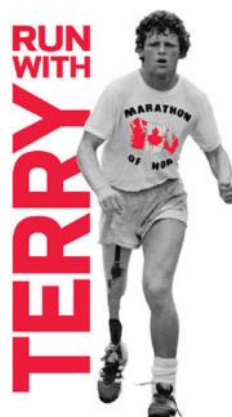
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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



We are honored each month to highlight just some of the very special events, activities, learning experiences, and positive attributes of the MIS school community in this Nanohana newsletter. And this month has shown us once again what a wonderful community we are a part of.

The month began with a hugely successful MIS PTA-sponsored Terry Fox Run where nearly 200 MIS students, parents, relatives and friends walked and ran to raise funds in support of cancer research. I can honestly say that this year's event had the greatest energy and passionate involvement that we ever experienced at a Terry Fox Run. We were fortunate to be motivated by two inspirational child cancer survivors who are now achieving great things. One is on the Japan National Climbing Team and the other was born on the very day that Terry Fox passed away. For many of us, we truly felt the spirit of Terry Fox at our run this year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who came out to our run and all of you who graciously donated to the Terry Fox Foundation! I am honored to report that as a community we raised 393,560yen to fight cancer. We should be proud that collectively as global citizens we are making a positive difference in our world. Thank you, MIS!



During the week that followed the Terry Fox Run we were fortunate to host two educational experts for the week as part of our continuous school improvement and CIS re-accreditation process. Mr. Dean and Ms. Elgezery toured the facilities, met with members of different sectors of our community, observed in classrooms, talked with students, faculty & staff, and got a real feel for every facet of MIS. I am happy to report that their initial verbal feedback was exceedingly positive. They saw high quality teaching

and learning throughout every level of the school with students able to clearly communicate what, how, and why they were learning. They reported that our students have numerous opportunities to lead and are confident in asking questions as well as open in sharing their opinions. They reported that with every member of the school community they met - parents, students, faculty, staff & the board - they felt that the school was open, warm, encouraging, and respectful. Congratulations to the entire MIS Community for making this a special place for students to learn and grow!



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 07 December

Kindergarten Winter Performance - 9:45am
(Gates Open 9:25am)

Thursday 08 December

Elementary Green Winter Performance - 10:40am
(Gates Open 10:20am)
Elementary Yellow Winter Performance - 1:30pm
(Gates Open 1:10pm)

Monday 12 December

MIS Board Meeting - 3-5pm

Tuesday 13 December

PTA Board Mtg - 12:15pm

Thursday 15 December

Earthquake/Tsunami Evacuation Drill - 11:10am

Friday 16 December

Crafts & Play Day
Reports Home

Tuesday 20 December

Last Day of Term 2

21 December - 03 January

Winter Holiday

Wednesday 04 January

First Day of Term 3



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this month's edition of Nanohana I want to share some reminders. Firstly, next week is the last week of clubs this term and the last club Day will be December 2. It has been a successful term for clubs and the staff and children seem to have really enjoyed the wide variety of activities that they partook in. Next term, there will be clubs again and I will send you a Google form to complete in due time. Please remind your children to send their club leaders their thanks if they have not already.



Secondly, I would like to look forward to this year's MIS Winter Performances. The children have been practicing so hard to put on the best show they can for you, and we hope you really enjoy their performances. This year the elementary children will perform a song and a dance as we can once again sing live. The kindergarten children will be doing something different this year and will entertain you with a school play. We cannot wait to see their big performance. On a related note, please support your children's efforts to create some winter wonderland art work. The hand in date for their art is November 28. Please remember your ticket on the day to gain entry to Makuhari's biggest, brightest winter wonderland show. These will be sent home to you on December 5.

Finally, I would like to share information with you about an upcoming Tokyo English Life Line event. There is an upcoming Zoom session called 'Stories that Glimmer: Forgotten or Unexplored Narratives That Can Sustain Us and Transform' This will be held virtually on December 8, 6-7:30pm. Here is the link if you are interested: <https://telljp.com/event/stories-that-glimmer-forgotten-or-unexplored-narratives/>.



HOUSE POINT

TOTALS
Rosso's
STILL
ON TOP!



SALE

School Photo Sale

Book Week Parade photos are being sold until Dec 13, 2022.

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

Friday, December 16 Non-Uniform, Crafts and Play Day

On this Student Council-sponsored spirit day, children get to wear non-uniform all day and have fun by bringing in a toy, game, or craft from home to play with during the afternoon. The class teachers will provide the children with more guidance about what they are allowed to bring in.

Students donate ¥100 to the Red Feather Campaign to participate.



Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before December 20th.

After that, items will be donated or disposed of.

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Kindergarten News



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Learning
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terns, Read-
ing Handa's
Surprise, &
Experimenting
with Colours!

K2:
Searching for
Signs of
Autumn both
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Outdoors!

K3:
Using One
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Add &
Subtract in
Maths!



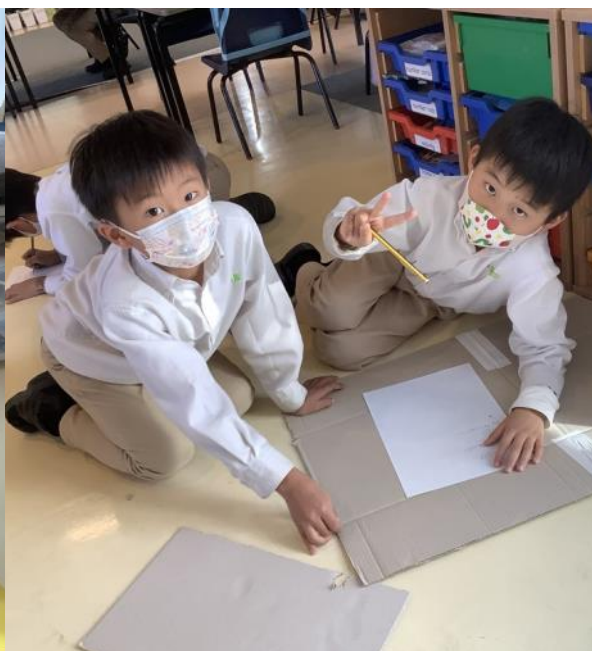
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Grade 1 Team Together to Create their own Communities!

Teamwork makes the dream work! Grade One children worked together to plan, design and create their very own community map. They thought about the public facilities a community would need, where each building or park would be placed with functionality in mind, and what an efficient road system would look like. Very importantly, children had to communicate with each other and agree on how their maps should look.



You're Under Arrest, Grade 2!

This Tuesday, the students in Grade 2 had the pleasure of going to the Chiba Nishi Police Department as part of their PSNS studies of people in our community. The police officers welcomed the students, gave them a presentation about everything they do in their jobs, and then... the children's favorite part... they let the students go in their police van, patrol car, and even their police motorcycle! The students took a lot of learning away from this fun and informative trip.



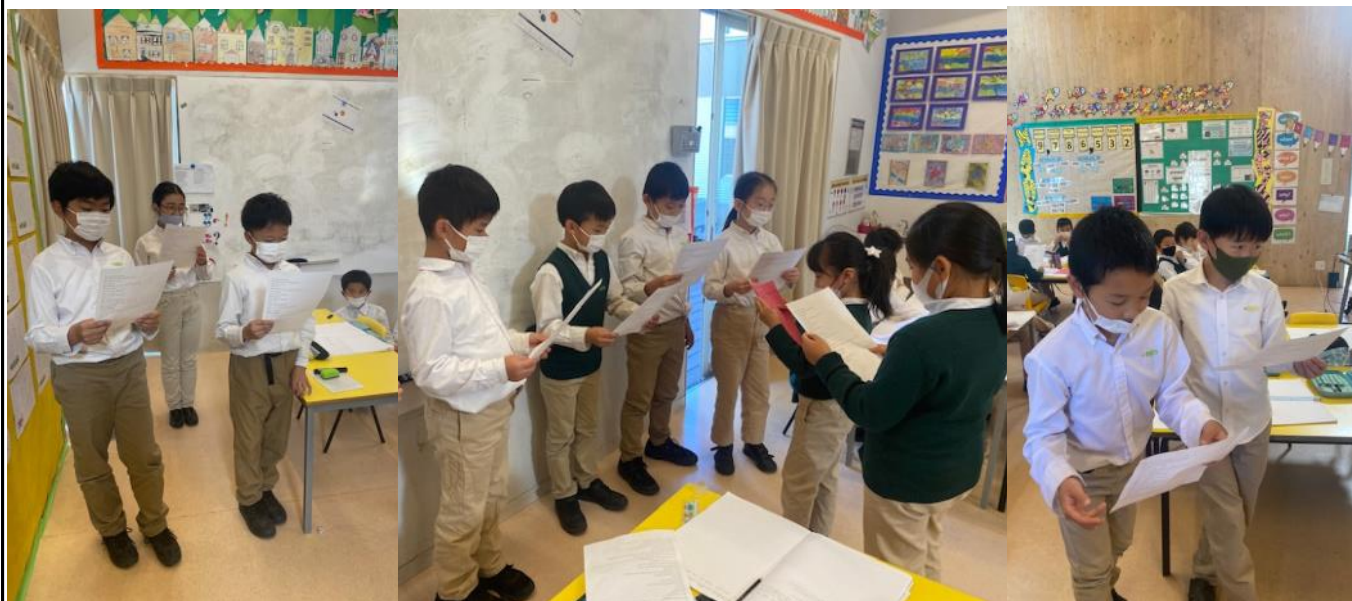
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Grade 3 Integrate Learning in Real-Life Small Business Experiences!

Grade 3 have been acting out a playscript about service in a restaurant. For English, they will be writing a letter of complaint using formal language so they had some first-hand experience with this. In Social Studies, they have been looking at how to run a small business and the importance of good service. The children used actions and expression and had a lot of fun role playing service in a restaurant.



Grade 4 Sleep Over at School for Science!

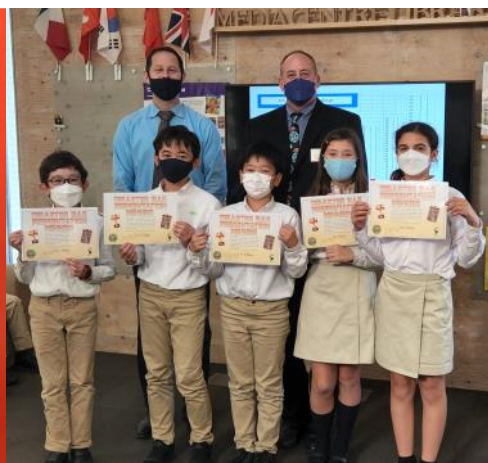
The students in Grade 4 enjoyed the Science Sleepover this month. The children conducted some fun science experiments. They built towers out of spaghetti, explored the Magnus Effect, and ate some delicious food. The students really enjoyed spending the night in the school hall and gym.





Grade 5 Hold a Balloon Car Racing & Design Challenge & Award Emergency Bag Team Winners!

In Social Studies students in G5 have been learning about technology and engineering. These past two weeks they designed their own balloon car and conducted their own tests. If their tests failed they had to try again to fix the issue with their cars. They had a lot of fun testing their costume designs. Additionally, the top team of the recent Emergency Bag Design Competition was awarded certificates for being creative, comprehensive, and for their high quality presentation skills!



CONGRATS!



Grade 6 Create City Parks Using Historical Knowledge

In Social Studies, the G6Y students have been learning about city parks – their history, who uses them, and how they are designed. They've also learned about Frederick Olmstead, who designed Central Park in New York City. The students are now working on their final park drafts which will include a scale and a map key.



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Grade 4 Show Off Their Japanese Reading & Writing Skills!

In Grade 4 Kokugo, the students studied the famous Japanese story called “Gon Gitsune”. Our Japanese learners showed the world of Gon Gitsune by creating their own wonderfully written work.



MIS Donates to the Chiba Food Bank!

This month, two members of our Student Council were of service to those in need in our community by going to the Chiba Food Bank to donate not only many kilos of rice that were grown in the MIS Rice Paddy but also huge bags of sweet potatoes harvested by our kindergarten students on their recent trip. The Chiba Food Bank representatives expressed their gratitude to the MIS community for our selflessness and caring for others. Be proud of yourself, MIS!



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Thank You for Supporting the Terry Fox Run!



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