



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I want to once again thank everyone in the MIS community for making last Saturday's Bazaar such a huge success. The sense of togetherness was palpable and heartwarming! Congratulations to all of the performers who gave their very best on stage - you were wonderful! It was also so nice to watch the children playing the various games and activities that the teachers and students had created and led. Thank you, teachers!

It goes without saying that the food was delicious and the various items on sale were precious, so a big thank you also to the parents and vendors for their positive contributions to make the Bazaar truly festive. The used uniform and clothing stalls as well as the second-hand store were packed, and I know that many families got some great bargains. And, who can forget the exciting raffle where so many prizes were won. Thank you to all who contributed prizes and, of course, to those who bought raffle tickets. Congratulations to the winners!



Beyond the Bazaar being a special event bringing our community together, it is also a valuable fundraiser for the school. The profits from the Bazaar, which came to 1,284,000yen - along with generous contributions from the PTA - will allow us to make improvements to the school. In upcoming months, we will work hand-in-hand with the PTA to collaboratively plan for these school enhancements.

None of this would be possible without a load of work behind the scenes and in advance by the faculty, staff, parents, students, and volunteers. Once again, you have proven how capable we are of creating greatness together to make our school an even better place. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU ALL!!!



We look forward to our first Parent Coffee Morning of the year next Tuesday at 9:15am hosted by our new school counselor, Ms. Degawa, who will be discussing strategies for managing anger. If you have not yet RSVP'd, please do so by completing and returning the form on the last page of this edition of Nanohana.



Major June Events

Friday 02 June

G5G Assembly - 1pm

Wed 07, 14, 21 June

G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Friday 09 June

G1G Assembly - 1pm

Mon-Fri 12-16 June

Calligraphy Week

Wed-Thurs 14-15 June

Individual Student Photos +
G6 Group Photos

Friday 16 June

G2G Assembly - 1pm

Tuesday 20 June

PTA Board Mtg - 12:15pm

Friday 23 June

G6G Assembly - 1pm

Monday 26 June

G4G Assembly - 1pm

Tuesday 27 June

G5&6 School Transfer Mtg
5-6pm

Friday 30 June

G3 Jpn Assembly - 1pm

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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. This week, I have the pleasure of celebrating a shining example of the academic success of our students. In February 2023, students from Grades 3 to 5 participated in the International Schools' Assessment (ISA), a programme developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) and designed specifically for international schools. The test provides MIS with a means to compare the academic performance of our students with other international school students. What follows are facts about the test:

Over 38,000 students took the tests at 155 international schools in 53 countries.

5,317 students took the Grade 3 test; 5,082 took the G4 test; 6,496 took the G5 test.

For purposes of making comparisons, schools are grouped according to their majority home language. MIS was listed as a Group 2 school. Group 2 schools have between 16% and 35% of their pupils whose native language at home is English.

When looking at the overall results, the MIS school community can be greatly reassured that our students' achievements compare very well to all other groups. In most subjects, MIS averages are above the averages for other Group 2 schools. In most subjects, the MIS results are better than the Asian Pacific schools' averages and the All Schools' averages. You can see these results in the chart below. Well done to the students, they deserve great credit! Should you need any further information about our ISA test results, please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw.



Average ISA Scores Comparison

Grade 3	MIS Grade 3 Average	Group 2 Schools Average	Asian Pacific Schools Average	All Schools G3 Average
Mathematical Literacy	470	348	359	349
Reading	333	318	321	314
Narrative/Reflective Writing	413	347	358	351
Exposition/Argument Writing	468	412	417	414
Grade 4	MIS Grade 4 Average	Group 2 Schools Average	Asian Pacific Schools Average	All Schools G4 Average
Mathematical Literacy	476	406	431	416
Reading	365	380	383	376
Narrative/Reflective Writing	436	392	402	398
Exposition/Argument Writing	480	456	460	457
Grade 5	MIS Grade 5 Average	Group 2 Schools Average	Asian Pacific Schools Average	All Schools G5 Average
Mathematical Literacy	580	455	467	447
Reading	409	413	418	399
Narrative/Reflective Writing	475	440	457	445
Exposition/Argument Writing	504	493	506	494



**HOUSE POINT
TOTALS
LET'S GO
SARI, MIDORI
& NILA!**

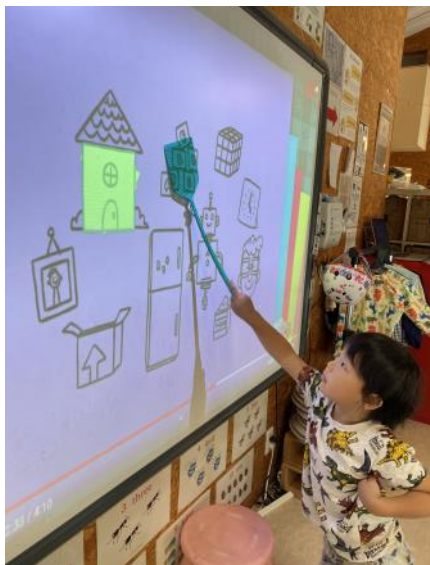




Kindergarten News



K1:
Learning
About Shapes
and their
Families!



K2:
Phonics
Segmenting
and Blending
Hop Scotch!



K3:
Appreciating
their Moms
for Mothers
Day!





What an Amazing MIS Bazaar!



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Grade 1 Stretch and Roll and Balance their Bodies!

In PE, Grade 1 have started to work on their gymnastic skills. The Grade 1 students have been working on four different kinds of rolls and 6 different balances. The students will soon be moving on to partner balances and some apparatus work. The Grade 1 students have also been focusing on how to move their body with the help of various Yoga videos and their good friend Joe Wicks.



Grade 2 are Growing a Beautiful Garden!

This term, G2 have been learning about plants as their part of their studies in PSNS. As part of this topic, we have been planting seeds and plants in our school garden. The students are growing vegetables and herbs to tie in with our healthy eating topic this term. After planting, they have watered and weeded the garden every week to ensure the plants stay healthy.



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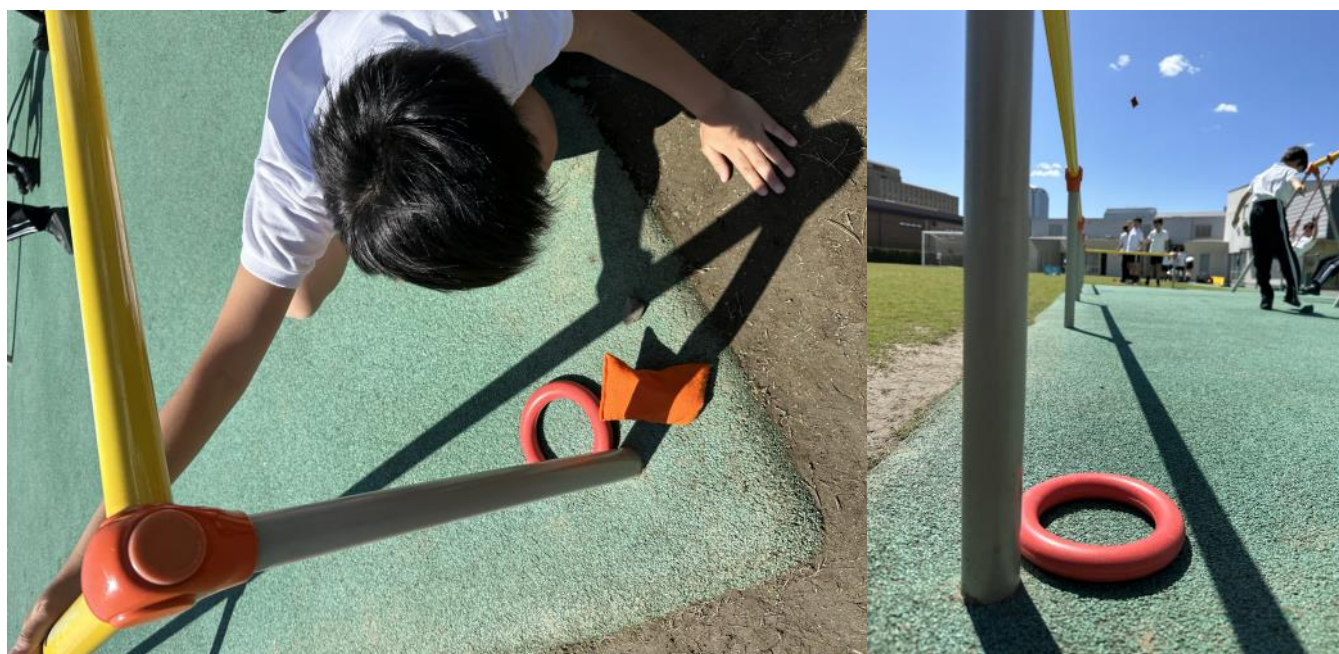
Grade 3 Integrate English & Art to Create Beautiful Masks!

This week in class, the students in G3 learned about the features of instructions and their effectiveness. In their art session, they made masks based on the instructions they read in English. It was a creative way to apply their knowledge while expressing their artistic flair.



Grade 4 Aim & Toss in Beanbag Golf!

The G4 children embarked on an exciting adventure as they embraced the world of beanbag golf. Equipped with their newfound throwing skills, they navigated through imaginative courses, aimed for targets, and perfected their technique. This fun-filled activity enhanced their coordination, concentration, and team spirit, creating memories of playful learning and friendly competition.



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Grade 5 Get Creative in Exploring the Digestive System!

In Grade 5, the students have been studying the human digestive system. They have learned how the different parts of the digestive system function in order for people to digest the food they eat, providing the body with the nutrients it needs to grow and be healthy. To help them gain a greater understanding of the digestive system they made 3D posters before completing a science experiment which demonstrated food passing through the body and the function of the different organs.



Teamwork is the Key in Grade 6!

In Grade 6 Green, the students worked hard to generate different prototypes for their stall for the Bazaar while organizing themselves into teams to handle all parts of the production, advertising, and running the game. Their ability to cooperate and collaborate to achieve their goals was truly impressive!



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Grade 1 Read Aloud in Front of an Audience!

In Grade 1 Kokugo, the children have started to practice reading stories out loud. This week, the students read aloud with a group in front of other students. They tried very hard! Well done, G1!!!



Great Assemblies and Students of the Week!



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10 May 2023

Dear Parents,

Parents' Coffee Morning – Presented by MIS School Counselor, Mikiko Degawa

Tuesday, May 30th – 9:15-10:15am

Anger Management for Children and Parents

We would like to invite interested parents to our latest Coffee Morning on Tuesday, May 30th from 9:15-10:15am in the MIS Multipurpose Hall. This presentation will be given in Japanese.

プレゼンテーションは、日本語のみで行います。

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Anger Management for Children and Parents

- The nature of irritation/anger イライラ、怒りの正体
- 3 fundamental rules of scolding 叱るときに守ってほしい3原則
- Skills of redirecting children's behavior in a calm way 上手な叱り方のコツ
- Control techniques to manage our anger as parents 怒りのマネージメントテクニック

In order for us to make appropriate arrangements, please complete the reply slip below and return to your child's class teacher by Friday, May 26th.

We hope that you are able to attend and look forward to seeing you there!

Mr. Citrano
Head of School

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Please complete and return this slip to Mr. Citrano by Friday, May 26th.

To: Mr. Citrano

I will attend the Coffee Morning.

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Son/Daughter's Name

Class.....

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